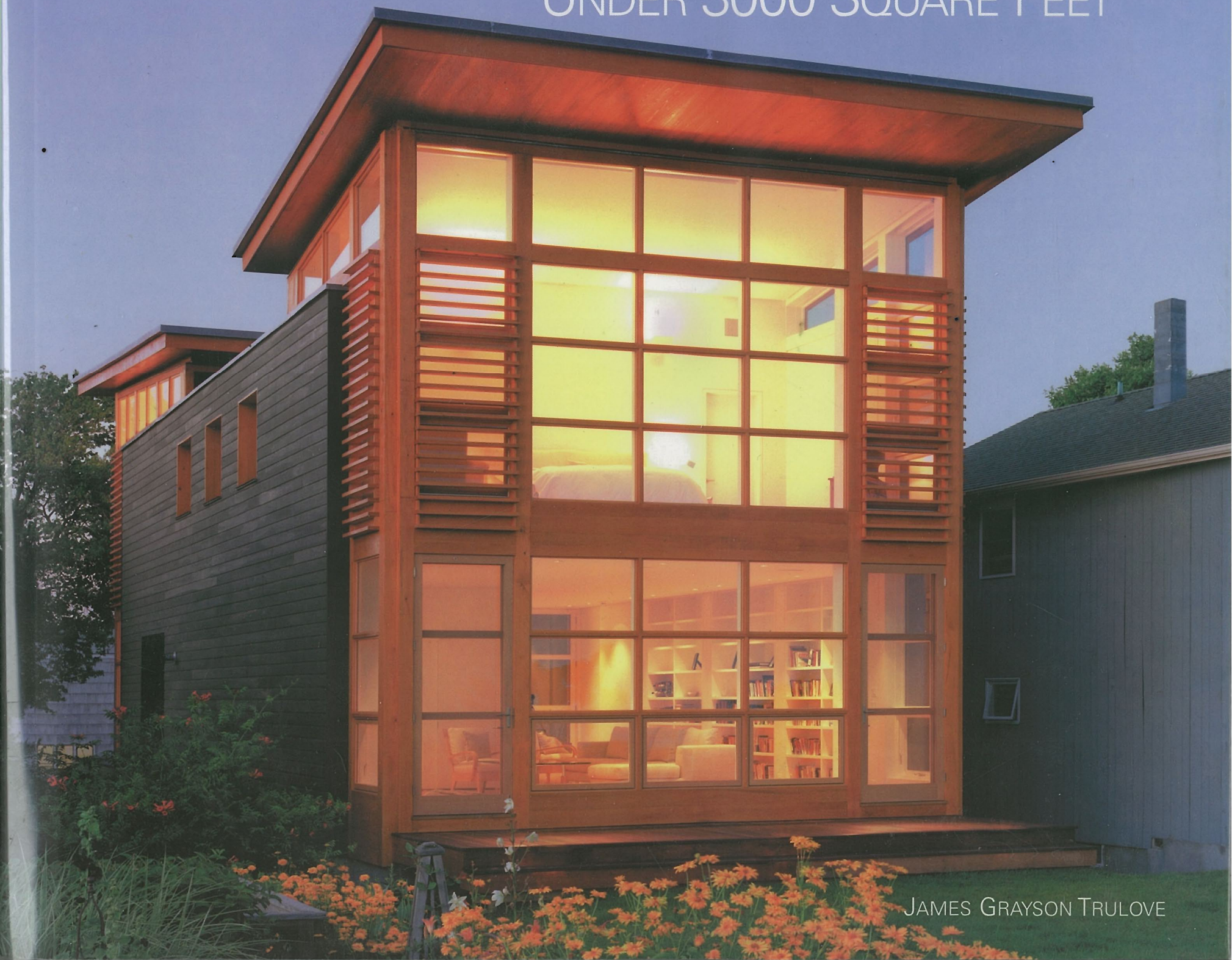


25 HOUSES

UNDER 3000 SQUARE FEET



JAMES GRAYSON TRULOVE

Davis House

2900 Square Feet

Davis Davis Architects

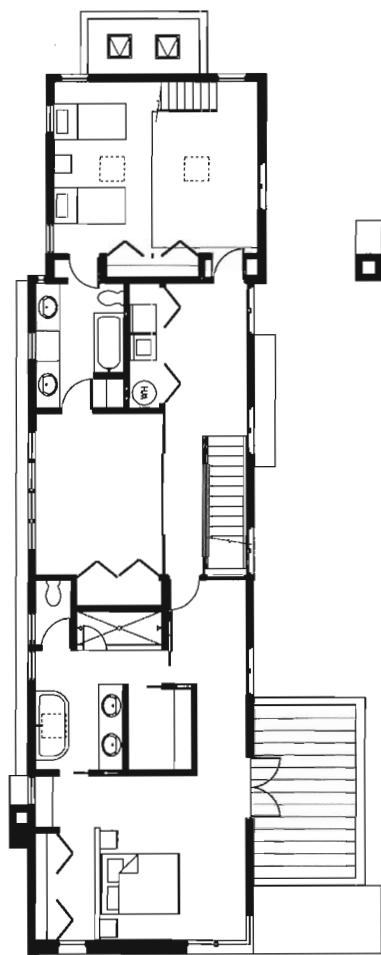
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THREE EXISTING MATURE PECAN TREES, RARE IN THIS PART OF SAN DIEGO, JUST NORTH OF DOWNTOWN, WERE CRITICAL IN ORGANIZING THIS SITE. TO ACCOMMODATE THEM THE HOUSE WAS DESIGNED AS A LONG NARROW BAR AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE LOT, OPPOSITE THE TREES. THIS ORIENTATION ALLOWED THE ARCHITECTS TO OPEN THE EAST WALL WITH LARGE EXPANSES OF GLASS AND SLIDING GLASS DOORS OPENING