

Design Brief

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Executive Summary

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Vision & Aspirations

Describe your ultimate vision for this residence. What feelings do you want to experience when you walk through the door?

This is obviously going to be a very significant investment, and so I want it to be able to accommodate my lifestyle today and into the future, and that of my family and friends. I want it to be a place of joy and laughter, but also comfortable and practical and generous and impressive and reflective of my good taste, wealth and style.

What places, experiences, or architectural references inspire you? Have you seen homes that moved you?

I've seen many luxurious residences, and ultimately I want this to be a comfortable but elegant stage for life's experiences that has a little sense of humor, but also demonstrates timeless elegance without being pretentious.

Design Preferences

What architectural styles resonate with you? Do you prefer modern minimalism, classical elegance, or something entirely unique?

I certainly don't want a classical formal or stuffy home, and I don't want one so minimal that if you move a chair or put up a picture, the entire aesthetic is spoiled. So something transitional that has great quality, but a certain elegant simplicity to it, understated, but craftsmanlike.

What materials speak to you? Consider stone, wood, metal, glass, or textiles that you find particularly appealing.

I have no particular preference for any materials, just that they be used in a sympathetic and stylish manner. I wouldn't want to see too many materials in any particular space. I think less is more, but certainly one or two signature materials that carry through the house that give it character and tie the place together.

Describe your ideal color palette. Do you gravitate toward warm earth tones, cool neutrals, or bold statements?

Yes, fairly neutral. I think if you have a more neutral interior, that gives you the opportunity to create some dynamic pops of colour and to create some signature elements that stand out. So not too fussy, but allowing for a surprise and for something unusual and thoughtful to be incorporated as a signature element.

Functional Requirements

What spaces are essential to your daily life? How do you envision the flow between public and private areas?

Yes, I don't like a lot of compartments, so we don't want to see lots of corridors. We want the spaces to flow between public and private in an easy way, between the interior and the outside, and we don't want to have to walk long, long distances. So horizontal and vertical circulation should be compact, thoughtful, and efficient.

Are there any special requirements for accessibility, security, technology, or sustainability?

Security is always an issue for ultra-high net worth individuals and large properties, so yes, a good exterior and interior security system, cameras, locks, alarms, and probably needs a safe room and a room to keep valuables as well.

Lifestyle & Entertainment

Walk us through your ideal day at home. What rituals are important to you?

When I rise, yes, probably have a cup of coffee, check my email, and then head off to the office, probably work out in the mid-afternoon, and then work again with dinner with the family in the evening, followed by television or entertaining with friends.

How do you envision entertaining in this home? What scale and style of gatherings do you host?

For the most part it's small groups, probably 5 to 10 people for the most part in our social interactions, but it would be nice if there was a space that could be used for more significant events, but generally 10 to 12 people for dinner or for social interaction, maybe a larger group when we are outside in the summer around the swimming pool.

Personal & Emotional

Which spaces need to feel like absolute sanctuaries? What makes a space feel sacred to you?

Sacred is an interesting word. Look, ultimately, my office is an important area. I think a library would be a wonderful space, probably also some kind of yoga or contemplation space that the wife can have privacy and be able to relax. So those are probably, together with the master bedroom, the places where you want to feel the most secure, comfortable, and relaxed.

What story do you want this home to tell? How should it reflect your journey and values?

I don't want this to be overly pretentious, but I do want it to showcase the different collections that I have, whether they be art or sculpture or cars or books or music, but in a discreet way that says, you know, that I'm someone and my family are people that are thoughtful, educated, cosmopolitan, and have a feeling of comfort about where they are in the world and what they've achieved.

Is there anything else we should know? Any dreams, concerns, or specific details that are important to you?

I'd like there to be a very clear program that's approved and that there is very clear communication between all the different stakeholders, the architect, the interior designer, the contractor, and that above all, we avoid any changes that add cost or confusion or delay, and that once we've approved what we need, that there is very clear communication, regular check-ins, milestones that are respected and observed, and that the budget is also kept in line with what we want to see built.