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## A SHINING HOME ON A HILL

ANN ARBOR CONTEMPORARY COMBINES MODERN AESTHETICS AND SUSTAINABLE DESIGN TO CREATE A TRULY STUNNING CUSTOM HOME.

Set high on a ridge with a breathtaking view, the distinctive contemporary home is a Renaissance Building—Warren Samberg Architect collaboration. It takes full advantage of cutting-edge construction techniques, environmentally sensitive design, and custom features that set it apart from other homes in the area.

Established in 1988, Renaissance has clients throughout Southeastern Michigan. It's a family-owned business led by President Mark Pisco and Vice President Anthony Pisco, who describes the father/son team as a dynamic mix of old and new school experience and expertise.

"We treat every project like a work of art," says Mark. Located at the top of a hill on a narrow street, the "canvas" for this home presented a number of construction challenges that were skillfully met for a masterful project notable for its innovative features. The interior includes exposed structural steel beams; custom cabinetry crafted on site; high performance insulation; customized LED lighting; and bamboo flooring. The exterior features locally hand-cut stone, Cumaru wood siding, a standing seam metal roof, and a concealed water management system.

The 2,800-square-foot home, thoughtfully designed by Ann Arbor-based residential and commercial architect Warren Samberg, AIA, LEED AP, includes expansive use of glass on the southern exposure, maximizing views and encouraging passive solar heating. An inviting green roof over the garage serves as a garden and patio. "Each of my projects is tailored to its site and has an element of sustainability," says Samberg. "I consider the environment, neighborhood, and local materials. This is an important part of my process and informs my design for a unique home rather than 'just another house.'"

"Renaissance is a full-service design-build firm," says Anthony. "Partnering with architects like Warren, we bring our clients' ideas to light, overseeing all aspects of custom residential and commercial projects while employing value engineering to control costs without compromising design."