ONTO AN OUTDOOR ROOM WITH A FIREPLACE. THIS CALIFORNIA ROOM IS AN EXTENSION OF THE FAMILY ROOM, AND IS A PLEASANT SPOT FOR BREAKFAST AND EVENINGS BY THE FIRE.

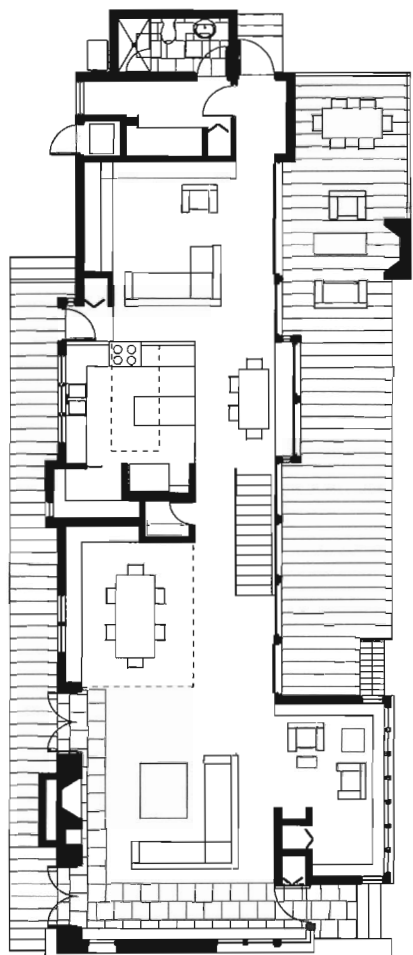
A WIDTH OF 18 FEET FOR THE HOUSE WAS USED AS A STARTING POINT FROM WHICH TO SHIFT THE BUILDING IN AND OUT TO ACCOMMODATE FUNCTIONAL ISSUES AND THE AESTHETICS OF THE HOUSE. THE LIBRARY CUBE THAT PUSHES OUT AT THE STREET ENTRANCE CREATES PRIVACY FOR THE OPEN EAST FAÇADE AND ALSO SERVES AS AN ANCHOR FOR THE LONG TWO-STORY MASS. ABOVE THE LIBRARY IS A DECK OFF THE MASTER BEDROOM. A 5-FOOT MODULE WAS USED TO ORGANIZE THE 75-FOOT LENGTH OF THE HOUSE.



