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A high-end custom home is a beautiful blend of art and function, an aesthetically expressive, intricately detailed structure that is at once solid, well-built and able to support its residents' lives as it simultaneously appeals to their artistic sensibilities. David and Holly Erotas not only understand, but have made this their building ideology. Each home created by Erotas Building Corporation, the custom residential construction firm founded by the husband-wife team in 1992, invariably conveys the team's talent for marrying architectural vision with structural precision.

David's background represents his natural penchant for balancing artistry and utility. He pursued his first passion, fine art, in high school and college, where he met his wife, Holly, before becoming a carpenter's apprentice in the early 1970s. Upon moving to Minnesota a decade later, he continued to gain firsthand industry experience as a carpenter and construction supervisor, an occupation that is at



Above: Floating between the main floor and the upper level, this bronze-railed staircase encircling the gilded wood and raw crystal chandelier is hand-rubbed for an elegant patina.
Photograph by Paul Martens

Facing Page: Mediterranean detailing combined with open flowing interior spaces and walls of glass make this lake home exceptionally suited to modern life.
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once creative and practical. With Holly's training in art and office management, they were well equipped to launch Erotas Building Corporation and establish their "architectural builder" concept.

Erotas Building Corporation's defining characteristic is the rigor with which David, Holly and their team work to ensure that every detail is painstakingly and accurately executed. This team now includes both of their daughters, Alethia and Emily, who bring strong artistic talent to the business. The principals play equal roles in the process: David oversees construction from foundation to finish, ensuring that the architects' vision is fully captured, and Holly, Alethia and Emily collaborate with clients and their interior designers, facilitating decisions and details and preserving the purity of the design intent. David is also a partner with Tim Kunkel, a master carpenter who coordinates the field operations in the carpentry contracting firm of Minnesota Structures Inc., a company of highly trained and skilled carpenters who perform all of the carpentry labor for Erotas Building Corporation. As David firmly believes that carpentry labor is the backbone of any home, this team association is an integral part of the

Left: This Colorado contemporary home with 100-year-old wood timber framing and a metal standing-seam roof is set in a freeform organic landscape.
Photograph by Karen Melvin

Facing Page Left: A boulder fireplace and vaulted ceiling accent the living room portion of the 70-foot-long public wing, which also contains the kitchen and dining room.
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Facing Page Right: This open kitchen features a massive island of anodized stained wood and 2 1/2-inch-thick waxed concrete countertops, all sitting on reclaimed wide oak flooring.
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Kurt grew up in Appleton, Wisconsin, and attended architecture school at the University of Minnesota. His local roots, strong work ethic and Midwestern values combine with a global outlook he has gained through extensive travel and study abroad. With a keen eye for both contemporary style and Old World



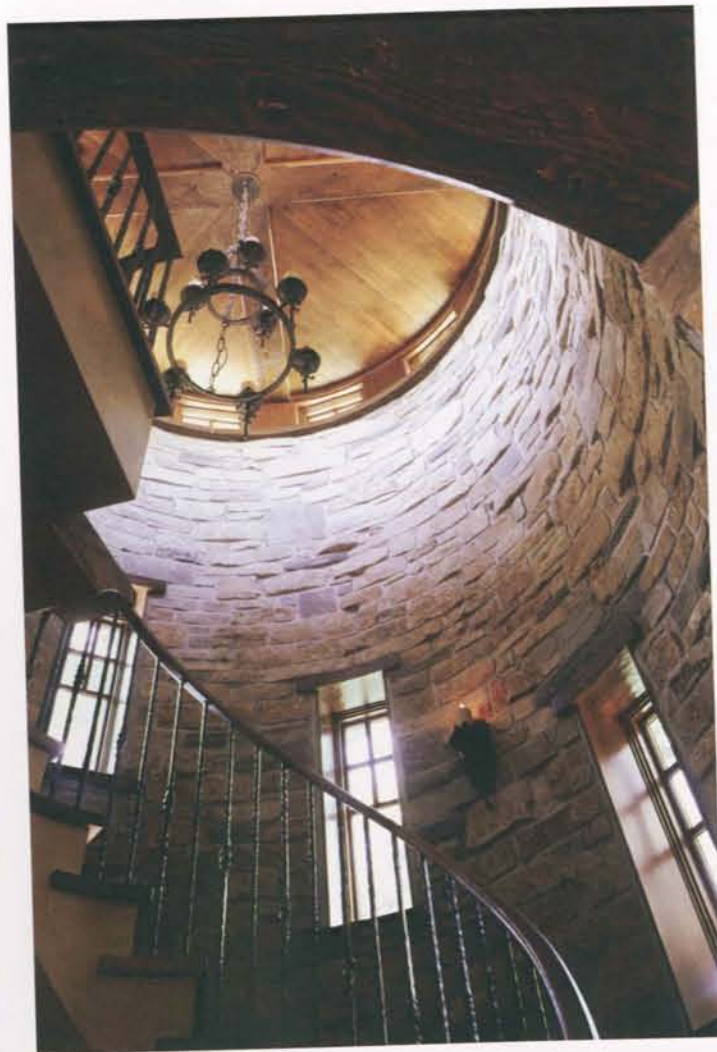
Above: Located off the main entrance, the staircase leads to a play loft for the residents' grandchildren.
Photograph by Greg Page

