



BRUCE DAMONTE



THE NEXT PHASE

Take a look. It's hard to decipher what the driving force behind the renovation of this mid-century Silicon Valley ranch might be. More space? A better indoor-outdoor connection? A style update? All true.

Clockwise from left: Terry & Terry Architecture built two wings behind a house in Menlo Park, California, and furnished the living area, in the larger wing, with a custom steel table and Piero Lissoni and Le Corbusier chairs. The carport roof is ipe. An ipe fence, gate, and canopy update the 1950's ranch house.

However, the real motive behind Terry & Terry Architecture's 1,000-square-foot addition, plus a reordering of the original 920 square feet, was the future mobility concerns of the owners, a retired couple in Menlo Park, California. "We designed for 10 years from now," Ivan Terry explains. ➤

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Extending rearward, the new component comprises two asymmetrical wings. The smaller one is the master suite; the larger one is an open living-dining-kitchen space. Since two long volumes, side by side, could potentially be dark, an angular sliver of outdoor space “inserts light in the middle” younger brother Alexander Terry adds.

Both wings are essentially glass boxes with generous overhangs in ipe. Likewise ipe are the adjacent carport’s roof and the deck. As for the latter, a portion ramps gently downward for easy access to the garden.

Floorboards in a wood that resembles ipe are one reason that the public and bedroom wings appear as ➤



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From top: Floorboards in both wings are cumaru, a Brazilian hardwood. In the kitchen, quartz-composite counters top cabinetry clad in plastic laminate. Japanese forest grass grows between the wings.

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continuations of the outside. Sliding doors in the glass walls make that impression a reality.

Mobility enhancement comes into play in the kitchen—but subtly. “Work surfaces are slightly lower, and the configuration around the island is free-flowing,” Ivan Terry remarks. Cabinets in cobalt-blue plastic laminate, counters in pale gray quartz composite, and appliances in stainless steel would

be sought-after in any circumstance, at any age.

Same goes for furniture. The Terrys combined custom steel dining and cocktail tables with seating by Piero Lissoni and Le Corbusier. —*Edie Cohen*

From top: An existing bedroom got a new window frame in hot-rolled steel coated in automotive paint. Part of the deck slopes down to the garden.

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