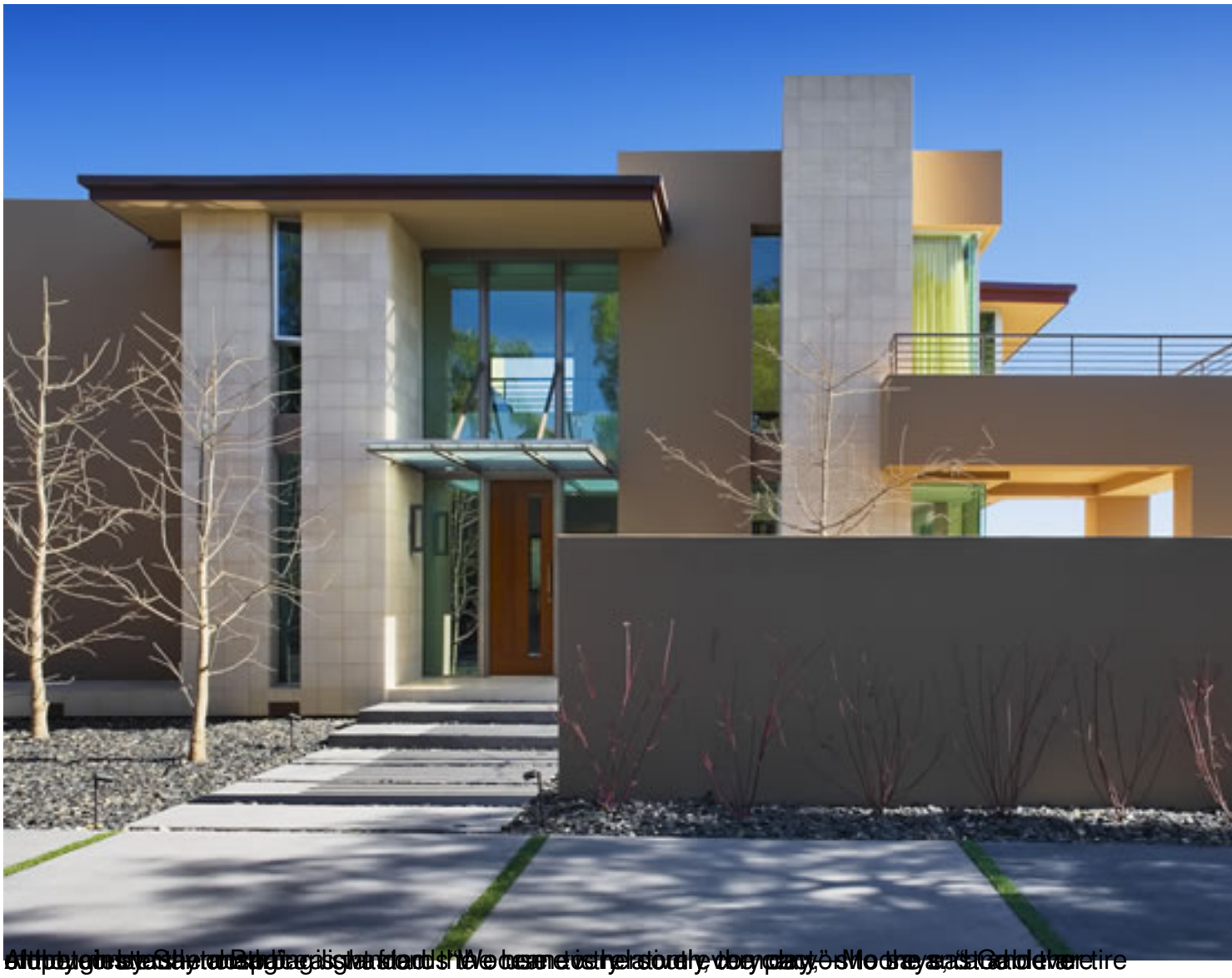
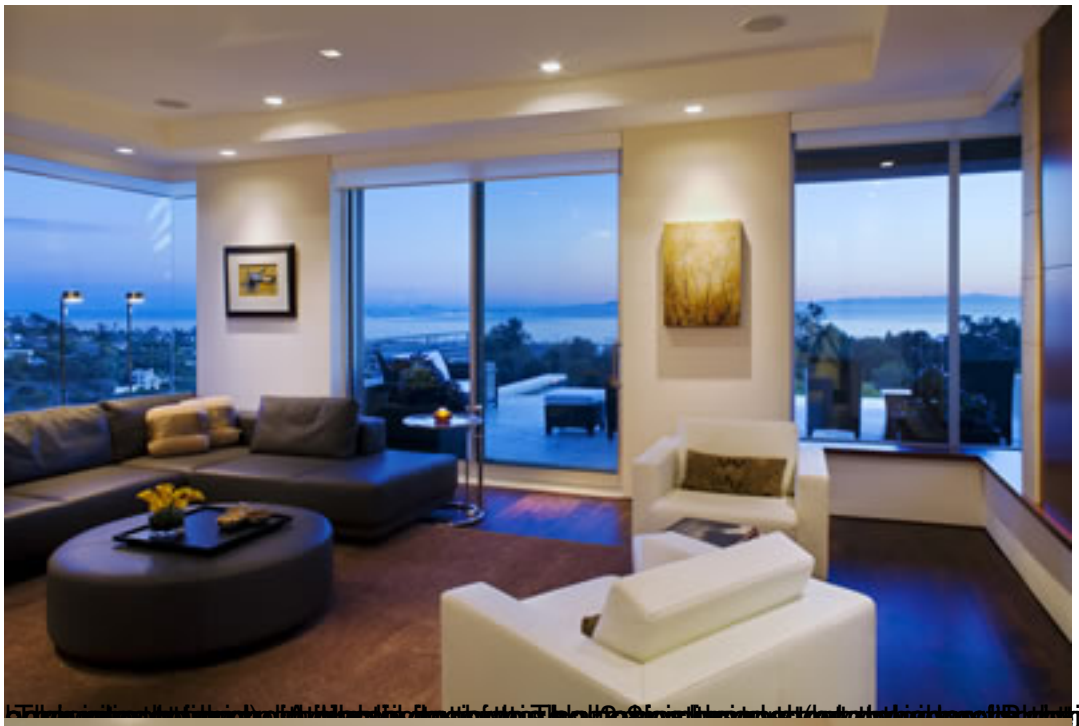
When owners Geoffrey Moore and Genie Gable commissioned Architects Shubin +

Donaldson to design this three-level Residence located in 'The Riviera' area of Santa-Barbara in California, they had searched for more than a year to find a site that met their exacting and almost contradictory requirements.

Geoffrey Moore is an international businessman and writer who, when not traveling, splits his work time between a home office in Santa Barbara and a corporate office 85 miles south in Santa Monica. He wanted a shaded, quiet office space filled with cutting-edge technology for global communication where he could write without distraction. His wife is the principal of Genie Gable Interior Design, and a graduate of the Professional Design Program at UCLA. She sought sun-filled spaces with unimpeded views of the nearby Pacific Ocean and, at night, the city lights of Santa Barbara.



Although Shubin + Donaldson's Santa Barbara Riviera Residence is a fairly ordinary, contemporary, Mediterranean-style home, it's not the usual "We have this relatively big, boxy, Mediterranean-style home, and we want you to make it look like a Frank Lloyd Wright house." Mother-and-son architects Sheila Shubin and Ruth Donaldson, who have worked together for more than 30 years, set out to create a home that would be a good place for their clients to live and raise their children, and to do so in a way that would be sensitive to the surrounding environment. The architects also wanted



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