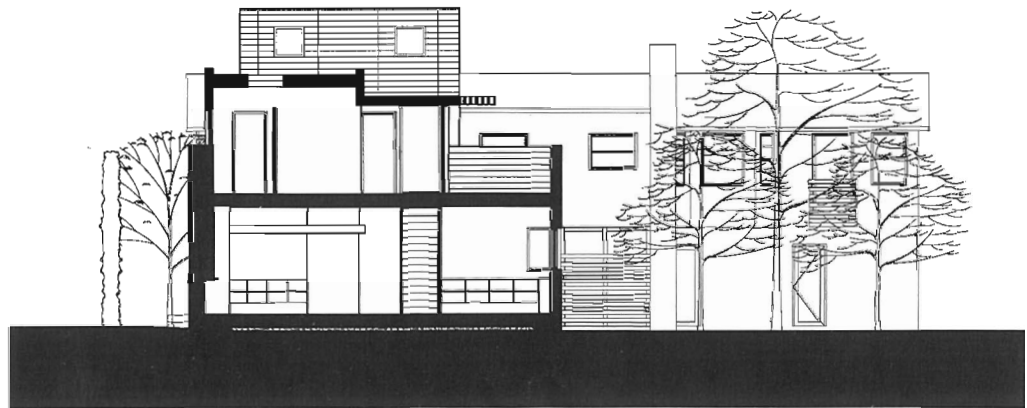
Second Floor Plan



First Floor Plan



West-East Section



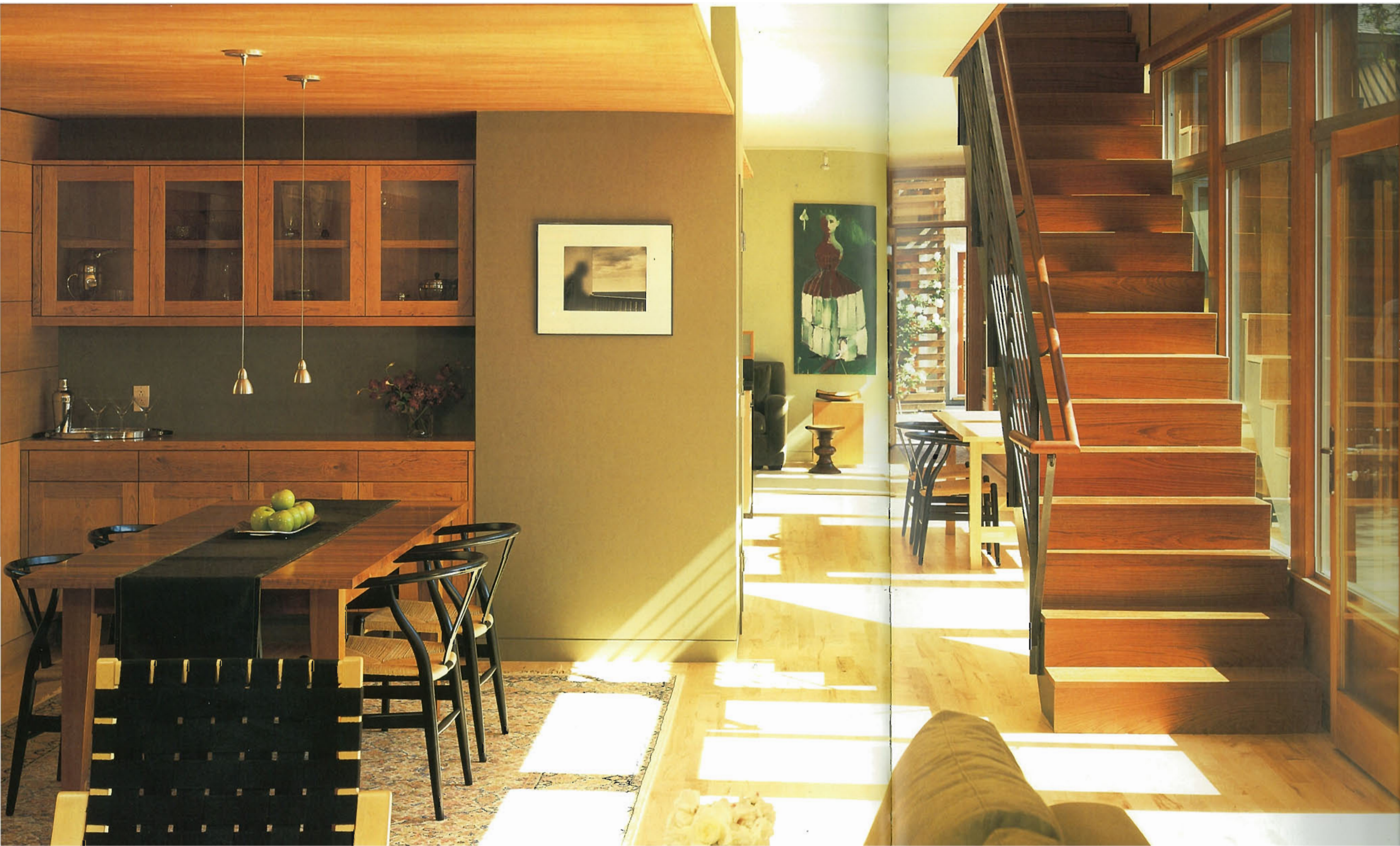


Previous Pages: Stucco, beveled wood siding, and aluminum-framed windows adorn the exterior.

Above: The library cube and a wooden fence provide privacy from the street for the east garden.

Right: The entry with the master bedroom deck over the library cube







Left: The living, dining, and kitchen areas all open onto the east garden.

Above: The staircase is constructed of Brazilian cherry with steel guardrails.





Left: The kitchen
Above: A breakfast area is
tucked under the staircase
overlooking the garden.



Above: The dining area
Right: A view of the master
bedroom entrance from
the top of the stairs
Following Pages: The east
garden at dusk



