

# ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST

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## THE GREAT DESIGN ISSUE

DAZZLING HOMES,  
BRILLIANT PRODUCTS,  
SMART SOLUTIONS

A-ROD  
BUILDS HIS  
DREAM HOUSE  
IN MIAMI



## Boston Style



# Classic Architecture, Modern Livability

**I**f his youthful aspirations had leaned a bit more to the mechanical, Patrick Ahearn, FAIA, might have made his mark designing stylish automobiles instead of specializing in historically motivated architecture and interior design.

"Car design and architecture are both art forms that balance line and form, character and scale," explains Patrick. "Architecture allows me to create timeless homes that are responsive to the needs of today's lifestyles."

Whether a project involves new construction or historical restoration, each home Patrick designs is rooted in its site, in scale with its surroundings, and looks and feels as though it has a rich, historical story to tell.

*"Talking with my client, I develop an 'implied history' of how the home may have been built in the era it evokes, and how it may have grown over time," says Patrick. "This helps me blend my client's more utilitarian program with a sense of*

*"We started with a very rustic 1940s summer cottage (on Martha's Vineyard) and with (Patrick's) vision, transformed it into a comfortable, year-round family home ... Patrick and team retained the original charm, but enhanced it for today's lifestyle and completed it with all the beautiful details that are synonymous with Ahearn!"*

*— Client on Martha's Vineyard*

*history that results in a home that looks as natural and authentic as possible."*

Patrick's responsiveness to his clients' needs and desires for their homes is a

hallmark of his approach to each project, and is frequently remarked upon as projects progress.

## Embracing Change

Patrick notes a marked shift from formal to casual living, even in the luxury market. Kitchens are larger, and a hub of family activity. Great rooms are disappearing.

There is more interest in extending the use of accessory buildings: a pool cabana doubles as a warming hut for an ice skating rink; storm panels and radiant-heat flooring added to covered outdoor areas allow year-around use.

Clients have more interest in free-standing "party barns," and garages are expansive enough to double as entertainment spaces.

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## RECENT RECOGNITIONS

- Architect, *HGTV Dream Home 2015*
- Top Coastal Architect, *Ocean Home Magazine*
- 9 PRISM Awards, *The Builder & Remodeler Association*
- 8 Shortlistings, *The International D&A Award*
- 5 Bulfinch Awards, *The Institute of Classical Architecture & Art*