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PERSPECTIVES

COVE HOUSE, LAKE AUSTIN, TX

Furman + Keil Architects is an award-winning firm dedicated to providing a design-focused service that welcomes collaboration. Their timeless, sustainable buildings are rooted in local traditions, and they strive to create a dialogue with the landscape in their work while remaining sensitive to the environment.

Landscape inspired the design of the Cove House, with Lake Austin surrounding the lot on two and a half sides. Glistening waters and lush greenery play a major role in the experience of spaces inside and out, forming a beautiful dynamic with the placement of the home.

“BOLD HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL PLANES CREATE A RHYTHMIC PATTERN, BOLSTERED BY THE VAST SELECTION OF LOEWEN WINDOWS.”

The casual lakeside feel was established in the original house

in 1984. The new owners loved the tranquility so much they wanted to preserve the original construction. Although framing of the house needed to be re-engineered, Furman + Keil welcomed the challenge and began planning in 2009. The goal was to bring the quality of the existing spaces and exterior finishes up to par with the natural elegance of the site.

Furman + Keil used their architectural problem-solving skills to completely remodel the house — not only drastically improving its structural features, but also incorporating a refreshed, modernized look. At the same time, the relaxed lakeside feel was well preserved: serenity

embraces a large window-enclosed sunroom casually opening off the side of the spacious living room, and an inviting slab patio sits mere feet from the water itself — offering a true inside and outside experience.

Furman + Keil collaborated with the homeowners and contractors in the design process. The owners were clear about their wishes but not fixed on any design, allowing plenty of freedom for the architects and Fern Santini, the interior designer from Abode. Fern blended contemporary and classic tastes to reflect sentiments of the architectural revival. The renovation opened the house to the outside with smoothness



to uphold the playful prestige of the interior.

Within the house, bold horizontal and vertical planes create a rhythmic pattern, bolstered by the vast selection of Loewen windows. Large Awning, Picture and Casement windows allow full panoramas of greenery landscaped by Austin-based Mark Word Design. Angular patterns

continue more subtly in the walls, with engraved rectangular cutouts expanding the space with illusionary tricks of contrasting depths.

Large, spanning windows allow natural light from different angles, accentuating the architecture with sun patches in some areas and cool shadows in others. Mahogany windows and copper patinas from Loewen's

Cyprium™ collection augment the transitional design tones.

Dagleish Construction completed the ambitious remodel in 2013, and it now stands as a stunning tribute to sophisticated lakeside living. This project represents Furman + Keil Architects' collaborative and design-focused approach, showcasing their vision from within. ■



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- Classic styling

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