

“We drew a lot of inspiration from the house itself, but we tried to push it a bit further. We wanted to figure out a way to open the back elevation completely.”

RYAN LEIDNER, ARCHITECT



The living area has a PK22 chair by Poul Kjaerholm and a Float sofa and Zoe rug from Paola Lenti’s outdoor collection. Pietre Del Nord porcelain stoneware from Emser Tile runs

from the patio through the house. Nearly every room has a Nest Mini, and the house also has a Nest Wi-Fi router, a Google Home Max sound system, and a Nest Thermostat.

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by the large gray floor tiles, which run continuously from the edge of the rear garden through the home’s living areas and into the central atrium. A glass door opens the master bedroom to the pool, which is partially framed by an ipe deck. “I always envisioned getting up, walking barefoot onto a wooden deck, and jumping into the pool for a morning swim,” says Isabelle.

The home’s four bedrooms remain in their original locations, although the couple opted to install a walk-in master closet and relocate the master bath to a former office at the northeast corner of the courtyard. In every room, white walls frame views into lush greenery. “The garden is everywhere—it’s almost like the primary material in the house,” says Leidner.

This is partially due to the home’s transparency, which yields other benefits. “I might be sitting in the kitchen writing an email, and my daughter’s playing on the living room sofa, and I can literally look through two panes of glass to see her,” says Matthaeus. “Ultimately, I think that’s where it comes together, where it really pays off.” ■

Twin Gable House



ARCHITECT	LOCATION
Ryan Leidner Architecture	Sunnyvale, California

- A Entrance
- B Atrium
- C Bedroom
- D Bathroom
- E Kitchen
- F Dining Area
- G Living Area
- H Patio
- I Deck
- J Master Suite
- K Mudroom/Garage
- L Carport

