

5000 Portales Place

Scottsdale, Arizona

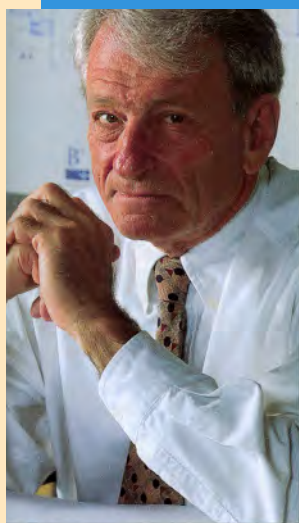


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barry berkus

Barry Berkus' 40-year-old (and counting) career has forever altered the paradigm of architects and planners working to create more livable urban and suburban environments. His Santa Barbara, Calif., firm, Berkus Design Studio and B3 Architects + Planners, was instrumental in planning such new towns as Irvine, Calif.; Hilton Head, S.C.; and Reston, Va.

Berkus' influence extends far beyond planning. *residential architect* readers cited his innovations with garage configurations, room sizes and placement, and siting techniques. And they credited him for helping to develop and publicize forward-thinking building concepts. Berkus' NEST house of 1989 was the first to showcase smart house technology. His Home of the Future, completed in 1997 for *residential architect's* sister magazine, *BUILDER*, pushed home technology, design, and materials innovation into the 21st century.

In his survey response, a prominent Florida production architect gave Berkus perhaps the highest compliment an architect can receive: "I would never have pursued a career in residential design if not for Barry Berkus."—*m.d.*



Berkus designed The Pavilions (1985) in Scottsdale, Ariz., around a water feature.

Destined to become the landmark residential project in Downtown Scottsdale, 5000 Portales Place is The Empire Group's most impressive project to-date. Working with one of the country's premier residential architects, Barry Berkus of B Architects and Planners in Santa Barbara, California, they have transformed a 10 acre parcel into 126 elegant residences. The main crescent-shaped building of 5000 Portales Place incorporates a lively series of studio towers and trellises to form a highly articulated exterior space. The towers lend an urban scale to this active street, while creating a transitional privacy screen between the neighboring office building and residential units. They also offer highly desirable detached workspaces for the residents.