Facing Page: A gracious courtyard welcomes guests at the main entrance of this Old World-style home.
Builder: Streeter & Associates.
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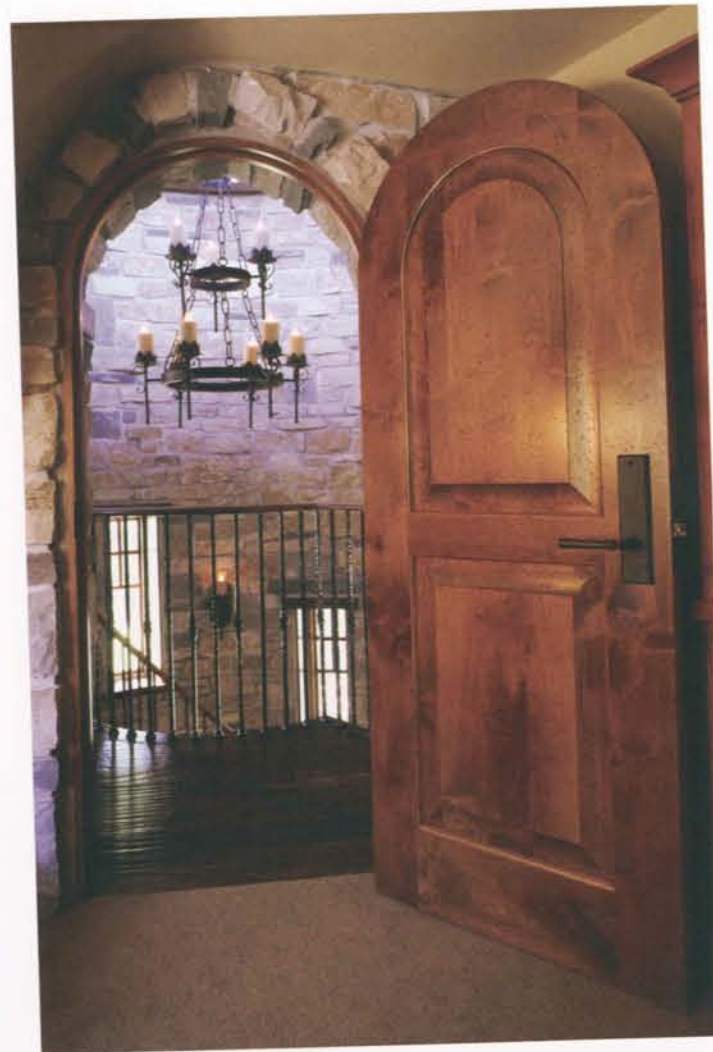
craftsmanship, Kurt's designs are award-winning, aesthetically pleasing and highly functional. He creates unique spaces that meet client needs and have an exceptional attention to detail. By understanding how each client intends on living, interacting and using each space, he can project a vision that is in harmony with the client's dream, style and budget.

While the majority of the firm's residential work takes place in the Twin Cities metro area, it is not uncommon for it to engage in projects across the state and in neighboring states such as Wisconsin, Iowa and Montana, among others. Many of



Kurt's residential endeavors consist of designing or renovating lakefront homes, which are exceptionally endearing to Kurt as he grew up on a lake himself and has a great affinity for designing proportionally sound, aesthetically satisfying homes that capture the majestic views that accompany the water.

Other notable projects that have been immensely gratifying for Kurt include designing a future retirement home and guest house in Montana that featured an accompanying horse stable and riding arena. While Kurt certainly does not consider himself an expert when it comes to matters equine, the process of



working with the client to meet those particular requirements proved both an enjoyable educational experience and a gratifying opportunity to fulfill his client's vision.

Above Left: The wine-tasting recess is nestled below a stairway.
Photograph by Greg Page

Above Middle: A turret clad in earthen material encases the main entrance staircase.
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Above Right: The play loft and turret are visually connected yet separated by striking wood details.
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In essence, collaborating with Kurt Baum & Associates on a residential project is an introspective process that yields a highly customized, stylish home that meets the specific lifestyle needs of the always-satisfied client.

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