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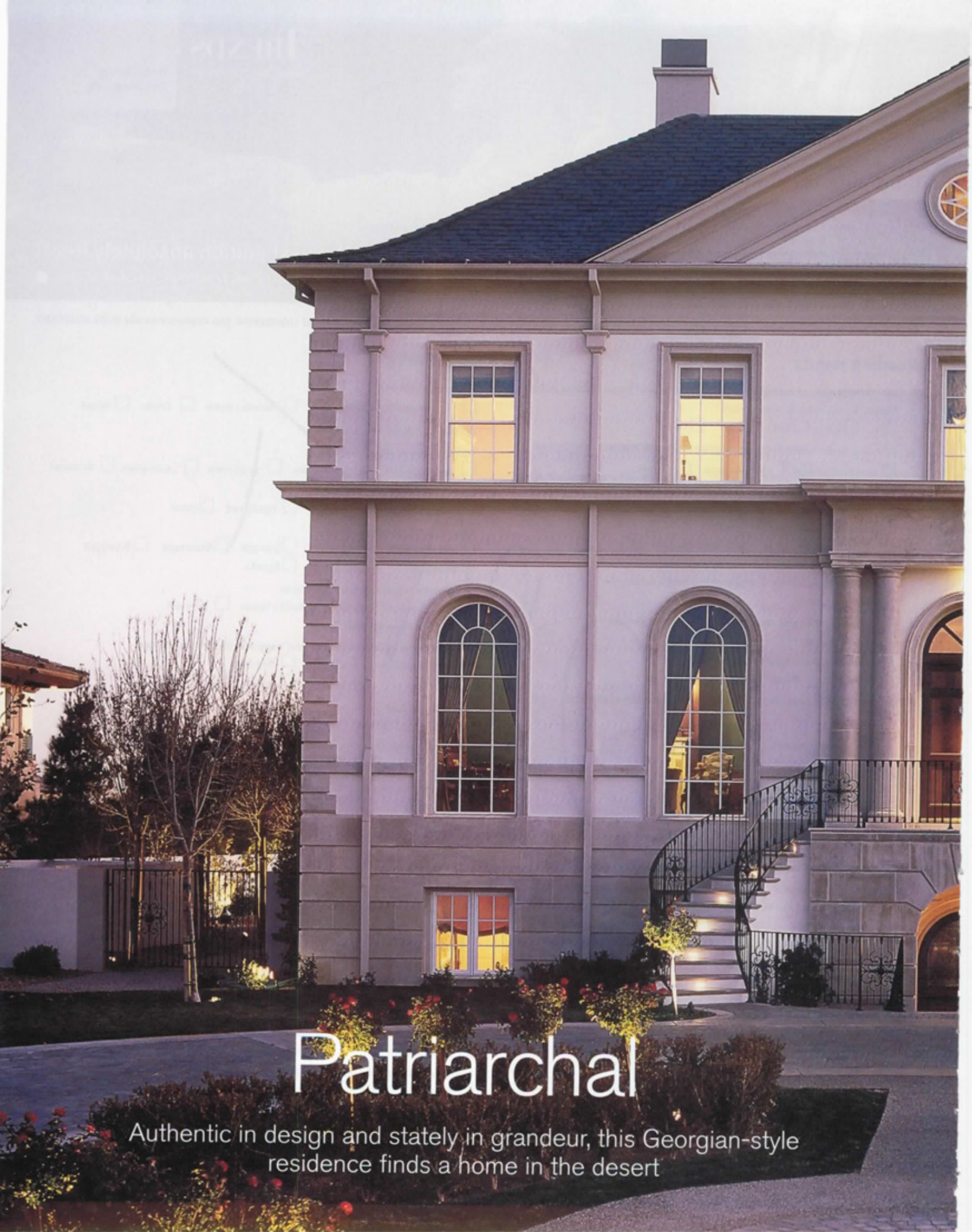


