

Ward + Blake Architects Receives Award for Rammed Earth Home
Custom Home magazine to feature local residence in May/June 2009 issue



Left, TK pad residence exterior; right, TK pad living area showcasing distinctive EarthWall construction, photo courtesy Ward + Blake Architects.

Jackson, Wyoming—March 31, 2009—Ward + Blake Architects has received a Merit Award from *Custom Home* magazine for its design of the TK Pad rammed earth residence, perched on a butte south of Jackson overlooking the Snake River. The magazine's 15th annual Custom Home Design Awards program drew 513 entries with only 24 national projects chosen for accolades and publication in the May/June 2009 issue.

Custom Home editor S. Claire Conroy writes, "I believe winning projects represent the highest standards in custom home design and craftsmanship." A national publication with a circulation of 40,000, *Custom Home* is a premier source of information for builders, designers and architects about the custom home market.

TK Pad, the unique—and uniquely Jackson Hole—structure that won for Jackson-based architecture firm Ward + Blake, incorporates both a color palette and actual materials taken from its unusual butte-side site. "The Pad" is the first structure built using Ward + Blake principal Tom Ward's patented EarthWall seismically stable rammed earth construction method, an innovative process that's simple, strong and environmentally sustainable.

Ward + Blake's use of a 'New West' architectural vocabulary epitomizes the growing Western Modernism movement. The firm's residential and commercial designs capture the authentic, independent spirit of the West while taking regional design in a fresh and modern direction. The firm is known for its award-winning eco-friendly innovations and received the Wyoming AIA Award of Excellence. For additional information, visit www.wardblakearchitects.com or call 307-733-6867.

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