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OPPOSITE A gracious curved staircase with hand-forged iron railing forms the centerpiece for a new home in Kentucky.

ABOVE Architect, William T. Baker

TOP The Owner's love of the South of France is seen in Baker's authentic design of this new home located in the Southeastern United States.

For more than twenty five years, William T. Baker, founder of one of the country's leading residential architectural firms, has brought his sense of classical design to residences throughout the world. Known for his inspired interpretations of classic architecture Baker has worked with a number of nationally prominent families to create showcase quality homes.

The firm, with its home in Atlanta and an office in Connecticut, recently opened a Los Angeles office in Century City. Baker and his associates have taken an ambitious approach to California architecture, including Santa Barbara and Malibu Mediterranean designs, Tuscan influenced houses, and open, expansive estates influenced by the weather and sunlight. The designs are inspired in part by George Washington Smith, Wallace Neff, Gerard Colcord and Paul Williams, but they are executed with Baker's own signature and represent his clean, classic approach to contemporary residences. The homes meet informal family entertainment needs inside and out—with outdoor kitchens integrated seamlessly into dramatic pool terraces and loggias that showcase outdoor fireplaces. He also has an uncanny eye for re-facing and re-purposing existing residences, to make a distinctive and historically accurate architectural statement. Baker is adding his original mark to California's rich architectural history.

