

## I've found an architect whose work I like, but I don't know what to ask him or her. Where do I begin?

Start by calling AIA San Francisco at 415.362.7397, or e-mailing us at info@aiasf.org to receive a free copy of *The Consumer's Guide to Hiring an Architect*, published by the California Architects Board. This guide contains a helpful list of questions to ask an architect before you sign a contract. You can also obtain this brochure directly from the California Architects Board at www.cab.ca.gov or by calling 916.574.7220.

## Where do I get a contract? What should it include?

Don't make an agreement based on a handshake. AIA San Francisco offers a variety of contracts for homeowners that

have been reviewed by attorneys and architects and that are widely used within the profession. You can purchase these documents online at www.aiasf.org, or visit the AlA San Francisco office at 130 Sutter Street, Suite 600 (between Montgomery and Kearny streets).

## What is the process? How long will it take?

AIA San Francisco architects offer free classes for the public on the architectural design process. Call 415.362.7397 for additional information.

Building or renovating your home may be the single largest financial decision you make in your lifetime, so make use of the wealth of resources available to you.

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Terry & Terry Architecture prides itself on its ability to combine innovative architectural theory and practice. With over eighteen years of experience, the partnership has created a variety of projects, including the design of single family and multi-family housing, retail, and office space; tenant improvement; and urban design. They have extensive experience with construction and fabrication that has enabled them to acquire first-hand knowledge of the relationship between concept, construction and project realization.

This project consists of a single-story addition and renovation to an existing mid-century ranch house in Menlo Park, California. Conceived for a retired couple, the open and accessible design integrates the living space with the rear garden to create a well-lit domestic extension.