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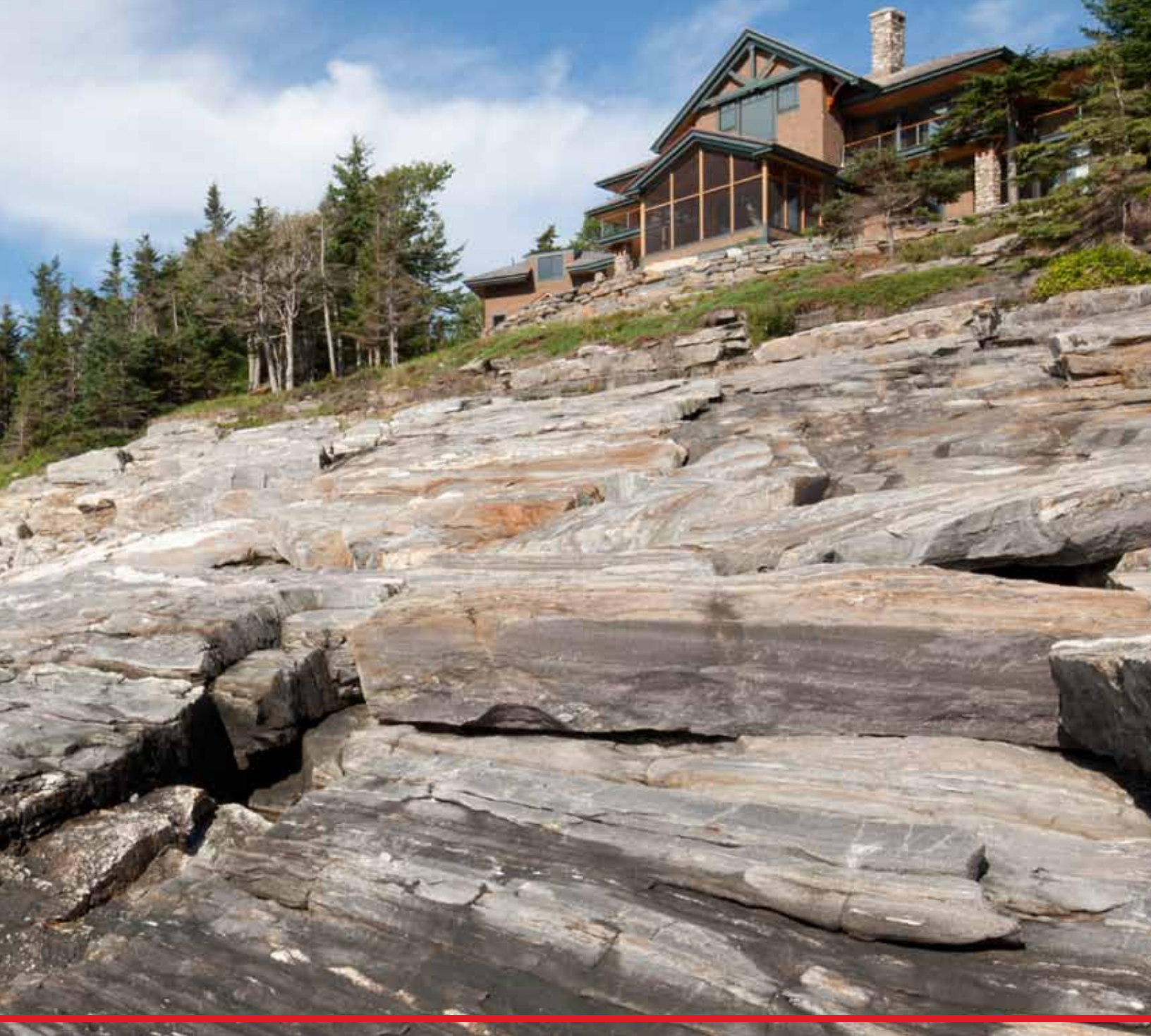


GROUNDBREAKERS

THEIR PROJECTS are carefully sited on rocky bluffs, wooded inlands, and urban lots. They are energy efficient in harsh winters of wind and snow that give way to summers of sun and salt. They are crafted with materials meant to simultaneously endure nature and complement it. They are thoughtfully laid out for families young and old, and for businesses new and established. Their footprints are modest, generous, and everything in between, in styles ranging from cabin to cottage, contemporary to historic. The following is a compilation of some of the most thoughtful, innovative, and—simply put—stunning work architects are doing in Maine today.

18 ARCHITECTS CHANGING THE FACE OF DESIGN IN MAINE

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SIMPLE, SUN-FILLED STUDIO

KEVIN BROWNE ARCHITECTURE
Studio | Falmouth

Although the commute to Kevin Browne Architecture's office in Yarmouth was only 25 minutes, the architect sought a closer, more comfortable space on his own property. The result is a simple, sun-filled, energy-efficient space that showcases Browne's style of mixing old and new in form and materials. Browne teamed up with Dan Meyer of Meyer Development Solutions to construct this 16- by 24-foot structure in a cost-effective way. The floor plan was kept wide open with a cathedral ceiling. A full daylight garage below the office provides overflow storage for the adjacent home. A portion of the open plan carved out for a small bath defines the spaces. Douglas fir beams help lower the height of the tall ceiling. The warmth of natural, rough-cut wood gives the

space a cozy feeling, and the beams frame out a space above the work area that supports an 8- by 11-foot net that can be used for overflow sleeping (or as a fun place for the kids to hang out when Dad has to work late).

The simple, understated trim on the interior keeps the focus on the natural features of the rural property through oversized low-e windows. Photovoltaic solar panels on the south-facing roof help to offset the electrical load of the house, as well as totally offsetting the heating and cooling loads of the office. A blower-door test was done and an infrared camera was used to make sure all the air leakage areas were sealed up.

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