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Viewed from the living room of this CCY project, an infinity-edge pool engages the surrounding environment. CCY collaborated with landscape architect Connect One.

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# GO WITH THE FLOW

With physical and spiritual rejuvenation in mind, many architects in the valley are creating living spaces that blend seamlessly with the environment.

BY LINDA HAYES

**A**round the Roaring Fork Valley, designing a nurturing environment has become second nature to architects. A lot of it has to do with the intrinsic sensibilities of their clients.

"We're so lucky that a lot of our clients have the attitude that the aspect of rejuvenation, restoration and reconnection here really benefits them," says John Cottle, principal of CCY Architects ([ccyarchitects.com](http://ccyarchitects.com)) in Basalt. "To me, connecting to the natural world is a building block of wellness. It's a great way to think about design."

For a 14,000-square-foot home nestled into a meadow set above a mountain stream, Cottle and his team followed the simple premise of architecture being submissive to the environment. Sections are tucked into the earth, minimizing visibility from above. A "glass link" acts as entrance to the home, providing a connection with views and ushering in light to a descending stairway. "There's a comforting effect," he says. "It awakens your spirit."

For clients with a more direct and purposeful approach to well-being, John Rowland, principal of Rowland+Broughton Architecture and Interior Design ([rowlandbroughton.com](http://rowlandbroughton.com)) in Aspen, CONTINUED...

# Lifestyle



...CONTINUED designed a custom workout space adjoining the master bedroom as an integral part of their home. "For [our clients], exercise is mandatory, and having it available in their home was key," he says. "We did a custom hot yoga room with a special mechanical system that accommodates a state-of-the-art heating program. It quickly takes the room to 105 degrees and then cools it down." The flexible space also contains a trainer bike, which the owner often rides while the room is heated. "After that, he can open the patio doors and slip into the pool for laps."

Rowland and his wife, and Rowland+Broughton principal, Sarah Broughton, designed and built their LEED Gold-certified home in Aspen a few years ago. Reinforcing the importance they place on the indoor-outdoor connection, the home's interior living area fully expands to include a year-round covered back patio with flexible cooking and dining areas. Warmed by a fire pit, the space also features a custom bocce ball court, which doubles as the home's storm-water filtration system. Essentially, the home is a welcome respite for both its owners and the environment.

In addition to housing a significant collection of art and artifacts, including petrified fossils and industrial relics, the clients of Zone 4 Architects (owned by Dylan Johns and Bill Pollock) mandated a strong CONTINUED...



Clockwise from top left: A workout and hot-yoga space for a Rowland+Broughton client opens to a serene lap pool; a CCY Architects project features a "glass link" that ushers light into the home; John Rowland and Sarah Broughton's LEED Gold-certified home opens to the backyard.

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