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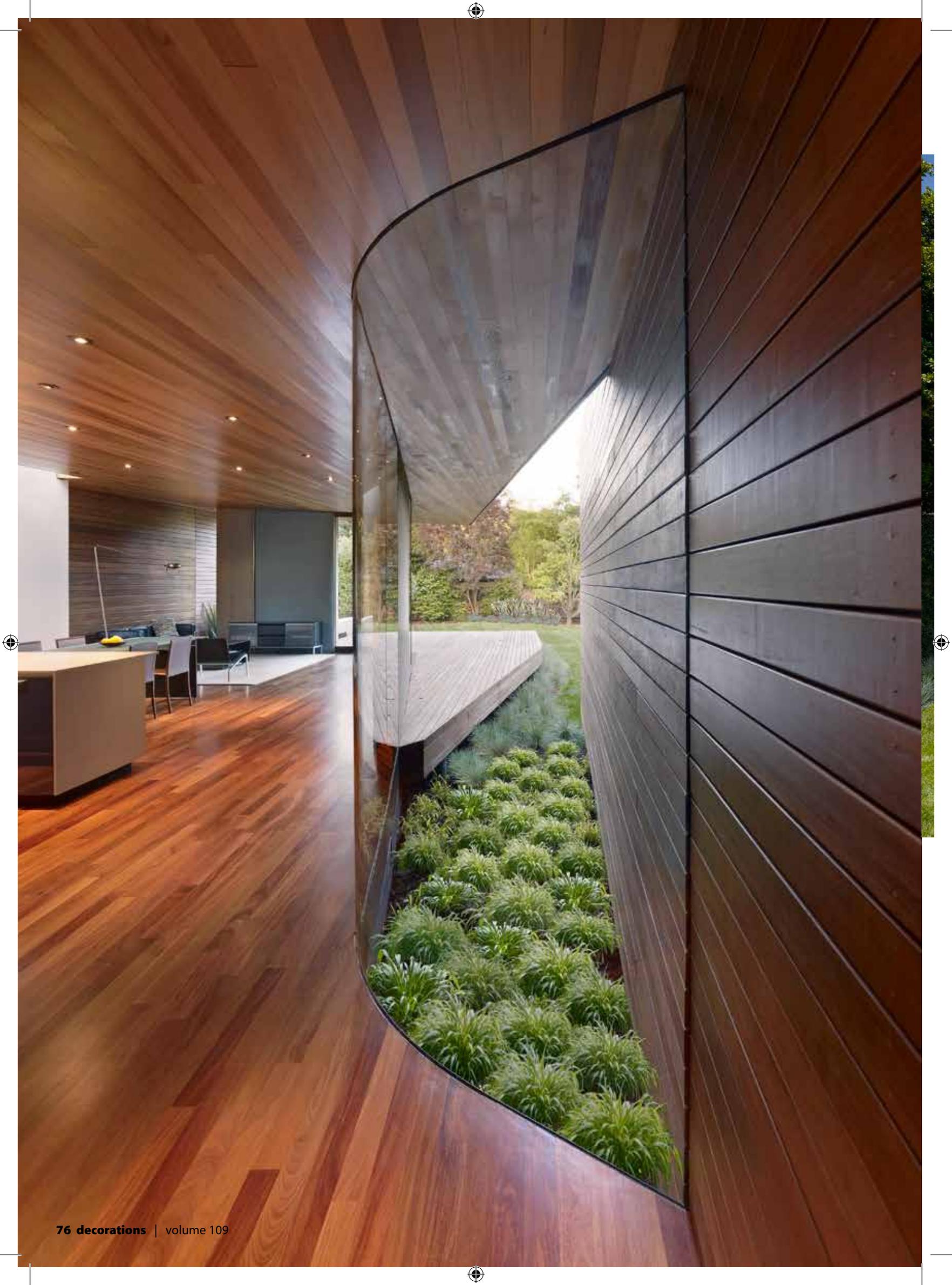


