

# TACONIC BUILDERS SETS THE STANDARD FOR CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION

CREATING LUXURY LIVING SPACES FOR THE COUNTRY'S MOST DISCERNING CLIENTELE.

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From a humble start renovating homesteader brownstones in Brooklyn nearly thirty years ago, Taconic Builders has grown into the preeminent custom builder of the country's finest residential and commercial properties. Whether it is a luxurious penthouse in Manhattan, a summer home in the Hamptons, a sumptuous oceanfront villa in Palm Beach or a sprawling coastal estate in California, Taconic's unwavering commitment to client satisfaction and superior quality workmanship puts it solidly above any competition in the luxury construction and renovation market.

With five office locations from New York to California and a sixth set to open shortly in South Florida, Taconic has a versatile portfolio of successful projects as refined and unique as its clientele. Strictly adhering to a corporate philosophy of delivering only the highest quality while simultaneously making the construction process a pleasant experience for the client, Taconic consistently converts architectural designs into tangible works-of-art that clients are proud to call home.

Taconic co-founder, Gerry Holbrook, explains that

Taconic owes its success to an unwavering focus on quality. "What sets us apart from other builders is our steadfast commitment to providing only superior quality craftsmanship. We never skimp or cut corners, and our finished products are enduring proof of that." Holbrook continues, "A Taconic client understands that quality comes at a price and that genuine quality cannot be conjured up with the snap of your fingers."

Taconic's portfolio is replete with dramatic examples of their incomparable work on contemporary penthouses, country estates and urban townhomes across the country. No matter the tastes and preferences of their clients – from crisp, clean modern lines to traditional, understated elegance to ornate, statement elements – Taconic partners exclusively with a team of highly-skilled artisans culled from around the world to create living spaces unlike any other. No detail is too small to escape the builder's watchful eye, from classically sculpted plaster moldings to intricately carved woodwork to incorporation of the latest energy-saving green features, the end result is always a living space that is a true reflection of the client's own refined and uncompromising taste and style.

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ABOVE: Taconic was selected as the builder for these Suburban Luxury Projects: (From the left) 14,000 sq. ft. Stone House Estate situated on Long Island Sound and Country Estate in Weston, CT

Demonstrating Taconic's breadth in construction expertise is a very special project that truly stands out among their vast portfolio of exclusive projects. Located in suburban Wilton, Connecticut, the unique Round House designed by renowned architect Richard T. Foster in 1967, is currently undergoing major renovations including the addition of a new swimming pool and adjacent pool house.

Taconic was selected as the builder for this comprehensive renovation because of their proven commitment to exacting detail and complete client satisfaction. Their challenge is to seamlessly integrate new design elements into the existing infrastructure, while respecting the unique characteristics that make this one-of-a-kind home that is both memorable and architecturally significant. The fully renovated property will emerge as a contemporary example of the intricate care and attention to detail upon which Taconic has built its unassailable reputation.

Creating exceptional results doesn't come without its challenges, of course. Holbrook notes that there is an unrelenting tension between time, cost, and quality. "The old saying goes 'pick any two and the third will fall by the wayside,'" he notes, "and this is as true in the luxury construction market as anywhere else." To avoid client disappointment and maintain the utmost in quality standards, Taconic carefully considers available budgets and client expectations before accepting any project. Holbrook is clear when it comes to living up to Taconic's high standards. "If it will be impossible to deliver the quality we demand due to unrealistic budgets or crammed schedules, Taconic will take a pass." He cautions that there will always be someone out there who promises the impossible. "*Caveat emptor*," he warns.

The commitment Taconic demonstrates to quality construction is equally as evident in their dedication to the industry. Taconic has sponsored scholarships in conjunction with

the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art (Beaux-Arts Atelier) and The Decorators Club (visiting lecture series). Taconic has also sponsored Lectures and exhibitions at the Museum of the City of New York.

In addition to providing scholarship opportunities, Taconic principals also teach at the prestigious New York School of Interior Design. Mr. Holbrook believes that the best way to inspire future architects, designers and builders is to lead by example and share his firm's nearly three decades of knowledge with a wide audience.

Taconic Builders is truly one of the few builders in the nation that is as comfortable building in a suburban environment as they are renovating a city penthouse. Taconic's unrelenting commitment to quality combined with their commitment to future developments in the design and building industry, makes Taconic Builders a truly unique entity in the world of luxury construction. ➔