

## ARCHITECTS

# MORGANTE WILSON ARCHITECTS

No two exemplify the phrase, “teamwork makes the dream work,” quite like Elissa Morgante and Fred Wilson. Architects with a shared love for all things design, Morgante and Wilson recently celebrated their firm, Morgante Wilson Architects’ 32nd anniversary. It’s a milestone the duo attributes not only to their partnership, but to those they develop with clients, consultants and their team. “It’s the reason so many of our clients work with us time and again,” Morgante says. Regarded for their whole-home approach, Morgante and Wilson draw from clients’ goals, but always with respect for the wider world in which we live. Hence, ecologically friendly building options and high-quality, energy-efficient options are often on the table. “We take a multifaceted approach to design, capturing our clients’ aesthetic and enhancing the way they live,” Wilson says. Not surprisingly, they accomplish this through a collaborative effort: Morgante thinks of a home from the inside out, while Wilson looks at it from the outside in. “It’s an approach that allows simultaneous contribution to each layer of the project and delivers a unified look,” he continues. Both work comfortably in a multitude of styles, but if they had to name just one, “It would be transitional,” they say. A perfect blend; just like this husband-and-wife team.



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“We love engaging with people who think about design in a holistic sense, resulting in the most beautiful and functional home possible.”

## *Ask the Expert*

### **What elements characterize your work?**

Light, balance and texture.

### **Milestones in your firm’s success?**

The addition of our interior design division is a natural extension of the firm’s expertise in residential architecture. It has grown to become a huge part of our business, expanding the richness and scope of the firm’s portfolio, while providing a valuable add-on service to clients. In addition to residences, it now encompasses hospitality and commercial interiors, as well as the interior design of high-end model apartments, consulting on unit finish packages, and overseeing the interior architecture and design of common areas and amenity spaces.

### **Your greatest success?**

32 years in practice; 32 years of marriage; and three great kids.





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1. A soaring wood-clad ceiling leads the eye upward from the refuge of the one-story, stone-clad main hall to the drama of the two-story window wall. 2. Integrating the same color palette used throughout the great room, the kitchen blends in harmoniously, yet creates its own visual interest through the use of texture. 3. Designed with carefully oriented spaces with an eye for spectacular views, the house's irregular massing reflects a reliance on nature as a major design element. 4. A "floating stair" rises dramatically in a light-filled tower off the main stone-clad hallway. 5. Nestled seamlessly in a corner of the great room, the kitchen/dining/breakfast spaces invite conversation and coziness with a spectacular mountain view.