



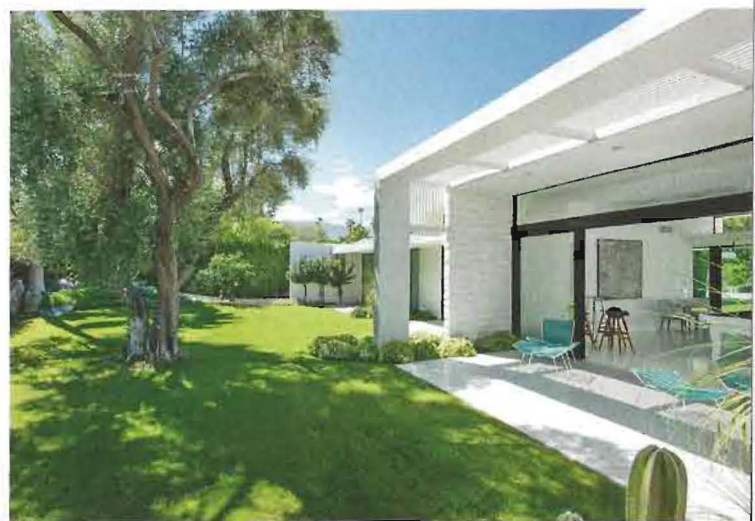
A Revamped Krisel

A backyard's clean aesthetics compliment a midcentury masterpiece.

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IF YOU ASK even casual Midcentury Modern enthusiasts who most helped to shape the well-known contemporary look, many would say William Krisel. Krisel designed more than 30,000 homes throughout his long-lived career, but he is best known for his clean, beautiful homes in Palm Springs.

The previous owners of this 1963-built masterpiece didn't keep up with the original contemporary design—instead adding elements that changed the look and feel of this Krisel project. The current owners relied on Sean Lockyer, of Studio AR+D, to restore the home to its Midcentury Modern glory. Krisel believed that both the inside and outside of a home are equally important. To him, the interior and exterior were not separate in their design—an approach Sean mimicked in revamping the house.



THE BACKYARD OFFERS RELAXING VIBES WITH ITS GENTLY SLOPING LAWNS AND BRIGHT PATIO CHAIRS THAT TAKE IN THE SUN.



Clean, distinct lines are a prominent feature of Krisel's work, and Sean made sure to keep that at the heart of his backyard redesign. To achieve the clean lines and keep with an authentic modernist look, Sean replaced the red brick with terrazzo and changed the look of the concrete, from large, plain slabs into white concrete rectangles and squares surrounding the pool.

The terrazzo and concrete slabs are separated by strips of grass, giving the backyard clean, linear distinction and a sense of movement around the pool. The pool itself was remodeled—having been earlier replastered and a shallow shelf added, along with a negative-edge spa. Sean also added a custom glass table, paired with comfortable chairs and chandelier, both by Niche Beverly in Los Angeles, for an outdoor living space worthy of a perfect Palm Springs summer day. 🌴

PALM SPRINGS LUXE

BRING THE RELAXING ATMOSPHERE OF PALM SPRINGS RESORTS TO YOUR MIDCENTURY HOME WITH THESE THREE LANDSCAPING TIPS.

1. Think of lawns and sidewalks as an extension of the home's architecture. Well-placed rectangles of clean white concrete and well-manicured lawn allow the home's sculptural qualities to speak.
2. Treat cacti and other uniquely shaped plants as you might sculpture. Give them enough space to breathe, and think carefully about their spacing. By doing so you can create a high-impact visual element.
3. White architecture and green lawns create a restful color palette. But don't forget accent colors! An iconic primary-colored midcentury door, or outdoor seating in bright solid colors or geometric patterns, can easily add drama.

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(LEFT) A WALL OF IVY BREAKS UP THE STARK LINES OF ARCHITECTURE. (RIGHT) FLOOR-TO-CEILING GLASS WINDOWS MAKE IT ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO CARRY THE INDOOR AESTHETIC TO THE OUTSIDE.