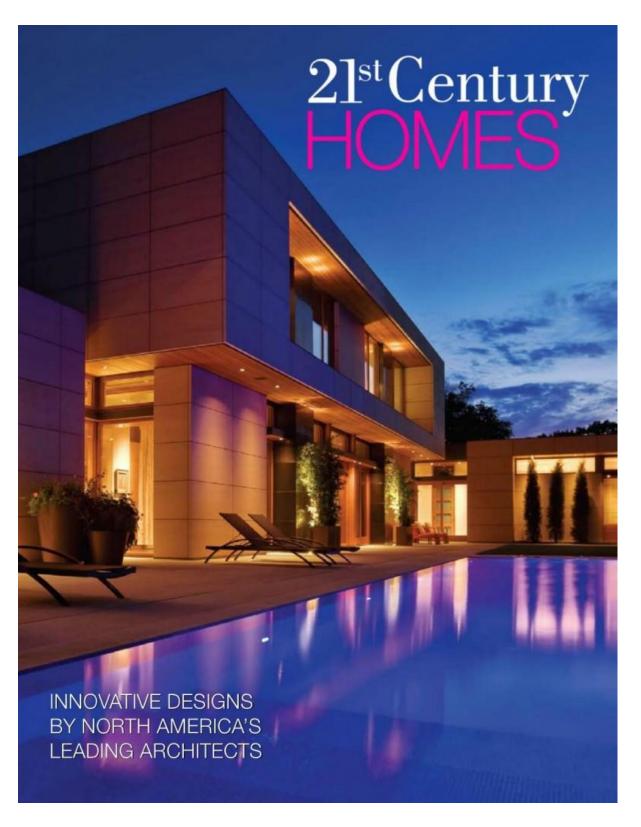# Ward + Blake Architects Projects in 21st Century Homes

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Coffee-table book places firm among North America's finest designers

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INNOVATIVE DESIGNS BY NORTH AMERICA'S LEADING ARCHITECTS

Jackson, Wyoming – March 1, 2012 – Ward + Blake Architects is once again honored for its distinctive designs with inclusion in 21st Century Homes: Innovative Designs by North America's Leading Architects. The coffee-table book features the Jackson Hole architecture

firm's "urban" Shervin mixed-use development in downtown Jackson, and TK Pad, a sustainable residence built with seismically stable, rammed-earth technology.

The three-story, mixed-use Shervin development includes first-floor retail space, ample storage, 20 affordable-housing units on the upper floors, and elegant landscaping in downtown Jackson. Precise county building codes and a tight budget inspired the design, which also includes rooftop gardens and covered residential parking. The 18,862-square-foot project won Ward + Blake an Affordable Housing Merit Award from Residential Architect magazine.

Graceful in its simplicity, the TK Pad residence settles organically into a reddish-brown butte 10 miles south of Jackson. Its unadorned and earthy materials showcase Ward + Blake's renowned and patented EarthWall technology, a post-tensioned method of rammed-earth design used for the structure's walls here for the first time. The result is a sustainably-built residence uniquely in harmony with its environment, a creative blend that won the architects an Award of Excellence in the "Built" category from the Wyoming chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Ward + Blake Architects was built on a distinctive vision: to be provocative in thought, flexible in nature and disciplined in execution. Since 1996, the firm has earned recognition for architecture that is sensitive to its environment and successfully integrated with its surroundings. Ward + Blake creates buildings that are tactile, modern, bio-climatically responsible, honestly expressed, technologically sound and artfully crafted.