



A MASTER-SUITE **CHANDELIER** AND A **FOYER MIRROR** FROM ONE **OWNER'S CHILDHOOD** IN THE MIDWEST. **AN ANTIQUE WALNUT** DINING **ROOM TABLE FROM HER PARTNER'S FORMER PARADISE VALLEY** HOME.



Reclaimed wood, bricks and limestone from the United

States and Europe. The couple's custom home in the Village at Silverleaf in North Scottsdale stylishly, joyously communicates that life's treasures should be celebrated every day.

Customized to fit the homeowners' collectibles and favorite pieces, the residence synthesizes old and new, combining classic European design and today's welcoming open space. The 6,924-square-foot, rustic Mediterranean-style villa unfolds on three elevator-connected levels, with a light-filled entertainment basement and an upper-level master suite. The two first-level bedrooms comfortably accommodate guests. Extensive exterior living space includes a welcoming front courtyard, a backyard, covered entertaining patio and a master bedroom loggia slatted to provide both privacy and views.

"With the doors and windows open on cool days and nights, our home makes for a truly elegant indooroutdoor space," says owner and interior designer Lauren Rautbord, principal

of Paul Lauren Design Consultants,
which recently relocated from her native
Chicago to Scottsdale.

The home, as well as the others in the community, was designed by architect Don Ziebell, president of Oz Architects Inc., and built by Rod Cullum, principal of Cullum Homes. For Rautbord, Ziebell is an "extraordinary place-maker, style-maker and master of materials" for his skill in creating a community style and vibe, extensively modifying her home's original floor plan to accommodate design goals.

Upstairs, Ziebell created the master retreat, which includes expanded closet space. The bedroom features her mother's antique Italian chandelier, acquired from Nestle in New York more than six decades ago. "It's cozy, private, pure luxe, complete Zen enjoyment," Rautbord says.

And, to optimize natural lighting throughout the home, the couple asked Ziebell to expand the window sizes to fill the basement with light. In particular, he replaced one basement stairwell wall with an additional 30-foot wall of glass. Here, the architect also extended the oak treads and risers from











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RESIDENCE

Single-family home

LOCATION

the stairs to the wall, where

collector pots-transforming

functional or forgotten space

into a magical experience.

says. "It's a bright party

"People cannot believe they

are in a basement," Rautbord

area where we can entertain

without having to be in the kitchen or living room."

the owners to incorporate

dining room extends like an island into the desert,

enclosed on three sides with

steel and glass doors, creating

a perfect venue for impressive

entertaining with its focal-

With a nod to the

couple's love of limestone because of its neutrality,

texture and aged quality,

antique limestone fireplace hearth from France and,

from Belgium, reclaimed

limestone for use on first-

floor walls and basement

window surrounds. He also

found an antique limestone

basin from Provence, with a mysteriously chipped corner, which greets visitors in the

Throughout the home,

wood beams, with original

adze cuts, were personally reclaimed by Ziebell from

centuries-old structures in

France. For pathways, he

brick, some retaining the original casting numbers.

was a modern sense of

and natural materials so

our antiques stand out," Rautbord says. "The end

result is contemporary

timelessness."

space with a neutral palette

installed reclaimed Chicago

"My goal for the home

entry courtyard.

point antique table.

Ziebell acquired an

their antiques and reclaimed materials. Adjacent to the great room and patio, the

Ziebell also worked with

the homeowners display

what is most often a

Village at Silverleaf, Scottsdale

ARCHITECTURE

Don Ziebell, Oz Architects ozarchitects.com

INTERIOR DESIGN

Lauren Rautbord, Paul Lauren Design Consultants paullaurendesigns.com

BUILDER

Rod Cullum, Cullum Homes cullumhomes.com

RESOURCES

CHISEL MARBLE &

GRANITE

Countertops chiselgranite.com

FACINGS OF AMERICA

Surfaces

facingsofamerica.com

DESERT COVE

WOODWORKS

Cabinetry

desertcovewoodworks.com

ARIZONA WHOLESALE

Appliances

arizonawholesalesupply.com

STUDIO 41

Kitchen and bath accessories shopstudio41.com

Now that the home is completed, the couple enjoys their calming residence, as well as the charms of the community, nestled in the foothills of the McDowell Mountains.

"We love the easy, lockand-leave luxury lifestyle, the
serenity and design of the
community," says Rautbord
"It's like a European
village—a charming location
where you walk to golf,
dinner, the spa and then
home. We enjoy sunrises over
the mountains and inspiring
alpenglow sunsets, with the
city lights twinkling."