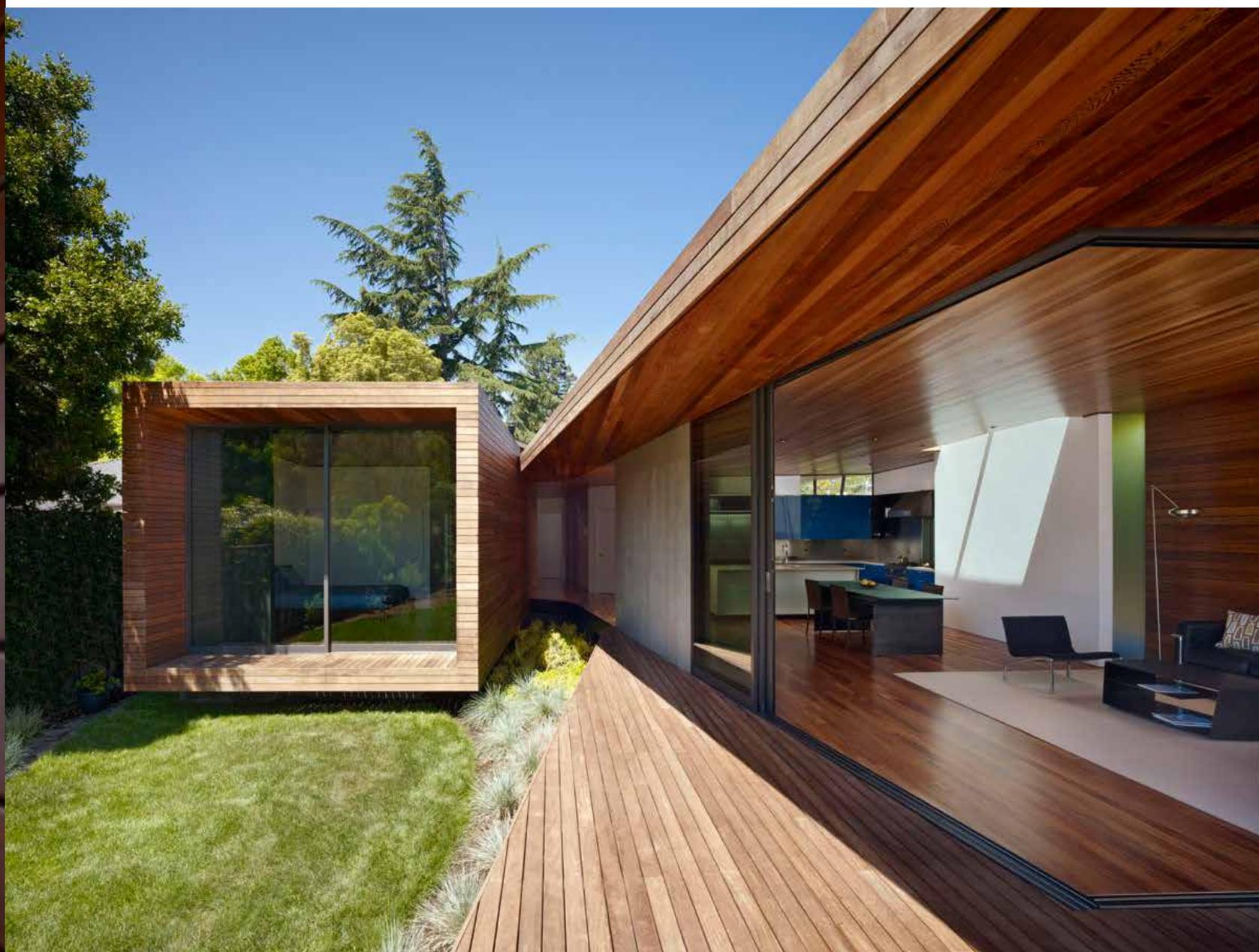
📍 An external garden deck area to soak up the sun amidst natural surroundings.

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A MID-CENTURY HOUSE UPDATED





➊ Following addition and renovation works, the mid-century ranch primarily diverges into two distinct, open volumes.

➋ **FACING PAGE** A transparent hallway visually connecting the common areas to the verdant pleasures beyond.

An existing mid-century ranch house in Menlo Park, California underwent a single-story addition and renovation, resulting in critical acclaim. This project, fronted by the innovative Terry & Terry Architecture, has amassed numerous honour and merit awards from several AIA chapters, one recently from the AIA San Francisco chapter as well as other design awards from SPARK and the Residential Architect Design Awards (RADA).

Built for a retired couple, the open and accessible design integrates the living space with the rear garden, creating a well-lit domestic extension. Comprising two floating volumes, the addition formally demarcates the bedroom to



FROM LEFT Material play features the concrete wall, a recurring material used in the redeveloped ranch. | Clean lined and minimalist kitchen, in tune with the simplicity and open concept of the common areas. | Common and private areas, illuminated come sundown.



the west and the common area to the east.

These two wings gradually diverge from the original structure to generate a glass-clad fissure in between- the garden is pulled inwards courtesy of the void space, injecting elements from the outdoors into the core of the house.

Located on the west of the house is the bedroom wing, encompassing the existing bedroom volume extended toward the rear in the form of a wood tube to accommodate an additional room. This bedroom volume opens out to the garden.

The other volume comprises the main space, housing the kitchen, dining and living areas. An east wood wall plane of the main space folds onto two concrete walls to form the main roof plane. The main space is also notable for producing large, transparent openings or voids that open out onto a deck at the rear garden.

Above, the main roof plane extends forward to form the carport frontage near the front of the property. Stretching from the media room toward the adjacent garden is a concrete wall, forming part of the cantilevered bench that echoes the same material used in the wall within the main common area.

The original structure- housing the music room, two bedrooms and a bathroom- was retained and renovated. A new steel bay window seat replaced a smaller existing window in the front bedroom. At the front, the entry porch was extended and rebuilt with hardwood decking connecting to the new driveway.

Inside, the fireplace chimney and carport storage volume were reconstructed and skinned with recycled and durable EPDM rubber. The new passageway and wood skinned storage wall were designated into the core of the structure, engaging and connecting the materiality of the new addition with the existing structure.



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