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SBC: Schlauch Bottcher Construction

MONTANA BUILDERS EMPHASIZE MOUNTAIN ELEGANCE

by Lauryn Allison Lewis

Located near the Gallatin Mountain Range, Schlauch Bottcher Construction draws inspiration from the lush landscape to create luxurious constructions. Chad and Jamie Bottcher, brothers and principals of the SBC firm, understand the importance of melding the great outdoors with opulent interior features. The brothers see commonalities in their clients requests: they seek a lifestyle that puts nature at the forefront, something more pure and less tied down. They're looking for a getaway. They love the mountain setting and the view. Every effort is taken to meld the elements of nature with building materials which reflect the landscape. Chief Cliff stone walls reflect the buttes beyond, uninterrupted views blur the boundary between indoors and out, and weather-worn timbers are reminiscent of ancient Douglas Fir forests.

Together the brothers have meticulously managed the construction of luxury homes in Montana's Southwest region since 1996, and between them, they hold degrees in Architecture and Civil Engineering from Montana State University. "We were raised in country like this," says Jamie Bottcher. "We're familiar and appreciative of the land, and of its natural beauty."

In 2009, Jamie and Chad parted amicably with Mike Schlauch, an originating partner and credited with one half of the firm's namesake. "The community has come to recognize us as SBC. Our brand is associated with quality work, integrity and sound business practices," Jamie explains. "When we took ownership of SBC, there was never a thought to changing the name. Also, we still

The Locati Home: An Architect's Retreat

Jerry Locati, principal architect of Locati Architecture, combines wide open-floor plans and soaring ceilings with human-scale comfort. Wood, stone and glass in this custom home creates an interior symphony of unique and personal touches. Exposed structural elements continue indoors and throughout large expanses of glass-enclosed spaces rich in visual texture. Locati creations are recognized for blending seamlessly with the landscape. For his own home near Bozeman, MT, the architect used a palette of natural and recycled materials—reclaimed timbers, precise stonework, rusted metals, wood windows and doors and wide expanses of glass to bring the outdoors in.



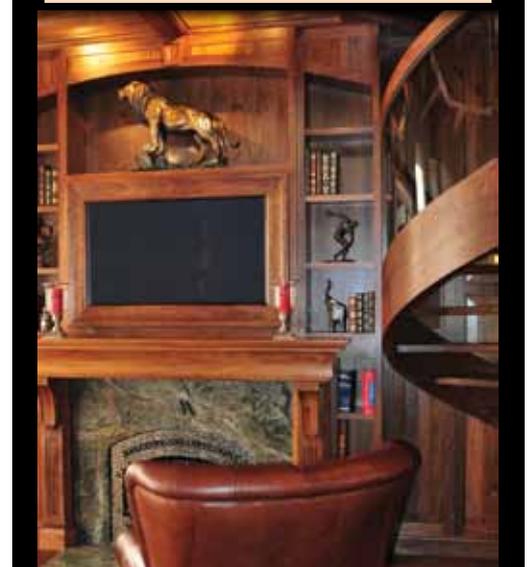
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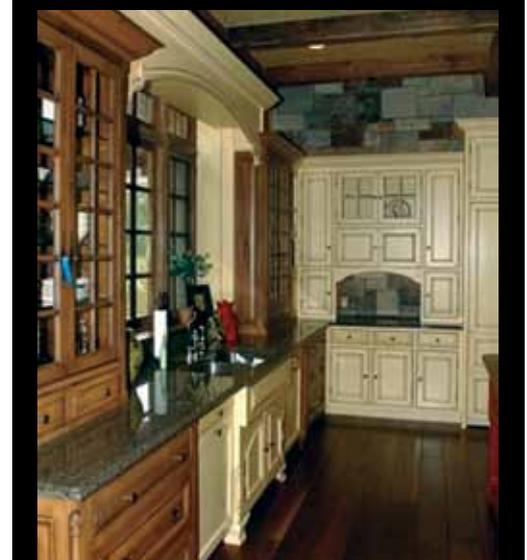
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01
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 Lush landscape architecture softens the home's rustic façade.

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 Various wood finishes bring out details in the master bedroom.

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 The timber-frame home is carved out into Montana's scenic spread.

05
 The outdoor seating area overlooks a distant mountain range.

work closely with Mike Schlauch. He's working with us on a project right now."

Just how did the SBC team achieve such recognition? "We don't cut corners; in the long run, that's not the way to save time or money. We are fair, open and honest with our clients, and we stay in constant communication with them through each step of the process," says Chad.

Another reason for SBC's acclaim is because they make every effort to ensure that environmentally responsible building practices are implemented whenever possible. "In both the Richards and Locati homes, Jerry Locati (AIA, principle of Locati Architects in Bozeman, MT) used reclaimed wood in his designs. The massive timbers in both homes are reclaimed Douglas Fir. The siding on the outside of the Locati home is reclaimed as well." Is

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The Richards Home: Perfect Harmony

The Richards Home combines warmth of a log cabin with top-of-the-line luxuries, such as the home's private movie theater, complete with a fully stocked concession area. Other features include a cavernous wine cellar, a cozy den in the fully finished garage, outdoor fireplace and a hot tub placed strategically into the estate's layout, and in such complete harmony with the windswept surroundings, many might be fooled into believing it's a natural feature which has always existed there. Uninterrupted views from the living and dining rooms showcase Montana's rugged beauty and reflect the home's stone and timber finishes.

this a move toward cost effectiveness? Of course we are very conscientious of costs. In the case of using reclaimed materials, it's not always a cost-saving measure as an aesthetic one." Jamie explains, "There's just no way to replicate the effects of weather and time on wood without resorting to methods that could be damaging to the environment. In this case, it makes sense to use what's already available."

SBC's teamwork philosophy makes good sense also. The brothers agree, "Our entire team—the architects, the subcontractors, the concrete crew and the painting crew—all deserve recognition. We all share our client's vision and work together to build it." ■

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