

DESIGN, DISRUPTED

A look inside
Drew D'Angelo's
bold approach
to developing
homes





At the intersection of intuition and innovation, one builder is reshaping the future of luxury living.

At 2100 Windward Lane, Newport Beach developer and design visionary Drew D'Angelo isn't just building a home—he's challenging what residential development can be. With a design philosophy rooted in instinct and a deep reverence for architecture's global history, D'Angelo is emerging as a true disruptor in the field—bringing emotion, precision, and artistry to every square inch.

Windward isn't just a property—it's a sensory journey. Inspired by Scandinavian modernism and shaped through D'Angelo's signature sixth sense, the home is a seamless interplay of form, function, and feeling. "Double gables, a live roof, a lot of glass," he says. "Stone mixed with siding, real wood in conversation with the landscape. Everything you touch should be an experience."

Co-designed with Architect Eric Aust and Designer Valerie Saunders of Sérendipité Designs and built by Bryan Burkhardt of Burkhardt Bros Construction, Windward reflects D'Angelo's belief that good design is felt before it's seen. Before the plans are drawn or permits filed, the concept lives fully formed in his mind. "If my homes aren't giving you butterflies when you walk in," he says, "then I'm not doing my job."

He freehand sketches each space, ruler-free, letting raw emotion dictate form. That rare blend of aesthetic instinct and boots-on-the-ground expertise has made D'Angelo a rising force in Newport Beach's ultra-competitive development scene. As the founder of Skysail, he has quietly become one of the region's most talked-about creators—earning investor trust, client loyalty, and peer respect with every project he completes.

“Skysail exists because others believed in the vision,” D'Angelo reflects. “I’m the byproduct of their generosity.” Raised by two fathers—one a disciplined Boeing employee, the other a bold entrepreneur—D'Angelo's career has been shaped by dual influences: technical rigor and fearless risk-taking. From hauling mail to managing multimillion-dollar builds, his ascent has been defined by grit, gratitude, and the confidence to create differently through the lens of humility.

That difference shows in everything he touches. While many developers prioritize profit margins, D'Angelo is on-site daily, obsessing over every pour of concrete and every design decision. “I have to know what kind of dirt we’re using, how much was compacted, what concrete PSI we poured,” he says. Yet, he’s equally invested in creative synergy. “Design drives floorplan. Rhythm comes from everyone being in sync—architect, builder, client. That’s where the magic happens.” To him, this ensures profit margins are met. Profits to him are a result of the creative process.





With Windward, D'Angelo has crafted not just a home, but a benchmark. The residence signals a shift in Newport Beach—away from overbuilt sameness and toward elevated, intentional living. And while this may be his most ambitious project yet, D'Angelo treats it like a stepping stone. “Could we have done better?” he asks. “Always look to be better in every venture.”

He's already looking ahead—toward new materials, deeper collaborations, and even more nuanced storytelling through space. For D'Angelo, every project is both a culmination and a beginning. “Gratitude first, always,” he says. “That's what makes a home truly beautiful—and what keeps me developing homes.”

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