

# Studio — Saxe

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**The Atrium House**  
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## EXPERIENCED BASED DESIGN CREATES EXCEPTIONAL PLACES IN BOOMING COSTA RICA COSTAL TOWN

### Overview

Eco-conscious family business Andaluz commissioned Studio Saxe to create experiences around architectural designs that harness the power of the environment to create life changing experiences.

**Location:** Nosara, Costa Rica

**Date of completion:** 2019

**Client:** Andaluz

**Area:** Approx. 756m<sup>2</sup>

**Design Director:** Benjamin G. Saxe



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## Concept

The Andaluz brand is all about meaningful and real experiences that combine comfortable human habitation with a deep connection to the surrounding landscape. A series of homes were carefully placed around existing trees on a hill top which brings in ocean and jungle views whilst creating a sense of comfort and security for the inhabitants.



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## Design

The Atrium House is poised elegantly on a hilltop overlooking the Pacific Ocean on one side and amazing mountain views on the other. A distinct vertical atrium joins all floors and creates passive cooling for comfort with minimal energy consumption. The main living space on the top floor floats above the tree line creating a high level of privacy and intimate connection to the views. A second social area on the ground floor enjoys a pool integrated with surrounding palms and a BBQ area which is ideal for gatherings.



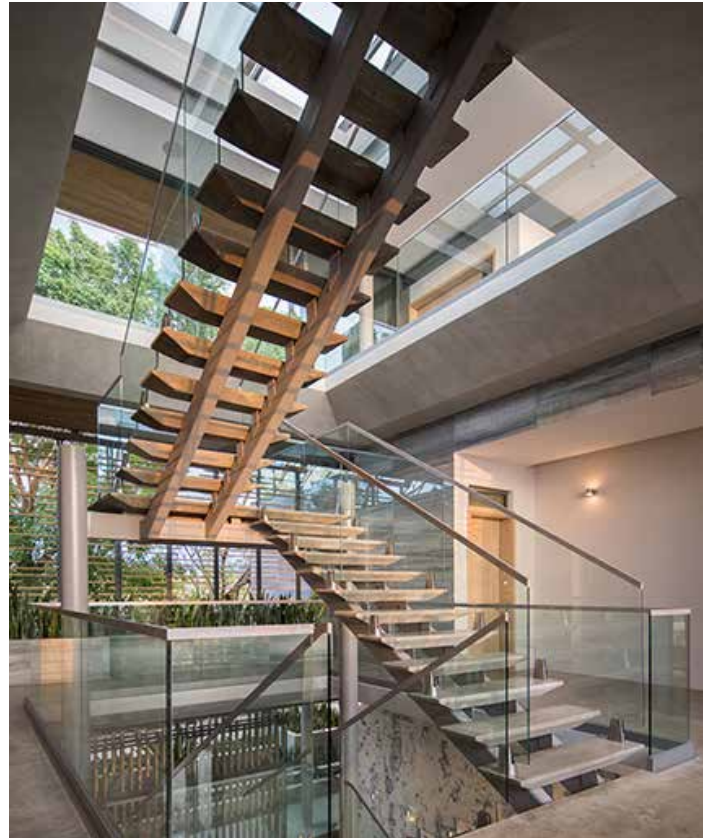
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The Andaluz Brand is known for their durable and long-lasting construction methods as well as high quality materials. All these factors come together seamlessly to enhance the experience of the inhabitants and to create a longevity which is focused on low maintenance and high level of comfort.

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## **Sustainability**

Every home is designed with a high level of bioclimatic design through the understanding of natural phenomena such as wind, sun, and geological aspects to be able to protect and integrate the homes where necessary and open up and close where needed to create comfort without the use of energy. Both Studio Saxe and Andaluz believe that beauty and experience are intrinsic forms of sustainability which enhance the human experience and will last through the times.



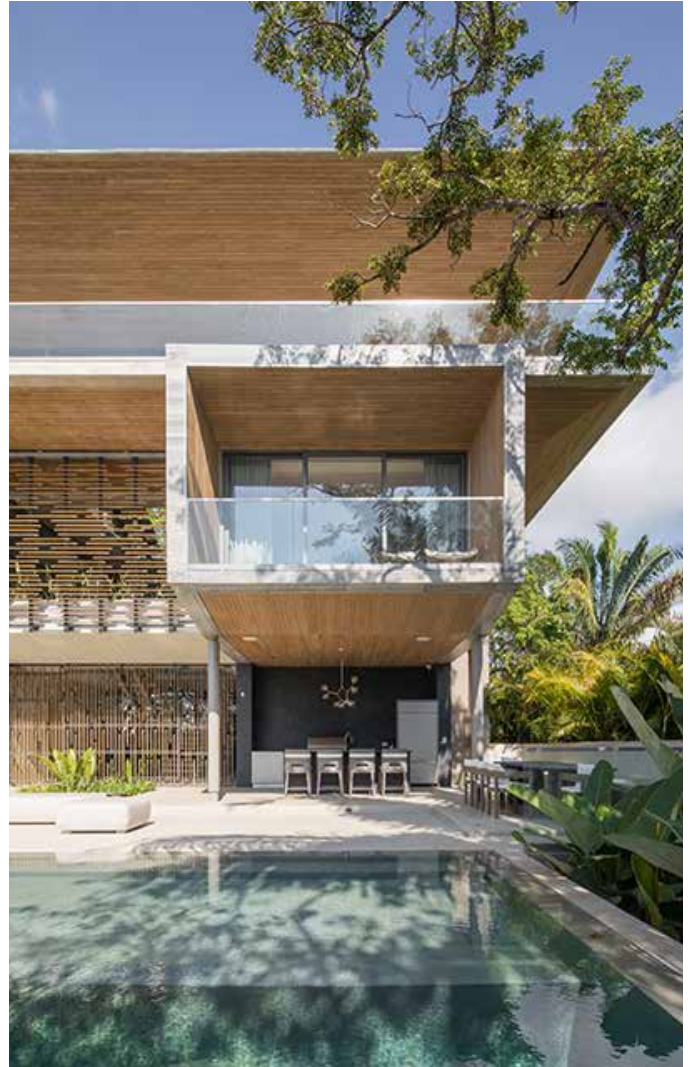
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**Builder:** JIMACO

**Structural Engineer:** Sotela Alfaro Ltda.

**Electromechanical Engineer:** Dynamo Studio

**Landscape:** Vida Design Studio

**Photography:** Roberto D'Ambrosio



# — About us

Benjamin G. Saxe set up his own practice in San Jose, Costa Rica in 2004, with the aim of exploring our relationship with the natural environment through architecture. Since then, Studio Saxe has grown into an award-winning international practice made up of a multidisciplinary team, creating buildings and spaces by blending technological innovation with handcrafted techniques to form truly sustainable designs. Founded on the belief that buildings must connect to their landscape – whether a tropical paradise or a concrete jungle – Studio Saxe brings a global attitude to solve local problems. Ideas and techniques from around the world can be harnessed to benefit communities, both at home and abroad. Local traditions and identities are explored and developed, ensuring a process whereby we learn from the past and build for the future.

The dedicated architects and designers at Studio Saxe uncover new design solutions for every project, treating each building as an opportunity to improve methods and approaches, responding to specific places. Working alongside clients and collaborators, the studio continually seeks new forms and functions that blur the boundaries between natural habitats and inhabited space.

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