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DESCRIBE THE FEATURED PROJECT.

Conceived in collaboration with IR Architects, this 3,200-square-foot, modern-style home is clean, bold and eye-catching. Against an exterior clad in smooth, white stucco, the glass panels encased in metal cladding create a striking triangular façade that allows sunlight to flood the floating staircase. The adjoining horizontal, dark wooden panel adds a surprising splash of warmth and color and is repeated in the interior, just above the stairwell. In contrast to the mostly white exterior, dark grey tiled stairs draw you toward the front entrance, past tiered rectangular planters overflowing with greenery.

The open floor plan between the kitchen and living areas, with wide sight lines and an uncluttered aesthetic, creates a sense of cheerful spaciousness. The honeyed red oak floors and abundance of natural light add to the ambiance of the space, creating a warm and cozy interior. The sleek, white cabinetry in the kitchen is crisp and fresh, reducing visual noise and drawing attention to the striking Crema Antartida granite bar counter and backsplash. The entertainment space features a fireplace with a grey chiseled limestone mantle and a bar backsplash of Calacatta Zebrino marble tiles. The staggered backyard features an outdoor kitchen and dining area, wood deck and swimming pool.

HOW IMPORTANT ARE DESIGN TRENDS?

No matter what style is popular at the moment, the community will eventually want to move on to something new, and the current design trend will often drive the next one. For example, modern homes have become very popular in the Beach Cities in recent years, but the designs are frequently hybrids—mixing modern elements with a traditional style.

One of the most requested combinations in Manhattan Beach has been Modern Plantation. The typical exterior is symmetrical and rectangular, with hipped or gabled rooflines, evenly spaced windows featuring slanted bahama shutters, and pillars or columns in the entry. The interior has very modern amenities.

As trends move forward, people are still asking for modern, but we are starting to see the desire for a different hybrid: Modern Farmhouse and Modern French Normandy. Modern Farmhouse combines the warmth of rustic architecture with sleek lines, crisp paint colors, a few industrial hints and large, comfortable furniture inside wide open floorplans featuring lots of large windows. You get a sophisticated look that doesn't feel pretentious or unapproachable. So while the desire for the clean, uncluttered, modern aesthetic is still strong, the trend is leaning toward a different traditional twist.

