



COUTURE COMFORTS
Architects Silvia Kuhle and Jeffrey Allsbrook in fashion designer Jenni Kayne's just-completed Beverly Hills house.

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L.A.'s rising starchitects design a brand new set of house rules

From a Bev Hills spread gone mod to a mountain-moving desert home that (literally) rocks, L.A. architects build a better blueprint for out-of-this-world cool

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Architecture firm **Standard**'s portfolio reads like a who's-who of L.A.'s fashion world. Husband-and-wife partners **Jeffrey Allsbrook** and **Silvia Kuhle** have not only designed stores such as Jenni Kayne and Maxfield Bleu in WeHo as well as James Perse's shop on Cañon, they're also becoming the go-to team for the designers' houses as well—both Perse and Kayne are clients. Kuhle, who previously worked with Thom Mayne at Morphosis, joined

forces with Allsbrook in 2007, and ever since, they've been generating big buzz for their stripped-down, minimalist spaces that nevertheless radiate warmth and personality. "We always attack a project from the inside out and never from the outside in," says Allsbrook, pictured here in Kayne's house, where steel and glass are softened with salvaged woods. "The spaces, the arrangement, how spaces relate to each other and to the outside—that dominates how we initiate a project. It creates a certain inevitability."