New Residential Build: Hill Construction Company

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"WHEN FACED with difficult installations or advanced building methods, we understand that research and critical thinking is key," says Ryan Hill, president of Hill Construction Company. "It's Hill Construction's professional and forward-thinking approach that distinguishes us an industry leader." It was this innovative approach to building that guided the Hill Construction Company team when constructing a 13,500-square-foot Dana Point home overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Designed by executive architect C.J. Light Associates and architectural and interior designer Hawk & Co., the nine-bedroom, 13-bathroom structure immerses you in the surrounding landscape with endless views and show-stopping details including a 15-foot-deep infinity-edge pool, dubbed the "Human Aquarium," which connects to an underground cocktail lounge through wall-size windows. "The clients wanted a coastal California home built for entertaining, with all the sensory trappings of a five-star European hotel," says Hill. At double the weight of a standard pool, the design required extensive structural coordination with the house foundation systems and complex waterproofing measures to ensure peak performance. Other design-defying details include an impressive three-story spiral staircase and a massive primary bedroom and bathroom suite that fully open to the outdoors, maximizing the best of California living.

CLOCKWISE: The "Human Aquarium" is a 15-foot-deep pool connected to the home through wall-size windows that create a glow in the underground cocktail lounge; in the kitchen, a La Cornue Grand Palais 180 range, almost six feet in length, boasts one grand vaulted gas oven and one grand vaulted electric oven; the home rests on a double lot in Dana Point; in the primary bathroom, corner pocketing walls open to showcase unobstructed views of the ocean while traditional wall panels are accented with polished nickel inlays and polished nickel shelves.