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FROM FRENCH CHATEAU TO CUTTING EDGE CONTEMPORARY, LUXURY DREAM HOMES BECOME REALITY

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Cream-colored stones create a vintage and warm feel to this classic European-style home.

Newport Coast Residence

Location: Newport Coast, CA
Completed: 2011

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The saying may go, “Two’s company, three’s a crowd,” but for the principals of Dugally Oberfeld, three is the perfect number. Mauricio Oberfeld, Aleck Dugally and Matt Dugally launched their firm in 1997, just three years after Dugally and Oberfeld graduated from the University of Southern California. They each bring a distinct specialization that has molded their multifaceted company into what it is today.

Oberfeld’s fascination with building design started from a young age during travels to Europe with his parents. He went on to study architecture at USC where he met Matt Dugally who was earning a degree in urban planning and land development.

When he was younger, Matt would often join his father Aleck on construction sites and developed his vast knowledge about the business there. With 50 years of building and design experience, Aleck has gained a reputation of his own in Southern California for his impeccable attention to detail, but was used to working alone. Deciding to combine their skills was a way to realize their potential and learn from Aleck’s established expertise. “Aleck knew he could achieve a lot more with three partners than by himself,” Oberfeld says. “It was a good opportunity to bring in young blood and grow the company.”

Together they are running an internationally-renowned general contracting and construction management company specializing in extremely high-end luxury homes. “Having three partners is rare in this business, but it allows us to accomplish more and be a lot more active; we complement each other very well,” he says.





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The home features stone archways framed with lush landscape.

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Plush outdoor seating offers a relaxing environment with views of the sprawling hills and trees.

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The three-story European-style home showcases a large pool with mosaic detailing.

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Built-ins, crown-molding and unique interior detailing add character to this comfortable office.



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Expansive countertops and ample cabinet space prepare the kitchen for entertaining large dinner gatherings.

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The unique custom-made fireplace is the focal point in the sitting area.



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The bathroom is enlivened with pops of pink and the handmade mosaic sink.

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The exterior of the home features archways that lead to private gardens and fountain elements.



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Newport Coast Residence

Newport Coast, CA's--The Resort at Pelican Hill--is home to a three-story, 15,000-square-foot estate completed by Dugally Oberfeld using only the highest quality materials including Venetian plaster, hand surfaced limestone, Walnut and bronze clad windows and doors. The fully finished 10-car garage featuring cobblestone flooring houses the owner's extensive collection. The back of the property opens up to the ocean and showcases a large pool with mosaic detailing. Inside, a golf training facility with a chipping and putting range ensures the owner can practice at his leisure. The simulator contains 100 pre-programmed courses and is surrounded by life-size images from Montage Bay. "We had someone come out with a very high resolution camera, take pictures and we sent them to a company outside the country who blew them up. We put those on the walls so that when you're inside it feels like you're looking through to the outside," says Matt.

Dugally Oberfeld set up a home base in Bel Air, CA, putting its unique stamp on large scale homes in the most exclusive communities in the area. While the company's clients have taken them to various locations such as Florida, Montana and Arizona, it has made a name for itself in and around Los Angeles. "Establishing relationships in an area is half the battle, but once you've done that you can continue to expand," says Oberfeld.

The company's success in Southern California has recently taken them further North, with projects in Palo Alto and the San Francisco area. "Our focus is to continue growing up there and basically encompass everything from Orange County all the way up to the Bay Area," he says. "We believe that in the Bay Area we can make a huge difference, bringing a quality product and better experience to the client."

Though 15 years in business has brought numerous accolades, celebrity clients and much notoriety, Dugally Oberfeld is rooted in its close, personal relationships with its clients. "With most of our competitors, when you talk to their clients after construction they say they saw the owner of the company when they signed the contract and when they went through the final walkthrough of the house," Oberfeld says. "One of the things that is most important for us is to continue to have a very strong involvement in each project that we do; that's the difference between our model and most of the competition."

Like in any other industry, things evolve, and the partners openly welcome the chance to reinvent themselves through new and interesting projects. "It would be a lot easier to just do cookie cutter houses, but because we bring



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A blast of colors add personality to the large master bathroom.

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Organization is a must with the master walk-in closet featuring wood and glass doors.

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A golf training facility with a chipping and putting range ensures the owner can practice at his convenience.

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The golf training area not only offers practice but leisure.



such a strong design background, we want to be challenged and be part of a team that really thinks outside the box,” Oberfeld says.

While many companies in Dugally Oberfeld’s position would be opening up offices across the country, the company has a different idea for its thriving business. “We believe that our projects are much more successful, and of higher quality, if we have a better relationship with our clients; so we’re not going to expand to the point where we’re no longer able to be involved,” Oberfeld says. “Expansion to us does not necessarily mean more projects, but having exciting and challenging projects that don’t sacrifice quality and where the clients really want the best of the best.” ■

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