







# Where the Land Meets the Sky

THE GUNUNG MAS RANCH HOME CREATES ROOTS FOR A FAMILY IN BOULDER

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Eleven miles west and 3,000 feet above Pearl Street, the undulating mountains form a picture perfect backdrop to one of Boulder's most beautiful new homes. "Gunung Mas Ranch," meaning "Gold Hill" in Indonesian, and named in honor of the owners' travels in that country, sits on 200 acres of rolling alpine pasture and is one of Colorado's oldest homesteads. The property has been in the same family for 70 years, and 50 years ago they built a seasonal house on the land. In 2011, after years of unsuccessfully trying to rehabilitate the dilapidated structure, they realized that it needed to be taken down.

The homeowners engaged the noted Boulder design/build firm Rodwin Architecture/Skycastle Homes to replace it with a new 3,800-square-foot house. Initially the Boston-based homeowners intended to use the new home as simply a seasonal retreat. But the final design, a green-built home that provided the family with

comfortable, year-round-living, in tune with the land they love, made Gunung Mas Ranch a place where the family ultimately chose to put down permanent roots.

Architect Scott Rodwin, AIA, and his lead designer Kirsten Snobeck, began by looking carefully at how the new house could fit most gracefully into the landscape.

"It was important that we capture the views of the Front Range and Continental Divide, celebrate the history of the property and create a

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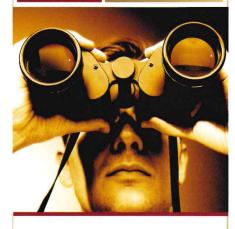
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very green home," said Rodwin. The architects placed the new house on the footprint of the old in order to minimize disturbance to the pristine site, to take maximum advantage of the views and to preserve historic features like a quartz wall from the old house that the family had built by hand.

"Our family thinks it's amazing," the

The new home is a model of passive solar design and energy-efficiency.

"It was a total surprise to us how easy it was to live up here (at 8800 ft.) through the winter," says one of the owners. "Even with our giant windows, the energy bills were tiny, the house was quiet even when the wind was roaring-it was comfortable and solid. And they captured the views so perfectly that we feel like we're outside all the time."

As you approach the house, a series of large wooden ranch gates frame Aspen groves and white capped Indian Peaks. As you walk up the beautifully xeriscaped front walk your first view is straight through the bold red and glass front doors to the mountains. It's almost as though the house dissolves into the landscape.

Once you enter, the sunny open floor plan immediately draws you to the gorgeous kitchen, three-sided stone fireplace and the soaring great room; it's all windows and flows seamlessly back outside. Large glass doors slide open to the trellis-covered, wrap-around porch. The architects covered the deep porch on the west side to protect from the strong late afternoon sun. An attractive but hard-working mudroom links the back yard, garage and main house. Past the light-filled study is a secluded master bedroom with its own private porch. The elegant and subdued palette of off-white, natural wood and sandstone makes it clear that the green land and deep blue sky are the stars of the show. Upstairs, the views get even better for three bedrooms, but the big surprise is the basement. Usually, this space is dark and utilitarian, but it turned out so sunny and pleasant that the owners decided to put their home office down there.

The owners are all smiles when talking about their new home.

"It was a great experience. Scott and his team worked tirelessly to dial in the design of the house while being mindful of our budget. And the result was brilliant."



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