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MORGANTE WILSON ARCHITECTS

Recently celebrating 30 years in business, it's hard to believe there's much more Morgante Wilson Architects could add to its repertoire. But given the firm's multifaceted approach, it comes as no surprise they recently broadened their offerings with an interior design division. "It's a natural extension of the firm's expertise in residential architecture," says principal Elissa Morgante. "The interiors group has grown to become an important part of our business, expanding the richness and scope of the firm's portfolio, while providing a valuable add-on service to clients." Since then, the company has taken on hospitality and commercial projects, including collaborating with top multifamily developers to execute the interior design of high-end model apartments, consult on unit finish packages, and oversee the interior architecture and design of common areas and amenity spaces. "This increased depth in design enhances our commitment to create meaningful and beautiful architecture," says principal and partner Fred Wilson. Morgante and Wilson met in graduate school while pursuing their master's degrees in architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago. They started their firm shortly after graduating, and never looked back. Thirty years in business, 30 years in marriage, and three children later, they have established a true partnership in life. While Morgante looks at every project from the inside out and Wilson from the outside in—they exemplify the yin and yang of successful design. To ensure they deliver a home that truly reflects their clients' style, the duo places great importance on forming partnerships with their clients as well. "As much as any industry design award, lasting partnerships are a source of pride for us," they say. "They are a meaningful sign that we've succeeded in earning the trust of the clients we serve."



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“Our goal is to utilize a multifaceted approach to design a home that embodies our client’s aesthetic, and complements and enhances the way they live.”

Ask the Expert

Tips for clients to make the design experience more rewarding?

We love engaging with people who think about design in a holistic sense, so that architecture and interiors are developed hand-in-hand. The only way to deliver this is to engage in open communication every step of the way.

Your firm's philosophy?

Listening to clients is the first duty of design, and it's where we draw our inspiration from. We also believe architecture should respect the wider world, so we offer eco-friendly options.

Favorite styles to work in and why?

If we had to name just one, it would be transitional. We love blending traditional with contemporary, but work comfortably in any style. Our competencies are just as broad, spanning architecture, interior design and custom furniture.





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1. Architectural elements of wood, steel and marble, carefully chosen for their grains, seamlessly combine to become a work of art in this kitchen. **2.** Giving a nod to neoclassic architecture, artfully abridged detailing layers atop the arched form of this structure, giving it a handsome demeanor with a contemporary vibe. **3.** For this rambling home, situated on 7 acres, a Shingle-style exterior brings together a variety of materials, including shake and stone with differing window sizes. **4.** Showcasing stunning architectural detail, this lower-level geothermal pool room is one of many centers of activity for the family who resides in this home. **5.** An open floor plan, which encompasses all of the main living areas of the home, is brought to scale by wood-and-steel structural columns and beams that also support a bridge connecting the private upstairs quarters.