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## BEST OF OUR VALLEY ISSUE 2016: HOME & DESIGN

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Whether you're seeking a pro to craft your dream home or simply need assistance sprucing up your current space, the local design and build leaders are the ones to get the job done.

### Best Appliance Store: Monark Premium Appliance Co.

Though it rebranded in June 2015 under Monark Premium Appliance Co. (formerly Westar), this nationally renowned appliance showroom continues to provide a world-class selection of premium cooking, cooling and cleaning appliances, all hand-selected from exceptional, trusted brands. Seventeen unique showrooms, dispersed throughout Arizona, California, Florida and Nevada, exemplify the company's impressively high standards and give buyers the opportunity to explore state-of-the-art products before committing. [monarkhome.com](http://monarkhome.com).



Best Architect: Mark Candelaria

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Candelaria Designs, founded in 1999 by principal architect Mark Candelaria, is currently celebrating 17 years of designing spectacular residential and commercial boutique real estate. Once confined to Arizona, the firm's sphere of influence now extends beyond the Southwest, stretching all the way from the sunny coasts of California to the tip of Long Island. This success can be traced back to the impressive values Candelaria has instilled in his knowledgeable team of architects and designers—collaboration, customer service and design of unparalleled quality. [candelariadesign.com](http://candelariadesign.com).



**Best Condo Development: Optima Sonoran Village**

Since opening in 2013, this nine-acre luxury residential community with apartments for lease in Scottsdale has received national recognition for its environmentally integrated modern architecture, sustainable living practices and amenities encouraging an active lifestyle. In addition to five-and- one-half acres of gorgeous terraces and courtyards, the development features a 19,000-sq.- ft. fitness center with basketball and racquetball courts, an indoor lap pool, steam rooms, saunas, locker rooms and personal training. The apartments themselves are truly stunning, equipped with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, floor-to- ceiling windows and built-in wine coolers. [optimasonoranvillage.com](http://optimasonoranvillage.com).



**Best Custom Cabinets: Distinctive Custom Cabinetry**

*2015 Winner*

Whether you're looking for your kitchen or installing a state-of-the-art walk-in closet, Distinctive Custom Cabinetry never fails to exceed the highest of expectations. Owners Mike Cook and Marc Poortinga are well-versed in all aspects custom cabinetry, closets, doors, beams, iron front-entry doors and other decorative iron work, bringing extensive experience to each and every project. The firm's reputation has attracted customers from Arizona, Las Vegas, California and Canada, all eager to work with its team of skillful and creative industry professionals who bring dreams to reality. [distinctivecc.com](http://distinctivecc.com).



**Best Custom Homebuilder: BedBrock Developers**

*2015 Winner*

BedBrock Developers, known for its legendary craftsmanship and customer service, has been gracing the Valley with custom architectural masterpieces for more than 20 years. The company builds with a wide range of styles—everything from Mid-Century Modern to Mediterranean—and prides itself on simplifying the intimidating process of building a luxury custom home through its innovative New Home Center. Here, both homeowners and professionals enjoy access to top-of-the-line materials and products, as well some of the industry’s best architects and designers. [bedbrock.com](http://bedbrock.com).



**AFM FAVE: Best Custom Homebuilder: Salcito Custom Homes**

Over the course of its 37 years in business, Salcito Custom Homes has completed more than 300 projects Valley-wide—120 in the last decade. The nationally recognized homebuilder provides an unmasked level of service in design, build, interiors and ongoing custom residences, and thanks to a diverse portfolio, the firm expects a consistent demand for its products and services for years to come. [salcito.com](http://salcito.com).



**Best Design Firm/Store: Feathers Fine Custom Furnishings**

*2015 Winner*

Feathers Fine Custom Furnishings, founded in 1994 by Dan and Claudia Levinson, has become an industry

leader in custom furnishings, window coverings, bedding and case goods. Each item is handmade in Feathers' on-site workroom, where master artisans and expert seamstresses create unparalleled pieces from designer fabrics based on individual specifications. Customers are encouraged to immerse themselves in the design process from start to finish, ensuring the final product is nothing short of a masterpiece. [feathersdesign.com](http://feathersdesign.com).



