

# Dean Larkin Design

Los Angeles Luxury Architect Firm

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What's our DNA ?

Indoor/Outdoor Lifestyle

Beyond the Curb

Terroir

Light and Motion

1+1=3



# Welcome to Dean Larkin Design DNA Story

Take a Peek Behind the Curtain and See  
What Makes Us Tick



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A photograph of a modern, multi-level house at dusk. A large, gnarled tree with thick branches dominates the upper left and center of the frame. The house features concrete walls, large glass windows, and a flat roof. A swimming pool is visible in the middle ground, with concrete steps leading down to it. The interior lights of the house are on, and the pool is illuminated. The foreground shows a landscaped area with plants and concrete steps.

# Terroir - Not Just for Wine

In the world of architecture, the concept of "terroir" refers to the idea that a building's design is shaped by the unique characteristics of its site.



# Terroir

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When architects consider terroir in our designs, we seek to create buildings that are intimately connected to their surroundings.

We may incorporate local materials and construction techniques, like using locally sourced stone or including elements of traditional regional architecture.

We may also design the building to take advantage of the site's natural features, orienting it to optimize natural light or views, or incorporating sustainable design strategies for the local climate.

By designing buildings that are in harmony with their surroundings, we can create a sense of place that is unique and authentic. We create a stronger connection between the building and its users, as well as a deeper sense of place and identity for the community as a whole.







## Indoor/Outdoor Lifestyle

The indoor/outdoor biophilic design philosophy is one of the key aspects of our designs. For Dean Larkin Design, indoor/outdoor design is not just an afterthought, but a foundational aspect of the design process.



# Indoor/Outdoor Lifestyle

Indoor/outdoor design connects people with nature and promotes health and well-being.



Indoor/Outdoor isn't just lifestyle...

Indoor / Outdoor is the core of our design approach.



# Indoor/Outdoor Lifestyle

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Water is a key element of indoor/outdoor design, and we feature it prominently in many of our projects. Water has been shown to lower heart rate and blood pressure, while increasing feelings of tranquility and relaxation.

By incorporating water features into our architectural projects, Dean Larkin Design creates a multi-sensory experience that promotes health and well-being. Overall, the indoor/outdoor design philosophy is a holistic approach that prioritizes the well-being of building occupants and their connection to the natural world.







## Light and Motion

DLD focuses on maximizing the intrinsic potential of the setting while meeting our client's lifestyle, business or institutional needs. In each project, you will find light and motion - it's in our bones. Dive deeper to understand the impact of light and motion on our designs.



# Light and Motion

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We pay careful attention to the sun's position and path, as well as a site's surroundings. Then we maximize natural light and views to effect a spectacular and energy-efficient experience.





## Beyond the Curb - Appeal

At Dean Larkin Design it isn't enough to get a "wow" when you first approach one of our projects. We want that "wow" to move with you during your entire journey through the project. What we call a "sustained wow."



# Beyond the Curb

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A property with good curb appeal beckons you to come in, to look further to engage with the space. Dean Larkin Design takes the experience of encouraging exploration beyond the curb and into every space they design. Behind every door or turn there is another enticing element.

In the image above the stepping stones that lead a person from the bath outside to the pool is unexpected, enchanting and engaging.

Overall, the sustained wow effect is about creating a sense of magic and wonder that stays with visitors long after they leave the space. By prioritizing this aspect of design, Dean Larkin Design creates homes and buildings that are not only visually impressive, but also memorable and impactful.





1 + 1 = 3...

At Dean Larkin Design we are committed to being team players. However, for us it's striving for the alignment and inspiration that occurs from assembling a team committed to everyone looking good.



$$1+1 = 3$$

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Sometimes combining one plus one results in a value that is greater than the sum of its parts. This is the effect of a Dean Larkin Design.





# The Dean Larkin Design DNA

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## What Makes a DLD Design?

The elements of our DNA contribute to the success of our designs in bringing lasting satisfaction and functionality to their inhabitants.

- Terroir
- Indoor/Outdoor Lifestyle
- Light and Motion
- Beyond the Curb
- 1+1=3

We'd love to talk with you and explore what will make your space a more livable source of joy and comfort.







Dean Larkin has been described as the quintessential Los Angeles luxury indoor/outdoor contemporary architect.

A native of Los Angeles, Dean says that Architecture chose him in the sense that it's both a passion and a career.

His range and variety of projects are diverse with a focus on spectacular private residences in California's best and most affluent neighborhoods: striving for projects that evoke the unique climate, attitude and lifestyle of Southern California.

Dean's work can be found in many leading publications. He is a sought after speaker and presenter.

# Meet Dean



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