



A Midcentury Refurb in Sunny California

Marrow Midcentury

Bells + Whistles

Rancho Mirage, CA, USA



There is no one single theme in this Californian dream home, but rather, the merging of several. Consider the living room, where, according to the designers, “surreal silhouettes and abstracting colors balance playful tendencies with a dreamlike sensibility.” Or the second bedroom, “a Dalí-esque space-age dream.” Filling a home with a multitude of imaginative themes is not easy to pull off, but even less so when it’s not a blank canvas. The Marrow Midcentury home was designed by Donald Wexler as part of Thunderbird North, an enclave of homes designed by modernist architects William F. Cody, Donald Wexler, and Richard Harrison. The designers admit that working with an architecturally significant home can have a paralyzing effect. But the brief was clear: juxtapose the clean, sleek lines of Wexler’s architecture against bold colors and organic shapes. The tidiest encapsulation of this, perhaps, is in the back garden: an angular, hexagonal pool filled with inviting murals by artist Alex Proba.