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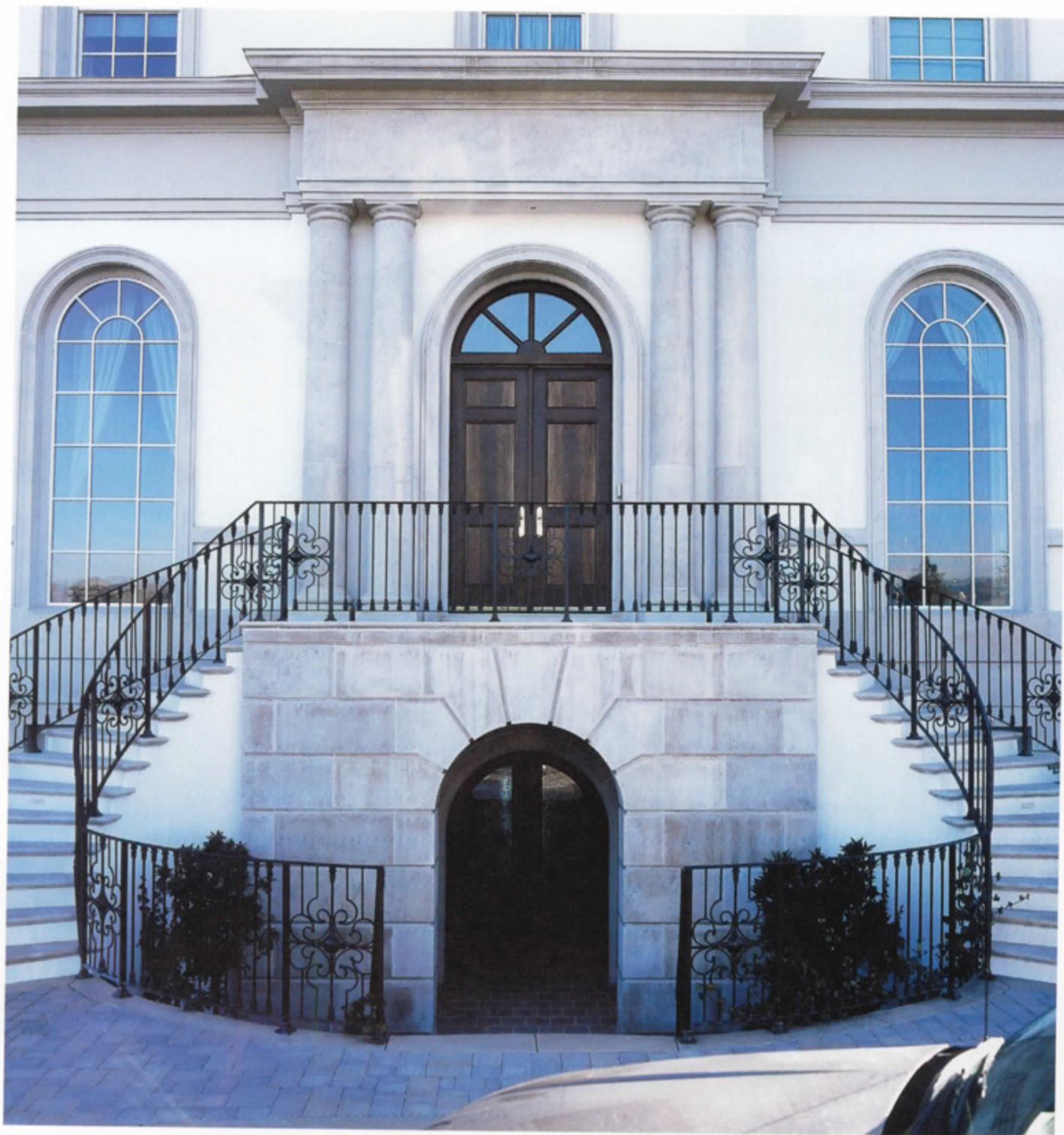


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Authentic in design and stately in grandeur, this Georgian-style residence finds a home in the desert



Previous pages: Designed in the late Georgian style, this home in Las Vegas stands out amongst its Tuscan neighbors. Its authenticity is enhanced by a square, symmetrical shape, five windows across the front, paired chimneys and minimal roof overhang.

