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For design and architecture firm KAA Design (kaadesigngroup.com), this award-winning Pacific Palisades adult playground offered plenty of potential—and some obstacles. By working with the existing hillside site, the firm, along with builder MG Partners (mgpartnersinc.com), was able to construct a private wellness facility for the homeowners, complete with a pool, gym and spa under the existing cantilevered tennis court.

(You can see the concrete piles connecting the two spaces.) Says KAA Design founding partner Grant Kirkpatrick, "The challenge became imbuing the space—which includes two changing areas, a sauna, a TV lounge and a room for about 20 pieces of exercise equipment—with a sense of the outdoors." A whopping 5,000 square feet of adult amenities are on offer, all while preserving the landscape so meticulously procured by Make Ground. It's a space for those as serious about fitness as they are about design—it houses an Olympic-size lap pool; a steam room; spa bathrooms; and a lounge complete with a television, wet bar and towel storage. Sliding glass panels allow the gym to be closed off from the lap pool. "We also installed mirrors in the interior to reflect the lush planting by the lap pool, lending a woody feel," Kirkpatrick adds.

Materials such as silver travertine, Pennsylvania bluestone plaster, rubble stone walls and teak floors give texture and dimension while paying homage to the space's surroundings.



Summer Haven

ADULT

Indoor-outdoor life doesn't get much better than this: a view of the alfresco kitchen and living/dining spaces of a SoCal project from KAA Design.



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Reinventing your outdoor space? These Chicago-area design resources should be your first stop.

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