



Contemporary Home in Silver Spring, Maryland

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This contemporary home was designed by Tad Grodzki, R.A., principal of GranDesign Studio, Inc., as a residence for himself and his wife.

It needed to relate to the home next door. The site is adjacent to the architect's father-in-law, who lives in a 100-year old Tudor house. The two, family houses share a garden.

The new house gives a nod to the older one, in its use of earth-toned stucco and stone. It also echoes the Tudor's articulated front, while making a singularly modern statement.



The family (next-door neighbors) composition



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



THIRD FLOOR PLAN

The Grodzki house site, a narrow lot with a ten-foot slope, dictated a house that could be built into the hill, with layers that stepped back to follow the land slope. The interior is laid out in promenade form.

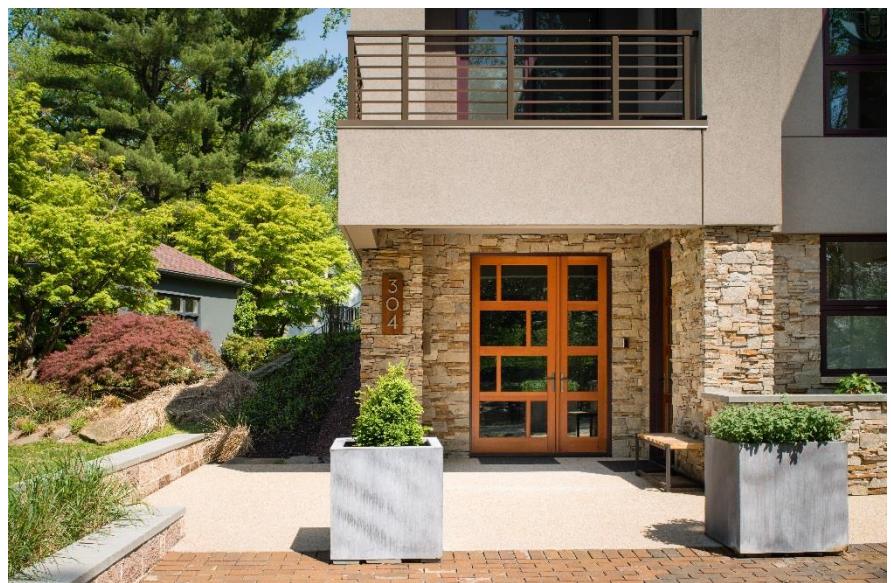
The heart of the house is a light-filled 3-story atrium, with a winding wood and glass staircase that leads to the main living floor. On the main floor, a multi-spatial living room, lounge, kitchen and breakfast room surround the atrium. All have views connecting to each other, through carefully placed atrium wall cutouts.

Another flight of stairs leads to a third-story terrace roof deck, 25 feet above the street. The master bedroom suite, lounge and media room are located on this private floor.

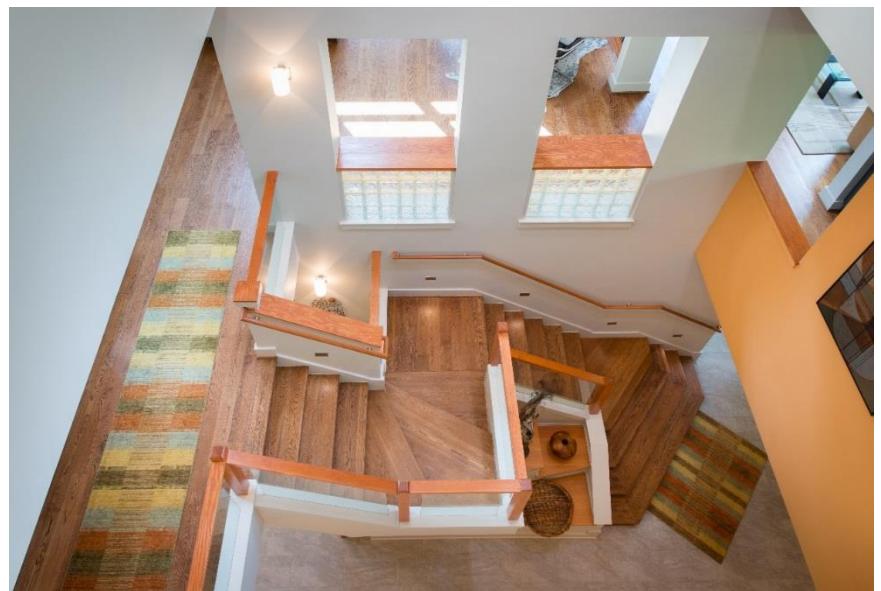
Throughout the house, large modern artwork complements its open, sculptural sensibility. The architect, who is Polish-Italian and lived for a long time in Argentina, used color blocking to accent select interior and exterior walls. The result is a lively, modern, customized home, unique within Silver Spring.































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