

## Vol.01 No.02 2006 Notable Houses



### Architypes' Notable Projects

Architype finds inspiration in projects that somehow redefine our understanding of a certain typology. Through good design, these architects created smart and forward thinking solutions to the particular constraints or challenges presented by each project. Grouped together by type, they provide a survey of innovation taking place at several different scales, promoted by both large and small firms. Presented here in the words and images of their own creative team, the following projects also offer an index of ideas and solutions as well as creative people and products within the industry.

#### Sun Valley Residence, Sun Valley, Idaho

Allied Works Architecture



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This 4000 s.f. residence is located at the base of Ketchum's eastern hills, at the edge of an uninterrupted expanse of sagebrush and aspen trees. The four-bedroom, two-story house is situated to take advantage of the site's gentle slope and stunning views of Mt. Baldy and surrounding mountain ranges. The public spaces and bedroom suites are organized into discrete zones so that the house may be used comfortably for both personal stays and long visits with extended family. Although the residence is conceived as an intimate retreat, its most public rooms are lofty and full of natural light for display of a private collection of important modern art.

The architectural scheme consists primarily of a poured-in-place concrete wall that meanders through the site to create carefully proportioned spaces for both interior rooms and exterior terraces. The perfectly smooth wall, although singular in its scale and detailing, is articulated to create offsets and monumental voids, for movement through and views out to the natural surroundings. In places the wall extends out over the surrounding sagebrush meadows to create cantilevered native-landscape enclosures. Horizontal roof planes of wood and plaster float within the site-scaled concrete elements, while the house's floor planes terrace into the slope of the site. The second story is a transparent pavilion of glass and wood that emerges above the top of the primary walls.

The residence is complemented by its outdoor spaces: a living room terrace with extensive sheets of glass and a cantilevered