

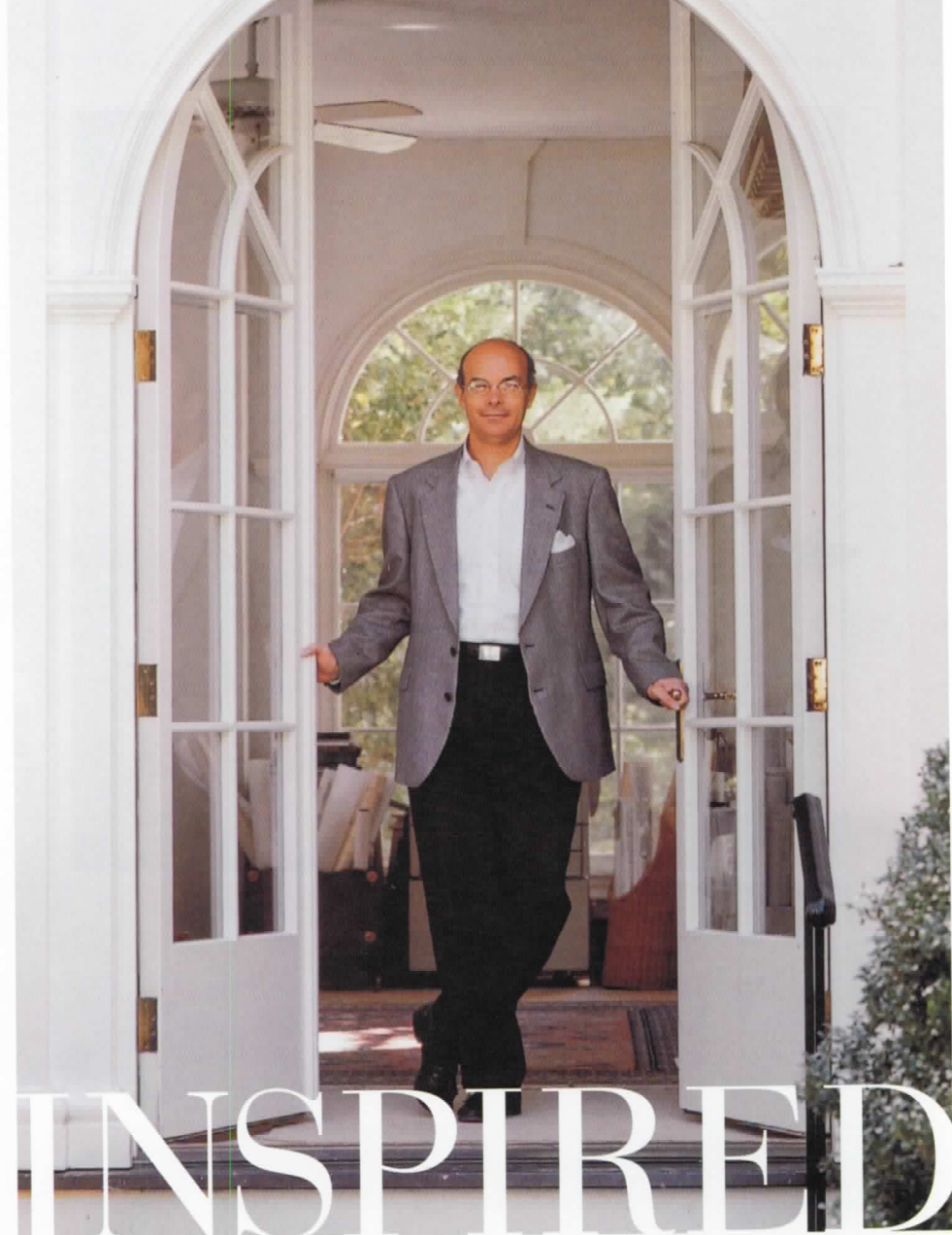
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Drawing upon the best from the past and reinterpreting it for the present, William T. Baker turns his eye toward Greenwich.



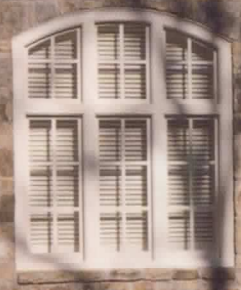
It is proper scale that gives architecture good manners," says William T. Baker, the award-winning founder and principal of an internationally recognized architectural firm that is carving a new niche in Greenwich. In a world of excess, Baker exercises extraordinary restraint. "We can deliver the big house with every modern amenity," he says, "but we do so in proper scale so that the end result is timeless, tasteful and anchored in the principles of good architecture."

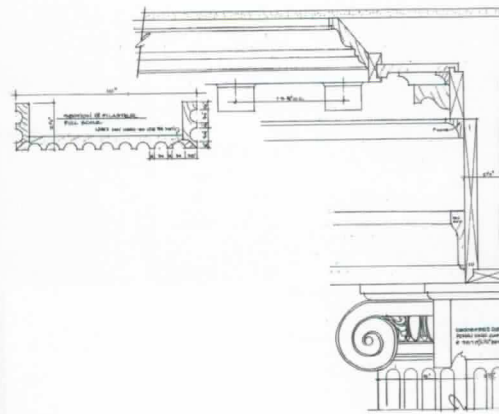
Baker's steadfast adherence to the principles of good architecture resonates in his newest book, *Architectural Excellence in a Diverse World Culture*, a highly anticipated follow-up to his extraordinarily successful first book, *New Classicists*. Published in June 2008, *Architectural Excellence* delves deeply into the responsibility of each world culture to develop its own unique voice in its architectural expression. "The ultimate goal for an architectural style is to mature to stand the test of time, to be perfected as it is repeated by multiple generations. When architecture achieves this lofty goal, then it speaks with a voice that transcends its originating culture and can be admired and appreciated by all," he reasons.

Baker made his debut on architectural world stage with the 2004 publication of his firm's monograph, *New Classicists*, a remarkably beautiful keepsake volume showcasing 28 extraordinary Baker projects throughout the United States. The book became a runaway success and is now in its third printing in the U.S. and sixth printing in Asia. In fact, Baker reports signed first editions of the book are now commanding upwards of \$350. Though all the homes profiled in *New Classicists* are strikingly diverse, they share one Baker signature: a design based on tradition that draws upon the best from the past and reinterprets it for the present.

As he opens his Greenwich office, he does so as founder and principal of one of the foremost architectural firms in the U.S. specializing in spectacular private residences. He has received numerous awards for his work, including the prestigious Arthur Ross Award for Architecture in New York City and the Urban Design Commission Award for Excellence in Atlanta.

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he says. "I'm on the search throughout the year, looking for ideas, exploring favorite house museums in this country and abroad. Travel is critical for new inspiration."

When asked what sets him apart, Baker is refreshingly matter-of-fact. "I've deliberately kept my firm small in order to provide hands-on attention to every project. When a family hires me to design their home, they get me for the duration of the project. There is no one in a back room who is eventually assigned to them. I am on every phone call, every conver-

sation regarding the house and know all the history. I also help them in the assembly of their team—the builders, craftsmen and engineers who will be with them for the duration of the project. It's critical that the personal dynamics are a great fit," says Baker.

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