

LUXURY HOME

& LIFESTYLE

Your Community Resource Guide

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REAL ESTATE Secrets

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Ahead of the Curve: Designing Homes for Life

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Participating in the Children's Support League 2012 VIP house, I talked to many attendees about where they were in the "nesting spectrum". Some plan to stay in their homes for 20-30 years, others were hoping to add an in-law unit, still others were looking forward to "right-sizing"-- living well in an efficient space. What we all agreed is that our homes are our recharging stations—they have to nourish our lives for today and tomorrow. I spoke with them about a *design revolution* that is taking place. Here it is:

It's called Universal Design (UD)

As a designer of 20+ years, I create homes that are dramatic, welcoming, and fun. But I am also committed to the most 'future-planning' approach to make homes universally accessible to people of all ages. The idea is to create a "Smart Home" adaptable to your family's changing needs over generations. When you apply these architectural principles early in the remodeling stage, you can "Age in Place" as your lifestyles evolve, and avoid costly retrofits later.

A sampling of points I consider with clients:

- digital home healthcare as part of custom electronic design
- flexible counter heights for sitting and standing
- moveable under-cabinets
- layers of ambient, task and accent lighting
- universal door widths and handles

Whether your plans include a large home for your bustling family or an elegant pied a terre, think ahead of the curve-- Universal Design is *universal design wisdom*. You'll be amazed at what we can discover in just one hour.

Let's meet for a free consultation.

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J. Hettinger Interior design services include:

- Furnishings, window treatments
- Space planning and storage solutions
- Paint, flooring, and fixture selection
- Reupholstering and accessory selection
- Trusted list of contractors and tradesmen