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LOCATED ONE BLOCK FROM THE OCEAN, THIS FAMILY HOME OFFERS TIMELESS INTERIORS AND DRAMATIC VIEWS OF THE COASTLINE.

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esigned by Brandon Architects and built by Patterson Custom Homes, this 5,406-square-foot Corona del Mar house comprises four bedrooms and five bathrooms. It serves as the primary residence for a couple and their two daughters, who enjoy a relaxed lifestyle where the sun and sea are part of their daily routine.

"The house was designed to catch a lot of natural light," says Christopher Brandon, founder of Brandon Architects. "One of our biggest challenges was to maximize the views of the ocean and jetty with a transitional style home, while preserving the overall intent of the house in relation to its surroundings."

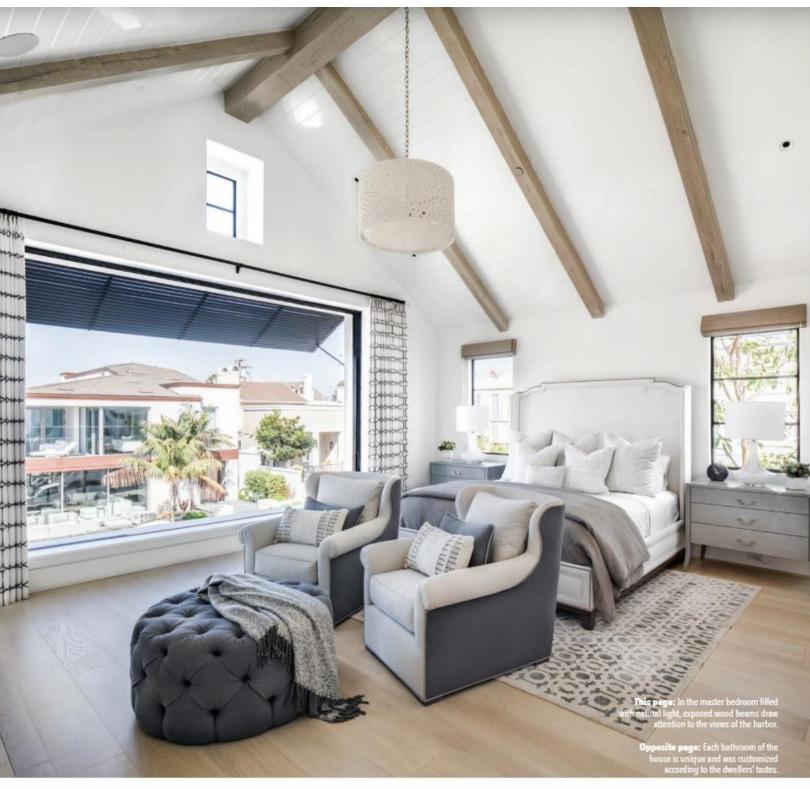
The main living spaces, guest suite, mudroom and three-car garage occupy the ground floor. The second level hosts two secondary bedrooms, the laundry room, a den, an office and the master suite, where two recessed raised pocketing doors maximize the views. The top floor takes full advantage of the stunning environment via an expansive deck with a cabana (and storage).

"We strove to create a unique yet timeless quality with the architecture while ensuring that the client's needs were met," says Brandon.

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Nestled between the dining room, great room and kitchen (which opens to the courtyard), the foyer helps to create the open floor concept. Exposed wood beams add character and the large volumes help to connect inside with the exterior spaces, which were shaped by landscape designer Cristin Fusano.

The use of lime washed brick, wide plank French

oak flooring and soft fabrics created a warm, organic feel throughout the home. Focusing on a neutral palette and timeless look, as desired by the owners, interior designer Trish Steel from Churchill Design created a serene atmosphere and introduced decor and furnishings by Codarus, Pindler, Kravet, Fabricus and Feizy, among others.

Several elements and spaces were custom made—

such as the fixtures that illuminate the staircase and the bathrooms—with personal touches added to create and highlight various design aspects. "This project has a feeling of 'beachy' meets traditional influence while creating an overall friendly and open environment," Brandon concludes.

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