**Best Flooring: Imperial Wholesale**

*2015 Winner*

This family-owned and -operated business has grown to be the largest provider of quality flooring materials in Arizona, proving that staying local often has its benefits. In addition to porcelain tile, natural stone and both laminate and hardwood flooring, the company offers an extensive selection of fountains, baths, fireplaces and intricate mosaics. Its seemingly infinite collection of products, along with criminally low prices and stellar customer service, has attracted contractors, designers and homeowners for more than 39 years with no signs of slowing down. [imperialwholesale.com](http://imperialwholesale.com).



**Best Home Accessory Store: Premier Lighting**

For more than 37 years, Premier Lighting has illuminated the Valley with its phenomenal inventory and knowledgeable, customer service-oriented staff. The specialty store offers solutions for a wide range of tastes and budgets, with more than 70,000 products online and two showrooms in Scottsdale and Tucson. [shoppremier.com](http://shoppremier.com).





**Best Home Theatre: The Home Theater Doctor**

Whether it's the installation of a new entertainment system or the maintenance of a faulty, well-used product, "Doctor" Roger Spohn has the unparalleled technical experience to get the job done. In addition to Blu-Ray hookups and complex audio-video set-ups, Spohn is known for full-blown home theater installation and his ability to troubleshoot systems few others have the expertise to repair. Also noteworthy are the company's credentials; The Home Theater Doctor is a member of the Better Business Bureau and a licensed low-voltage contractor. [thehometheaterdoctor.com](http://thehometheaterdoctor.com).





**Best Homebuilding Company: Meritage Homes**

This company is known for its customer service and stunning, energy-efficient homes that let you spend your money on better things than utility bills. Smart and safe, the company has enjoyed numerous national and regional accolades for its efforts to stay green, including the EPA's Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence award. [meritagehomes.com](http://meritagehomes.com).



**Best Interior Designer: Amy Gutierrez**

*2015 Winner*

Gutierrez, team leader at Sanctuaries Interior Design, attributes her successful collaborations to bold design, authenticity and meticulous attention to detail. Staying committed to these three values has allowed the established designer to cultivate long-lasting relationships with her clients, something she cherishes above all other aspects of her job. When she's off the clock, Gutierrez travels the nation and abroad, often in search of special pieces she can incorporate into her projects back home. [sanctuariesinteriordesign.com](http://sanctuariesinteriordesign.com).



**AFM FAVE: Best Interior Designer: Susie Biers**

Susie Biers, founder and curator of The Suzanne Biers Company, has a passion for creating rich, tailored spaces that exude the personal style of her clients. Sharp, innovative and exceptionally warm, the acclaimed designer has earned a stellar reputation by blending comfort and elegance to create one-of-a-kind interiors. Though she specializes in high-end residential projects, Biers' talents extend far beyond the home. She did such a phenomenal job overseeing the design of Katy Perry's dressing room for last year's Super Bowl that she was invited to work her magic on Beyoncé, Coldplay and Bruno Mars for Super Bowl 50. [sbiers.com](http://sbiers.com); [thestylesource.com](http://thestylesource.com).



Best Interior Designer: Susie Biers

**Best Landscaping: Berghoff Design Group**

This legendary landscaping company is best known for its comprehensive approach to the design process, which includes planting, hardscape, and the installation of garden features and custom amenities. President Jeff Berghoff, often regarded as one of the most influential designers in the Southwest, ensures that every project is overseen from inception to completion, always considering client needs in relation to the architecture. The result? Envyable, individualized landscapes in a wide range of beautiful styles. [berghoffdesign.com](http://berghoffdesign.com).



**Best Lighting Store: Hinkley Lighting**

Four generations of family leadership and a deeply rooted philosophy of respect have taken this influential company straight to the top. Since 1922, Hinkley has combined style and substance to create an ever-expanding collection of modern, energy-efficient products, always ahead of the curve when it comes to design and technology. Customers can experience the magic of top-quality handcrafted light fixtures in one of Hinkley's many showrooms, conveniently located across the country. [hinkelylighting.com](http://hinkelylighting.com).



