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Frank Bandiera Architect Inc.

Celebrating 10 years of excellence in design



While his portfolio includes some large commercial projects, architect Frank Bandiera's first love is residential design, particularly the design of custom homes for clients who often become friends over the design and building process.

"We are committed to the investment you have made in your home and the fact that you've entrusted us with the responsibility of creating a very important piece of your life—your home," says Bandiera, principal of Frank Bandiera Architect Inc., which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary. Personal and attentive service are just as important now as they were 10 years ago. The firm may have grown, but Bandiera has not outgrown his philosophy to ensure that every project is personally overseen.

Working with a small administrative and technical staff and hiring consultants as required, Bandiera's work ranges from designing small additions and renovations to projects valued in the millions. Other work includes designing modifications to homes to accommodate barrier-free features for people injured in workplace accidents.

His association with many notable builders throughout the Greater Toronto Area has led to numerous awards from organizations such as the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, the Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association, a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and the Sales and Marketing Awards from both the Ontario and Canadian Home Builders' Associations.

To achieve these results, Frank pays careful attention to every detail of the process. He is, he admits, "a perfectionist" in applying the technical aspects of his training. He demands a high level of professionalism in himself and the other members of his team. Every project is approached with the same degree of care and attention. Nothing leaves the office until he is completely satisfied. "Great things take time, mistakes take no time at all."

After graduating from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree in 1987, Bandiera worked for an architectural firm where he quickly scaled the ranks to become project architect for a number of single and multi-family residential projects.

In 1993, Bandiera decided to create his own firm. It wasn't the easiest time to start a business as Toronto and most of the nation was still wrestling with the economic downturn of the early 1990s. "It took me a few years to become established."

His firm now handles approximately 50 projects per year including designing some high profile corporate interiors. The firm believes in the continuing value of the general architectural practice and to that end has pursued work in the commercial, institutional and residential sectors. Some of that work has included the head offices of Richmond Hill-based Irpinia Kitchens and Canamould Extrusions of Vaughan. Other commercial clients have included the Jack Astor's and Alice Fazooli's restaurant chains.

Bandiera conducts in-depth interviews before even starting a design. The interviews are crucial because the client's dreams, hopes and lifestyles have to be reflected in the home's design and construction. "Our most successful projects are the ones that embrace our client's input. We take the time to carefully research the client's lifestyle to draw on the uniqueness of each individual in order to design the best possible solution. We draw upon architectural precedents, our own extensive experience, but most of all from the clients themselves."

Designing custom homes can be very complicated and requires a lot of time and patience. Bandiera gets a lot of personal satisfaction from people who can't believe that his firm has translated their wishes into an integral part of their lives. But it's the firm's devotion to the single-family custom home that has contributed to its recognition in the highly competitive design community.

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