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# Courtyard Zen

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**R**ECOGNIZED AS THE BEST CUSTOM HOME UNDER 4,000 square feet at the 2019 Gold Nugget Awards, Crossman Architecture's The Verge House in Coronado, Calif., aims to deconstruct the border—or verge—of where inside becomes outside, something the client refers to as “indoor-outdoor confusion.” With the help from builder Hill Construction Co., the team was able to wrap the second-floor master suite around

a personal courtyard that focuses on a singular bamboo tree. The tree's branches extend out of the roof's oculus and bring unfiltered sunlight directly into the home. From there, the courtyard continues to a shared outdoor deck with a spa and a complete vegetated roof garden. The judges praised the unicity of its indoor-outdoor interaction that also maintains sufficient privacy for the owners.



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