

MEETING OF THE MINDS

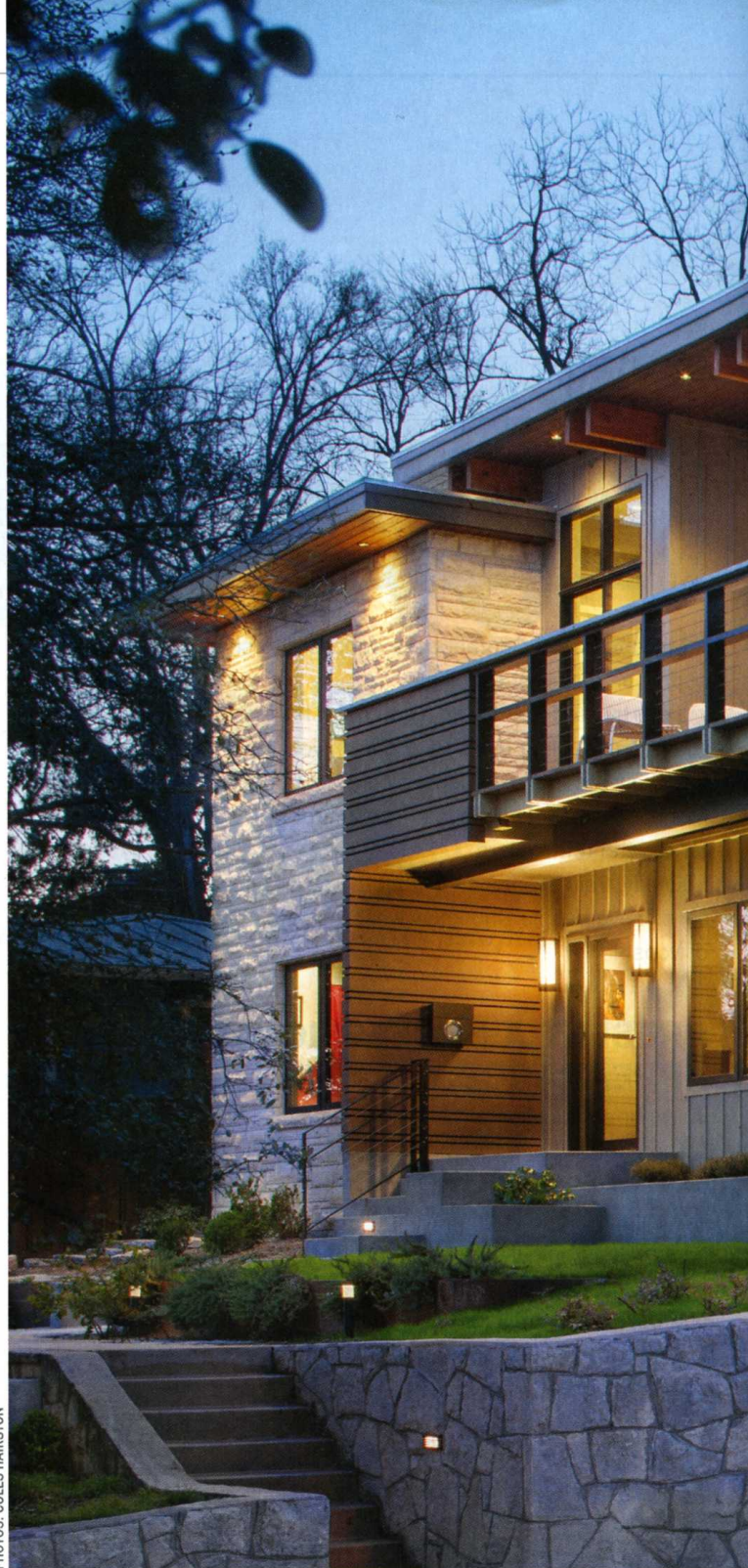
A harmonious collaboration resulted in more living space and a home that fits seamlessly into the neighborhood

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Builder Royce Flournoy and architect Jed Duhon had never worked together before, but when they mapped out the renovation of Duhon's home in Austin, Texas, all the pieces fell into place. Built in 1951, the original two-bedroom, one-bath house had been remodeled several times by different owners. Duhon and his partner Michael Harper, required more living space for their children, ages 4 and 6. They also wanted the home to fit in with the neighboring mid-century modern houses.

A steep slope in the backyard ruled out a first-floor addition. Instead, Duhon and Harper decided to add a second story that includes a master suite, guest bedroom, home office, and a full bath. The new upper level added 1,300 square feet to the 2,550-square-foot house.

In addition, the first-floor layout was reworked to make it more functional and cohesive, and the home was upgraded to an energy-efficient, sustainable dwelling.



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Second Floor and More

Prior to adding the second floor, the clients had built a deck on the front of the house, created a master suite, and done a light kitchen remodel. They also installed extensive terracing and retaining walls in the front and back to provide play areas for the children and space for a koi pond. "It's not very accessible for tractors," says Duhon. "Plus, we had invested all that money in the landscaping and didn't