Above: The paneled front door at the center of the building and the columns on each side are also classic Georgian features.

Remaining true to an architectural style can be a challenge. Often concessions are made for modern conveniences or due to the unavailability of products and materials. So when experts and clients with the love of the same period come together, authenticity is almost guaranteed, as it was in this instance.

The designer, William T Baker of Atlanta, had long admired the late Georgian style of architecture of the late 18th century and early 19th century.

"The homeowners restored a Georgian country house in Ireland and wanted a bit of Europe in the US. They came to me informed and so we were able

to collaborate beautifully on the finer details," the designer says.

The exterior of the 10,000sq ft house characterizes Georgian architecture. It is clad in stucco with limestone trim, has a slate roof, delicate iron work, twin chimneys and radius-head windows.

This grand home is spread over three floors. On the main level is a limestone-floored foyer, formal dining, paneled library, living room, private study, large kitchen and trellis breakfast room. On the second level there are two bedrooms each with their own bathroom plus a large master suite overlooking a golf course. On the sunken terrace level



is a billiard room, media room, wine cellar, tasting room and guest bedroom.

"Inside this beautiful house are several special features," Baker says. "The first is the 12ft-high ceilings on the main floor and 10ft-high ceilings on the second, which give a similar scale to the original style. Second, are the walls which were thickened for paneled jams at the windows. Being true to the style, some walls are more than 2ft thick."

Wide plank walnut floors with a dark stain help create the feel of a authentic Georgian home. Antique marble mantels, iron railings, elaborate

mouldings and mahogany doors complete the appearance.

"There are articulated mouldings, beautiful period-style antiques and period fixtures. It certainly is a very elegant home and currently, I believe it is the only example of Georgian style in Las Vegas," Baker says. "I particularly enjoy the style because there are few architectural movements which share this level of sophistication".

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Above: The house, designed by William T Baker of Atlanta, has three levels. The top contains bedrooms and bathrooms, while the middle floor has kitchen and living areas. The sunken terrace level has a billiard room, wine cellar, tasting room and guest suite. Both the interior and exterior were intricately designed and crafted to be true to the Georgian style.



"The color and extra thickness was specified for aesthetic purposes and as a result it has really set the house apart from its neighbors," Hill says.

Tom Romney of Prestige Roofing says the high quality of the slate made it easy to work with.

"It was simple to use, easy to install and we had less breakage than we have had with imported materials," he says.

Prestige Roofing was commissioned because of its experience with custom roofs and speciality materials. And, the installation of this roof certainly had some special requirements—the first being loading and storing the heavy tiles on the steep roof.

"Because of the nature of the product and the look that was required, we had to put aside the usual equipment and do everything by hand. We hand chiseled the tiles and cut them with hand saws to maintain the handcrafted-look edges. We then had to hand nail every tile in place with copper nails."

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Above: Prestige Roofing crews laid the tiles by hand, cutting, chiseling and nailing each one in place. The roof took three times longer to install than a traditional clay tile roof. It also features a lead-coated copper standing seam at the radius dormers which will weather naturally to enhance the old-world look. Prestige Roofing also installed gutters, leader heads, downspouts and cornice flashings.



As a result, we had problems with availability of the stone. That was probably our biggest challenge, as it meant the home had to be completed out of sequence. In the end, it added a year onto the construction time."

He says the project was extremely rewarding.

"We had wonderful clients, and if it was not for their diligence and focus, this project would never have happened."

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Above and left: The rich colors and antique furniture complete the home's regal appearance. True to the Georgian style, the walls are extra thick, with some measuring more than 2ft, to create deep window jams. Because of the complexity of the project, the house was built out of sequence so the owners could move in earlier.

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