

Modern Heritage

Dernehl Company endeavors to set a new standard for modern luxury construction in the Southeast.
by KATE ABNEY



The sweeping curve of the iron staircase railing in this Buckhead residence—completed by Dernehl Company in collaboration with Harrison Design and The Design Atelier—brings a feminine counterpoint to the abode's tailored board-and-batten paneling.

For more than five decades, Dernehl Company has remained a fixture of Atlanta's high-end residential landscape. Established in 1972 by Bob Dernehl, a master carpenter who moved south from Wisconsin, the firm steadily built its reputation on craftsmanship, transparency and trust. Under the current leadership of his son, Brody Dernehl, it has evolved into a modern operation defined by meticulous processes and a keen commitment to every client and collaborator.

Dernehl Company's reputation for excellence often coalesces with the city's foremost design professionals: firms such as Musso Design Group, The Design Atelier, Reiner Design Group and Tish Mills Interiors, along with architectural powerhouse Harrison Design, renowned for its work from coast to coast. These partnerships have produced projects distinguished not only by their scale but by the seamless coordination required to execute them. The result is a portfolio ranging from Georgian to French Country, Craftsman to Tudor, encompassing everything from grand Buckhead estates to expansive North Georgia retreats.

That exacting standard is evident in the way Brody runs each build. He brings transparency at every stage, managing hands-on daily oversight across all active sites and maintains a deliberately limited roster of projects, ensuring every job receives adequate attention and care.



From top: A second collaboration with Harrison Design—led by residential designer Derek Hopkins—features glamorous interiors by Musso Design Group. Dernehl Company built out the graceful, curved alcove that cradles the primary bed; Dernehl Company constructed this French Provincial-inspired Buckhead residence, drawn by residential designer Robbie Pich of Harrison Design.

Budgets and timelines are kept tightly on track—two qualities increasingly scarce in the large-scale construction space. “We don’t want problems to emerge a few years after a project is finished,” Brody explains. “We believe the houses we build should last for decades.” It’s that long view that informs his company’s every move—from coordination and documentation to final finishing touches. “It takes commitment to deliver a really high-end product and, although it’s construction, we consider what we’re doing art,” he continues. “A beautiful end product happens when elements are not thrown together; it’s the attention to details that matter. It’s the whole art piece.”

Working alongside him is his wife, interior designer Jasmine Dernehl, whose deft coordination keeps complex,

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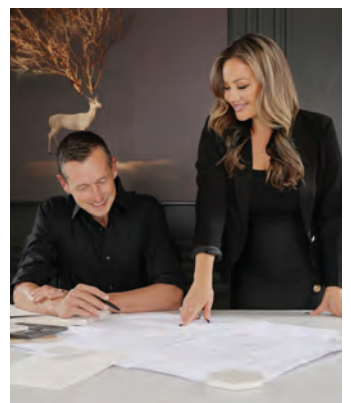
multimillion-dollar builds running seamlessly. Having cut her teeth in L.A. and New York before turning her eye to the company’s residential work, she brings a chic sensibility to complement Brody’s disciplined rigor—a real-world reflection



Above: Dernehl Company built out this jewel box of a wet bar by The Design Atelier, which features burnished brass lower cabinetry and a green-veined marble backsplash. Bottom left: Gray tones and natural stone convey a sense of strength in this Buckhead powder bathroom, reflecting a team effort by Dernehl Company, The Design Atelier, and architect Bulent Baydar of Harrison Design.

of their relational harmony.

And the love translates. “We truly are as passionate about our clients’ homes as they are,” Brody explains. “We see ourselves as partners who can deliver on their dream—while making the process enjoyable along the way.” It’s that commitment to their craft, all the way through, that portends where the Dernehls are heading next. And as with any construction held to this exceptional caliber, the only way is up. dernehlco.com



Married duo Brody and Jasmine Dernehl work hand in glove to realize some of the region’s most spectacular residences.