**Best Locally Owned Furniture/Home Store: Parnian Contemporary Modern Furniture**

*2015 Winner*

It's not every day that a local store totes global influence, but such is the case with this Phoenix favorite. Thirty-five years after its 1977 founding by architects Abdolhay and Parvaneh Parnian, Parnian Furniture continues to maintain its reputation for quality and high-end contemporary furnishings and accessories. The company, currently managed by the founders' daughter Leila Parnian, produces handmade, custom-designed furniture in a 27,000-sq.-ft. manufacturing facility and displays its exclusive lines of furnishings in an award-winning Phoenix showroom along with other vendors and artists' furnishings from around the world. [parnian.com](http://parnian.com).



**AFM FAVE: Best Locally Owned Furniture Store: Copenhagen**

Copenhagen Imports, founded by Tony Christensen and Erik Hansen, has never been one to follow the

rules. For more than 45 years, the family-owned business has upheld an unwavering passion for design, taking risks and pursuing courageous projects to provide the Valley with an exceptional selection of contemporary home and office furniture. Each and every piece acts as a functional piece of art—sleek, sophisticated and uniquely Copenhagen. [copenhagenliving.com](http://copenhagenliving.com).



**Best Luxury Management Company and Best Luxury Rentals: Mark-Taylor and Mark-Taylor San Travesia**

This privately held corporation, founded in 1985 with principals Jeffery Mark and Scott Taylor, has developed more A-class apartment communities than any other builder in Arizona. An unwavering commitment to high-quality service and visionary design has earned the company critical acclaim over the years and to this day, Mark-Taylor continues to refine industry standards. The San Travesia property in Scottsdale is particularly special, complete with elegant architecture and resort-caliber amenities. [mark-taylor.com](http://mark-taylor.com).



**Best Pool Company: New Image Landscape and Pools**

The team of dedicated expert designers at New Image Landscape and Pools is well-known for its professionalism, aesthetic flair and results-oriented business approach, qualities attributable to more than 35 years of industry experience. The company emphasizes creativity in beautiful landscape designs and custom pools, offering top-quality customizations like mist systems, water features, Pergolas and sports courts for a wide range of budgets, always making the client their top priority.

[newimagelandscapeandpools.com](http://newimagelandscapeandpools.com).



**AFM FAVE: Best Pool Company: Mossman Brothers**

Mossman Brothers has been making backyard dreams a reality since 1992, when brothers Jeff and Mike combined their talents to form what would become Arizona's most decorated pool company. The designs, which have won countless accolades from local and national publications, prove that a pool is a reflection of individual lifestyle. This ideal, along with exceptional customer service and quality workmanship, has earned the company a following of loyal clients, many of whom return for a second or third pool.

[mossmanbrotherspools.com](http://mossmanbrotherspools.com).



**Best Retirement/Senior Living Community: CantaMia at Estrella**

Just outside the Phoenix Metro area at the base of the Estrella Mountains is CantaMia, a 55-plus housing community centered on the comforts and joys of healthy living. Prospective residents chose from award-winning home designs by AV Homes, ranging from 1,200 to 2,600 square feet, all with the perfect combination of indoor and outdoor living spaces, entertainment options and gourmet kitchens. Residents also enjoy access to a number of amenities, including a fitness center, spa treatment rooms, a demonstration kitchen and resort-style pools. [avhomesinc.com](http://avhomesinc.com).



**Best Rug Company: AZADI Fine Rugs**

Since its establishment in 1790 (the Scottsdale showroom opened 20 years ago), AZADI Fine Rugs has remained steadfast in its mission to provide clients with exceptional first-class service and innovative designs. Among the company's offerings are museum-quality antique rugs, silk and wool contemporary rugs, and tribal-inspired rugs, all available in a wide selection of textures, patterns and colors. [azadifinerugs.com](http://azadifinerugs.com).





**AFM FAVE: Best New Project: SOHO Scottsdale**

Locals can hardly contain their excitement now that SOHO Scottsdale has officially broken ground. The City of Scottsdale has applauded the mixed-use live-work residential project from Catcler Investments and renowned architect Bing Hu of H & S International for being a pioneering development that embodies all of the attributes that appeal to today's buyer. The project comprises of three- and four-story townhomes and luxury live-work lofts with prices starting at \$679,700. The SOHO Scottsdale Sales Center is now open daily, located inside the McDowell Mountain Medical Center. [sohoscottsdale.com](http://sohoscottsdale.com).



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