

The angular, transparent nature of this striking design finds a harmonious complement amid the splendor of this Montana backdrop.



# HIGHLINE PARTNERS

WORKING AGAINST SOME OF MONTANA'S MOST STRIKING BACKDROPS, THE DYNAMIC TEAM AT HIGHLINE PARTNERS BRINGS HIGH-END AND SUSTAINABLE RESIDENTIAL DREAMS TO FRUITION.

The parallel tracks that ultimately converged in 2007 for future general contracting partners Todd Thesing and Rob McRae included more than just a mutual childhood love of Lincoln Logs and Legos. Both men spent time in Colorado during the 1990s. Both worked as carpenters in ski towns to support their passion for the slopes. Thesing moved to Montana in 2000; McRae planted roots there in 2002. The two men would then work for the same design and construction company before deciding to pool their collective talents in Big Sky and launch Highline Partners. But the similarities don't end there. "We started Highline Partners on the premise that with a great team we could build anything," Thesing says. "We started small and grew the company around the people, our people. We are passionate about our team. And it helps that we both have the same work ethic, integrity and value system." For the past seven years, those qualities have been the bedrock of a firm that specializes in high-end projects that seamlessly integrate one-of-a-kind residences with their typically breathtaking backdrops. The results are nothing short of spectacular. Just as important, in this day and age, Highline Partners understands and values the importance of sustainability, often weaving in locally sourced materials—but fusing them with the modern amenities for which most homeowners are looking.



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"We not only consider the environment during the building process but also when thinking about the long-term sustainability and management of the home," McRae says. "Also, by utilizing new products and technology, we improve the overall aesthetic and functionality of our projects." As Thesing adds, "We definitely feel that our projects stand out through the use of unique materials, the clean lines and the distinct assembly that is characteristic of our work." The Highline process is an organic one that evolves through constant communication not only with the client but with the other professionals involved in the project. Thesing and McRae also pride themselves on taking what they learn from each custom-home experience and applying those lessons to future projects. "Creating lasting relationships is most important to us," McRae says. "From the owner to the architect and every single person who had a hand in the project. Not only do we get to be creative on a daily basis, but we have fun doing it."

"We have great competition within the company. Everyone enjoys trying to do better than the last project, which drives the creative process."

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**01** The inventive use of reclaimed materials brings a relaxed yet sophisticated vibe to this gathering spot. **02** Handcrafted finishes meet with rustic touches in a room that creatively maximizes a unique space. **03** The warmth of this slope-side hideaway is in the details, a cozy combination of old and new that creates a rich, casual setting. **04** The onset of winter can't diminish the glow of this quaint guest escape, a marriage of glass and stone brimming with character. **05** Rustic details combine with contemporary decor to create a chic, elegant and inviting master bedroom suite.

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