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Introductory Questionnaire for New Home

Please give thoughtful consideration to the questions below. We will use your responses in creating a place that is uniquely yours, designed for your site, and in harmony with your life. The more you can tell us about who you are and how you want to live, the better our services can be. Please do not hesitate to call us if you need guidance in answering any of these questions. We hope this process will be helpful to you!

First, what is your name?

Please provide the best way for us to contact you. Email? Home, cell or business phone?

Preferred times of day?

What type of project are you considering? Where is it located?

How did you hear about us?

What is important to you in this project you are considering? (please check one in each group)

- Intimate, cozy spaces with nooks and niches
- A combination of generous and intimate spaces
- Grand and generously proportioned rooms

- Keeping costs as low as possible is a priority
- A keen eye on the budget, but willing to spend for valuable returns
- Elegance and grace of high importance

- Full service architecture: the design team coordinates all details for an integrated look
- Interactive services: you are involved in providing information, coordinating services
- Basic or Consultation: you take full charge with your design team only giving advice

- Basic level of finish that you will detail on your own over time
- Custom touches and details in highly visible areas with some areas unfinished
- Exquisitely detailed throughout the entire project

- Holistic integrative design and healthy finishes are a high priority
- Ecologically sustainable products and increased indoor air quality are important
- High energy efficiency and best investment practices are driving forces

The Facts

Have you ever been involved a construction project before? What was your experience like?

What are your reasons for moving forward with this project at this time?

What kinds of deadlines or time constraints do you have for this project?

Will you please share with us what overall budget you have in mind for this project?

Do you already have a contractor in mind you would like to work with? If so, whom and why?

Do you intend to actively participate in construction? Yes No Depends

Your Site

What is the best thing about your site?

What is the worst?

Which direction does the ground slope, if any?

Would you like to take advantage of any natural resources available on site?

Are you aware of any natural site features which may affect your use of the land, such as wetlands, waterfront, steep slopes, or flood plains?

Describe what surrounds your property. What do you see, hear, and smell? List both nice and unpleasant things.

Personal Preferences

What are your hobbies and passions?

What is your favorite time of day?

Are there any building materials that you love?

Are you personally drawn to a particular look or architectural style?

What is your preferred learning style? Visual? Auditory? Participatory?

How tall are each of you?

Will you have children at home? How many?

Will you have any pets? What kind?

Home Details

Do you want your home to be very private from the outside world?

Are you drawn to multiple floor levels, or prefer a single level?

Do you prefer an open floor plan, or more individual rooms?

Do you need private spaces within your home for study or meditation?

Will you have frequent overnight guests?

Do you entertain frequently? Formally or informally? How many people will be there?

Congratulations on completing our first round of questions! Please send this to us now, so we can start to understand you better. A second round of questions will cover more of your project's essential details, and will be provided to you as we move forward.

Until then, we would like you to take a few days and keep a diary of how you live in your current home. Keep a pad with you, and jot down your daily routine of how do you move through the day and through the house. When you get up in the morning, what do you do? What works for you, and what doesn't? Does the door swing the right direction for the way you use the room? Is that corner of the counter right where you bump your hip on a regular basis? Is the window in the perfect place to capture the view? Is there sun coming in on your computer screen? You get the picture – and if you can convey it to us, we can be of more help! We will ask you for this journal the next time we meet.

Thank you!