

The new, 6,000-square-foot house — which goes into construction in March at The Madison Club in La Quinta — was designed around a series of courtyards and has a large central great room to accommodate the kitchen, dining, and living areas and an open fireplace that helps define the spaces. Bronze-colored windows, limestone floors, and 16-foot ceilings covered in cedar will create an earth-toned modern residence. “In the desert, using wood on the ceiling is a wonderful way to bring warmth into the architecture,” Radziner says. “On the floor or walls, it would get a lot of sun exposure and deteriorate over time, but the ceilings are nicely protected.” The exterior walls will be composed of ramped dirt (a mixture of earth and cement). “It has a striated effect and almost looks like the side of a stone or portions of the Grand Canyon where water has been rushing by for years.”

