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AN ENTREPRENEUR'S NEW VISION FOR HUNTINGTON BEACH HOME

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Scott Bailey knew exactly what kind of house he wanted, and where. Trouble was, he couldn't find it. So he had to improvise and build his own in Huntington Beach. "I knew I wanted a mid-century modern house, but there wasn't a lot to choose from along the coast near Huntington Harbour," the apparel entrepreneur explains, sitting in his new living room with two wide-open walls that bring the outside in.

"So I had been stalking this whole area [on the east side of the harbor] for a couple of years and I finally found this house, which was basically untouched – it had the original carpet from 1960 and the original drapes – in 2015. This was kind of the haunted house on the street; both the front and back yards were like a jungle. The back had a 50-foot pine tree and a lot of dirt," Bailey recalls.

You'd never know that looking at Bailey's home now. Once he enlisted the help of architect David Thompson and his firm Assembledge+ and landscape designer Jacque Armstrong of J Armstrong Design, the 2,700-square-foot house and the 8,000-square-foot lot were completely reimaged.



Scott Bailey's mid-century modern house was completely redone, with only the footprint and roofline of the original home remaining. The results are beautiful.



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The kitchen area was designed with entertaining in mind, more than doubling the space devoted to it in the original structure. Lots of built-in cupboards and drawers make it extremely functional, and the built-in seating nook (in the rear of the top right photo) can handle a crowd.

"We tried to transform it into still having that feel of mid-century but updated to everything that's available today," Thompson says of the two-year process of design and rebuild. "One of the things that we wanted to do was elongate your experience through the house, connecting front yard to backyard, opening everything up using glass and getting rid of beams and closed-off walls."

While keeping in mind what Bailey envisioned for the house, the Assembledge+ design plan was twofold: to "keep a mid-century feel" but to also "play off being here near the beach, with a blue-gray color palette and things like skylights and windows to bring in natural light," says Thompson.

"For me, I wanted inside-outside living," Bailey says. "So being inside but

still feeling like you're outside all the time. Being able to open everything up was what I wanted, to be able to entertain and have the bottom floor really be kind of like 'the community floor,' where people can gather."

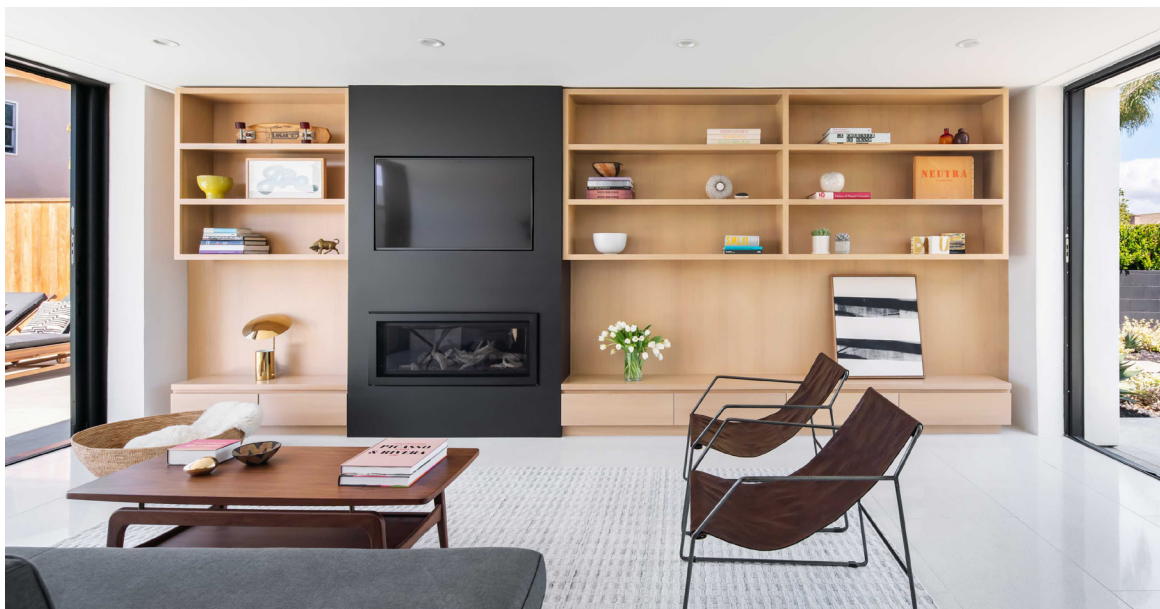
The home's living room opens up completely on both sides, with large sliding doors that disappear to the front yard's cozy fire pit and the back's swimming pool, hot tub and cooking/dining pergola. That pergola area feeds right into the large modern (and minimalist) kitchen, which features a bar area right inside the back door.

Using eye-catching elements like a glass wall and decorative stones that flow from outside to inside gives the house a natural outdoor feel even when everything is closed up, while the upstairs bedrooms

and bathrooms all incorporate large windows and skylights to continue that theme. Solar roof panels complete the idea of bringing outside in, too, allowing the house to function exclusively on energy generated by the sun.

It's a fitting house for Bailey in many ways. He made his mark on the activewear clothing sector creating brands like Split Apparel and Supra Footwear. Now he heads PATH Projects, a sleekly designed men's running apparel label that offers clothing direct to consumers, all run out of his office in his minimalist home.

"The house is about simplicity and clean lines. And the idea that less is more. I don't like having clutter," he says. "And my running apparel is the same. It kind of fits in the house and my life and my whole everything." ■



ABOVE LEFT: Homeowner Scott Bailey, wearing his own athletic apparel. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The living room is the ultimate indoor-outdoor space, opening up to both front and back of the house.



The swimming pool was a welcome addition to the home, as is the front yard fire pit, seen through the open-plan living room here.



ABOVE LEFT: The master bath features a skylight, bringing in natural light. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Minimalist design elements make the master bedroom a calm oasis.