

## SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

429 Residence  
at twilight

(Photo courtesy  
Rodwin Architecture/  
SkyCastle Construction)



# Building a Greener Future

Rodwin Architecture and SkyCastle Construction celebrate 25 years of sustainable design

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Look around Boulder, and you'll find plenty of examples of stunning architecture in the homes, buildings and properties that dot streets and neighborhoods. The city is on the cutting edge of architecture and design, and amid the luxurious and sophisticated structures is an environmental awareness that shapes the process from start to finish.

This is where Rodwin Architecture and their sister company, SkyCastle Construction, shine.

Scott Rodwin is the Principal of Rodwin Architecture and CEO of SkyCastle Construction. He was drawn to architecture by a love of physics and art. Architectural design proved the intersection of these two passions, and Rodwin's companies have been a

Colorado staple for over two decades.

Celebrating their 25th anniversary this year, the firms have completed multiple LEED Platinum homes, the highest-awarded certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program. The Department of Energy describes this feat as "the pinnacle of green building."

"We are constantly pushing the boundaries of sustainability," says Rodwin. "Our focus is on providing extraordinary customer service and sustainable design with an integrated design/build delivery model."

In the world of architecture, the success of a project hinges not only on creative vision but also on the efficiency of execution. Today, more than ever, clients seek firms that offer comprehensive services under one roof, streamlining the process from conception to completion.

"From initial concept development to final construction, having a cohesive team ensures consistency in design intent and means that there are no surprises for the client. We can create a more accurate budget, minimize errors



Prairie Place powder room.  
(Photo Courtesy: Rodwin Architecture/SkyCastle Construction)



Natural light reflects into this modern kitchen. (Photo Courtesy: Rodwin Architecture/Skycastle Construction)

and reduce rework,” explains Rodwin.

For Rodwin and his team, sustainability and beauty go hand-in-hand. The firms create custom spaces that exquisitely function, work and adapt to individual needs. The designs are pragmatic, considering homeowner needs and budgets, but sublime in how a space relates to the homeowner’s landscape, views, lighting and desires. “We create homes that wrap around you and your lifestyle. It’s not about conforming to the home you have. It’s about creating a space that reflects who you are and how you want to live,” says Rodwin.

While Rodwin and Skycastle are best known for their award-winning residential properties, you’ll find their work is at the core of many familiar commercial buildings in and around Boulder. From Montbell’s flagship retail store on the 16th Street Mall in Denver and Brother’s Bar & Grill (across from Coors stadium) to cult-favorite sushi restaurant Japango in downtown Boulder, you’ll find plenty of examples of Rodwin/SkyCastle projects.



Prairie Place backyard pool at twilight. (Photo Courtesy: Rodwin Architecture/Skycastle Construction)

Rodwin and SkyCastle’s commitment to the community doesn’t end with their focus on sustainability and functionality. They have volunteered countless hours to community-based organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the Family Learning Center. Members of Rodwin’s firm have also been active in helping to

organize the Colorado Green Building Guild’s popular Green Home Tour.

“We love being part of this community,” says Rodwin. “Colorado is a beautiful place, and we like creating spaces that compliment active Colorado lifestyles and bring people joy.” ■