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Sagaponack Residence
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NEW YORK-BASED ARCHITECTURE FIRM FINDS ITS NICHE BLENDING MODERN AND RUSTIC

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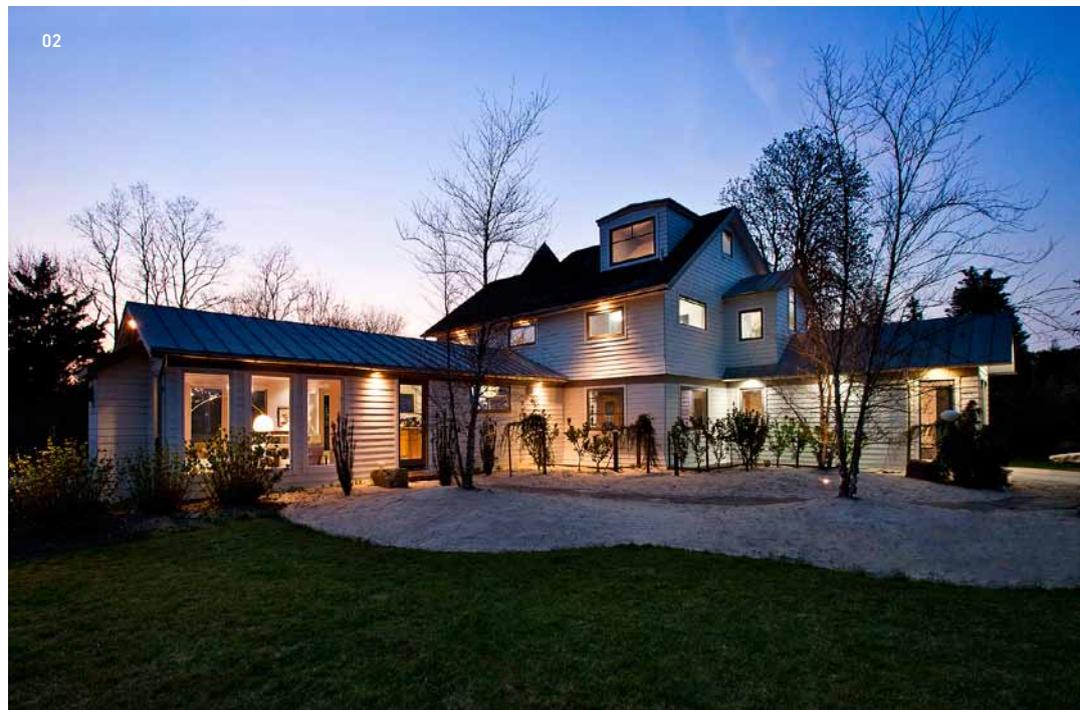
Architect Nick Martin AIA is used to filling multiple roles for high-end residential architecture construction and renovation. His Sagaponack-based firm, Martin Architects PC AIA, provides architecture and engineering services, in addition to interior design and furniture and landscape design. The associated building company 4MA Builders manages a portion of the construction for the firm. As a prerequisite all of the architects have construction experience, a real estate license for master planning, and when clients need help finding just the right property.

But this comprehensive approach came full circle when Martin served as the client for the complete renovation of a 1776 home in Sagaponack. With three failing foundations, crumbling chimneys and poorly joined additions, the project challenged all of the firm's disciplines and demonstrates the "timeless sensibility" that has been Martin's "North Star" for more than 14 years.

The home, which was vacant for 10 years, began as an engineering challenge. To aesthetically blend the sections, the team incorporated architectural elements on the exterior and laminated lumber and steel beams to achieve open spaces in the interior. The residence showcases the tried-and-true aspects of "green" construction that the firm focuses on, such as passive solar techniques and recycled or repurposed materials. "The concept of our firm is to be as sustainable as possible, using the oldest practices of green design," Martin says.

The stainless steel roof is made from partially-recycled materials and the interior walls are partially finished with clear cedar siding and hard pine floorboards salvaged from the original structure, along with beams and joists now used as structural and decorative elements. The home also incorporates newer materials that help harness natural energy, such as solar eaves and shades and high R-value windows from Loewen.

Martin and his team always consider the site as part of a home's design. With adjoining farmland, nearby wetlands and a lot spacious enough to keep chickens, this property called for a "barn-like, industrial-farm" feel. To merge the style with the family's collection of Eames furniture and artwork from well-known





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The Sagaponack Residence was renovated from a late 18th-century home, and boasts the firm's affinity for "green" construction.

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The home features a stainless steel roof, which was made from recycled materials, and the interior walls were made from wood that was salvaged from the original 1776 structure.

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The structure of the home is open to provide views into each room. The dining room is surrounded by the kitchen and living room, as well as stairs to the upper floor.

painters, Martin took the matter into his own hands and built many of the modern, organic furnishings. A sleek bathroom vanity, for example, incorporates reclaimed beams, and the dining room table balances slabs of a sustainable Costa Rican hardwood over steel legs.

"Our goal is to use very skilled craftsmen, architects and designers to efficiently create an artistic 'green' project that is as unique as the client," Martin says. ▣

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An impressive backyard features a pool and deck area, as well as ample room for outdoor recreation.

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Mimicking the openness of the home's first floor, the bedroom leads seamlessly into an adjoining bathroom.



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