

# THINKING OF Remodeling but Don't Know Who to Trust?

## FIND THE RIGHT LEADER AND THE TEAM WILL FOLLOW

**A** major home addition or remodeling project can be a daunting process for the homeowner. Defining your specific needs, finding an architect, communicating your vision and refining the design are just the first steps. Once plans are in place, you must still find, vet and select and manage a qualified builder to carry out the project per your wishes and according to your budget. This process is time consuming and frustrating. There can be also pitfalls and unforeseen expenses along the way, so who do you trust?

The popular alternative to this self-management nightmare is to follow the Architect/Builder approach. The Architect/Builder approach streamlines the process of a custom project by working with a single point of contact who completes the architectural work and as well as the construction. They act as a friend, a guide and a support mechanism for the homeowner as they move through each stage of the project.

This professional partner is with you from the very first drawing to the very last nail; taking full responsibility for the design process, on-site construction

coordination, quality workmanship and most importantly, delivering the project on time and on budget. They also offer their expertise to you on a personal level when selecting materials, considering paint colors, detailing design components and talking through cost considerations.

However, because you will be so reliant on the character and expertise of the Architect/Builder firm, it is important to thoroughly research any company you are considering. "Make sure they have done similar projects on homes like yours." Explains 30 year industry veteran and award winning

person managing your project. Finding the right leader for your project puts a trusted partner in your corner to reduce your stress, manage a smooth transition from design through construction and ensure the outcome you deserve.

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architect Michael Gould, "ask for references and be sure to follow-up with those references to inquire about their satisfaction with the process, cost controls and of course the end result. Find out if the project manager they worked with communicated well and acted as a professional partner or if they behaved more like a salesperson trying to up-sell at every opportunity."

Gould says not to be afraid of asking questions and even visiting previously completed projects for yourself and to certainly be sure you meet and speak with the



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