



WELCOME TO DALLAS

WITH OUR POPULATION INFLUX COMES A WHOLE NEW TWIST ON STYLE.

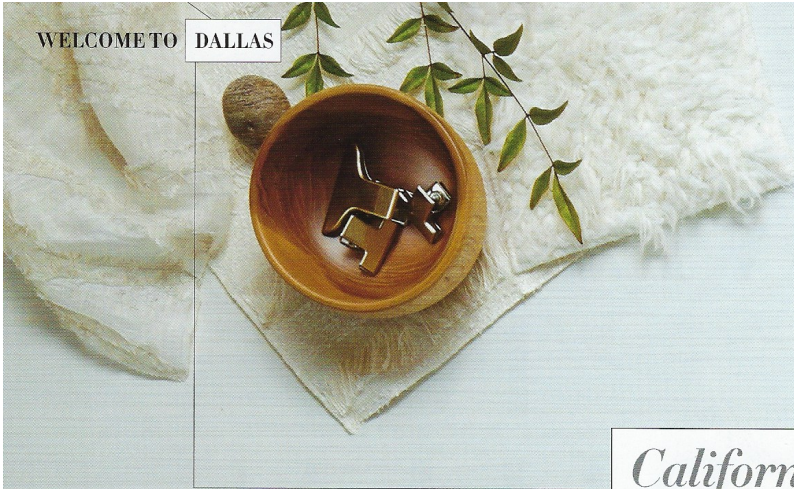
Plus: The Best Builders in Dallas 2019

Abroad

WE'VE ALL HEARD THAT PEOPLE ARE MOVING TO THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA IN DROVES. With a healthy business market and frequent corporate relocations to the area, it's no wonder more and more families are calling it home. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 146,000 people moved to DFW in 2017 alone, helping us secure our spot as the fourth-largest metropolitan area in the country. With such an influx, we asked our 2019 Best Builders to give us the lowdown and what our new neighbors are bringing to the world of homebuilding.

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RON DAVIS CUSTOM HOMES

WITH SO MANY CORPORATE RELOCATIONS to the DFW area such as Toyota, it's no surprise that the majority of Texas transplants hail from California. In fact, census data shows that 114,413 Californians moved to Texas between 2012 and 2016, making it the top destination for those leaving the state.

These new neighbors are bringing one priority with them from their sunny (and albeit more temperate) home: maximized outdoor living. “Our coastal clientele often requests expansive backyards with sustainable landscape, along with outdoor living environments complete with temperature-controlled patios and motorized, retractable screens,” says Joe Jackson of The Newport Group.

He's also seeing an influx of requests for digitally controlled home automation systems, built-in patio heaters, and misting systems. And these sophisticated systems aren't just meant to be enjoyed by the homeowners. “Outdoor entertaining spaces are always atop the list,” says Chad Brozovich of CJB Homes. “With the stable climate in California, having outdoor spaces to entertain are always desired.”

David Leite of David Leite Custom Homes has also noticed Californian clients requesting solar panel systems, helping to make DFW's homebuilding landscape a little more eco-friendly. Stephanie Dauwe of Rosewood Custom Builders has Californian clients who want wall-to-wall sliding glass doors and outdoor kitchens complete with a fireplace. Similarly, Les Owens of LRO Residential is finding more clients from California and Florida who love a good outdoor loggia.

But our sun-loving new residents aren't just impacting the outside of the home. “The influence of our West Coast buyers has completely changed the styles of homes we find ourselves building,” says Chad Brubaker of Ron Davis Custom Homes. “They want open and informal living. It has helped influence our most important category of architecture, which is stunning, modern designs with clean lines, innovative lighting, and much larger windows for outdoor views.”

COASTAL COOL: Our new neighbors from the sunny West Coast are inspiring us to take a more neutral approach to the home—think tans, creams, and barely-there pinks. In this look, texture rules over color, with beachy accents of wood and rope. Anything's fair game that evokes sea and sky!



