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BUILDING DREAMS

From hand-nailing frames to overseeing multimillion-dollar builds, Dream Builders approaches each project with tenacity and hands-on trade experience.



ABOVE: Continuing the living room's aesthetic, the dining room is a bright, elegant space. Photography: Antonietta Photography

Having immigrated to the U.S. from Italy in the 1960s and working to support their family, brothers John and Michael Bovenzi recognize how a determined work ethic and passion for quality craftsmanship lead to success—both personally and professionally.

It's this spirit of integrity and determination that supports Dream Builders, a custom homebuilding and remodeling company they founded in 1986.

"When my brother and I built our first house, we framed it ourselves. Today, our team has grown to include our sons

working alongside us," says Michael, co-owner. "Clients ask for unique requests—such as an open atrium in the middle of their home or marble slab church altars—and we figure out how to do it. There hasn't been a request we haven't delivered."

Multimillion-dollar new builds and renovations fill Dream Builders' portfolio and illustrate the meticulous attention to detail the brothers pay to every project. From curved staircases in grand foyers to coffered ceilings in tailored living rooms, the company is adept at ensuring each home exudes beauty and functionality.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

While Dream Builders' finished homes speak for themselves, it's the company's commitment to accessibility and years of experience that have clients coming back time and again.

"We make ourselves accessible to our clients whenever they need us—whether a Saturday night or Sunday afternoon," notes John, co-owner and president.

Design know-how affords the company a trained eye for determining the logistical and aesthetic needs of spaces. With a real estate license, Michael is proficient in helping clients sell their existing home

and purchase land for a new build. Both contribute to Dream Builders' full-service menu.

Embedded within the company's approach is an appreciation and talent for a variety of trades—including electrical, plumbing, and masonry, which John and Michael learned early in their careers and continue to put to use. "If there's work to be done, we're out in the field," says Michael. "We put on work pouches and do whatever it takes."

The brothers' attention to detail doesn't go unnoticed by clients, tradespeople, and inspectors, who routinely applaud Dream Builders for its clean, efficient work—including behind the walls. "The rapport we have with our trades makes it easy to accomplish high-quality work," says John.

WATERFRONT WONDER

John and Michael's hands-on approach caught the attention of a Cleveland couple, whose acquaintances recommended Dream Builders for their home remodel. For more than 12 years, the company worked with the couple to revive their dated dwelling, including a master suite makeover and addition to expand the livable space. Once the projects were complete, the couple commissioned the brothers to build a lakeside home.

"The design enhances what's happening outside," says Michael of the finished home, a grand waterfront property resting on nearly two acres of land just outside of downtown Cleveland.

Partnering with a revered architect, Dream Builders designed outdoor and indoor spaces that capitalize on the skyline and water views. An enclosed outdoor living space features a full kitchen and 25-foot Nana Wall doors that frame Lake Erie. Inside, hand-crafted plaster moldings exude luxury and enhance the multiple ornate curved archways. The piece de resistance is the floating staircase, which John and Michael stabilized with steel cables cemented into the home's footers.

The home illustrates Dream Builders' gift for sensing and realizing the wants and needs of clients.

"We're a family-oriented company," adds Michael. "Our clients' happiness over what we're able to provide is priceless for us."



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The outdoor living space is enclosed by 25-foot Nana Wall doors, which frame the lake and city views. A floating staircase, supported by steel cables cemented into the home's footers, gives the illusion of a waterfall. Dream Builders incorporated the finest materials into the interior and exterior of the lakeside home. Every part of the home exhibits a meticulous attention to detail, such as this intricately carved fireplace.