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Modern Dream Homes: Award-Winning Pool House by James Dixon Architect PC



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Some would call it a Pool Pavilion, and not a Pool House, but let's not split hairs. What is unquestionable is that it represents the very best in design. In recognition of this, the architect, [James Dixon](#), was just awarded a Design Excellence award by the American Institute of Architects. To put things in perspective, the AIA will only grant 3 such awards in 2010 for the Eastern New York chapter. Let's take a look and see what it takes to win such an award.

The awards jury went on the record, saying: "It is an elegant marriage of the timber frame with well-proportioned and organized modern elements." The Jury also noted that the building, "exhibits a lovely clarity of form and detail, based on the traditional rural farm vernacular."

That's the difficult part of design on such buildings, ensuring that the structure is in keeping with the rest of the surroundings. Designed to be functional as well as esthetic, we particularly love the use of versatile materials and furnishings throughout that can accommodate both soaking children by day, and host a formal dinner by night.

Though not as striking as the living area, with the large windows and contemporary modern seating, we particularly love the bar area. It speaks to you in a half wild-west saloon, half Soho vibe, which is bold in its execution. The exposed timber frame bar gives the area texture and warm, while the lighting and use of grey tones provides a cold and clean contrast that work to balance each other perfectly. That's what award-winning design is all about, making seemingly opposing styles blend easily on the eye and making the ordinary into something extraordinary.



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