THE BEST BUILDERS IN DALLAS

2019

*These 118 winners were voted on by their peers
and vetted by a professional review panel.*

Alexander Hunt Distinct Homes

Alford Homes

ArTex Development

Avida Custom Homes

Bailey Family Builders

Barclay Custom Homes

Barringer Custom Homes

Barrow Builders Group

Bauhaus Custom Homes

Bella Custom Homes

Bob Bobbitt Custom Homes

Bob Thompson Homes

Booth Brothers Homes

Britton Homes

BufordHawthorne

Homebuilders

Calais Custom Homes

Caprock Custom Construction

Charles A. Barnett III, Inc.

CJB Homes

Classic Urban Homes

Cleve Adamson Custom Homes

Coats Homes

Craft Barnett Homes

Creekview Custom Homes

Crescent Estates Custom Homes

Cresswell Custom Builders

Crow Bar Constructors

Custom Homes of Texas

Danes Custom Homes

Dave R. Williams Homes

David Leite Custom Homes

Desco Fine Homes

Douglas Signature Homes

Ellen Grasso & Sons

Ellerman Homes

Endurance Homes

Ferrier Custom Homes

Garvey Homes

George C. Fuller Custom Homes

George Davis & Associates

George Lewis Custom Homes

Goff Custom Homes

Greenwell Homes

Greico Modern Homes *

Halifax Custom Homes

Hawkins-Welwood Homes

Hayes Signature Homes

Highland Classic Homes

Hoffmann Homes

Hudson Construction Group

Isler Homes

J.D. Smith Custom Homes

Jim Johnson Group

Jim Scott and Sons

JLD Custom Homes

Joe Kain Homes

Joseph Paul Homes

Key Residential

Kienast Homes

Larry Hartman Construction

LeComte Homes

LRO Residential

Malone Custom Builders

Maplehill Residential

Mark Clifton Homes

Matt and Paul Architectural

Design and Construction

McCowen-Sainton

Michael S. Wilson

Custom Homes

Milan Design + Build

Mishler Builders

Montgomery Custom Homes

More Design + Build

Mullinix Custom Homes

New Leaf Custom Homes

Nixon Custom Homes

Ogden Custom Homes

Phillip Jennings

Custom Homes

Platinum Homes

by Mark Molthan

Provenance Builders

RA Millennium Properties

Randy Clowdus Construction

Rene Gracia Design Build

Richard Miller Custom Homes

Rick Shipley Custom Homes

Robert Elliott Custom Homes

Ron Davis Custom Homes

Ron McHam Homes

Rosewood Custom Builders

Sebastian Construction Group

Shaddock Caldwell

Builders & Developers

Shaddock Homes

Sharif & Munir

Custom Homes

Simmons Estate Homes

Sleepy Hollow Homes

Snelling Homes

Southgate Homes

Sovereign Luxury

Custom Homes

Stark Homes

Sterling Brook

Custom Homes

Steve Roberts Luxury Homes

Stewart Custom Homes

Susan Newell Custom Homes

Tanner Homes

Tatum Brown Custom Homes

The Ed Jarrett Company

The Hill Group

The Newport Group

The Vaughan Group

The Victor Myers Companies

Thomas Development +

Construction

Thomas Signature Homes

Tim Jackson Custom Homes

Tim Seymore Custom Homes

Todd James Homes

Tommy Ford Construction

Waterside Properties

Westchester Custom Homes

Williamsburg Custom Homes

This list is a result of a peer-based survey, sent to more than 1,200 area builders. A panel of industry professionals vetted the list. The resulting list reflects the companies and individuals who received the most votes from their peers. It does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editor of the publishers of *DHome*.

*We award this recognition posthumously in memory of **THOMAS "TOM" JOSEPH GREICO**. Much respected in the home building community, Greico first opened his business in 1983 after graduating from the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Architecture. His company has appeared on our Best Builder list every year since 2011, and we are grateful for his lifelong commitment to the Dallas area.