

THE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Clients, Partners, and Friends,

As we welcome the start of summer, the energy in Los Angeles is vibrant—and so is the momentum in the design and construction world. In this month's issue, we bring you the latest on the LA building market, emerging interior and architectural trends, and valuable insights for anyone planning or currently building a home.

At YAF Development, our goal is to keep you informed and inspired—because building the perfect space begins with the right information.



Los Angeles Construction Market Update

JUNE 2025

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION:

While market inventory remains tight, LA has seen a cautious rebound in construction interest. Developers are revisiting paused projects and adjusting timelines to accommodate lingering labor and material cost challenges. According to the LA Department of Building and Safety, permit activity is stabilizing, particularly for high-end custom homes.



KEY FACTORS THIS MONTH:

INTEREST RATES

remain elevated, impacting financing for new homebuyers and developers alike.

DEMAND FOR HIGH-QUALITY, SMALLER-FOOTPRINT HOMES

continues to rise, especially in neighborhoods like La Cañada, Mount Washington, and Silver Lake.

LUXURY REMODELS

are outpacing ground-up builds, with homeowners investing in kitchens, outdoor living, and wellness amenities.

Interior + Architectural Design

Trends



2. STONE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Natural stone—especially travertine and limestone—is being used extensively for floors, countertops, and even furniture. Texture and tone are winning over high-gloss looks.



4. THE BOLD RETURN OF COLOR

While neutrals still dominate, we're seeing bolder, earth-inspired colors: terracotta, sage, and rich burgundy. These pair beautifully with wood tones and create a cozy, grounded aesthetic.

1. SOFT MODERNISM

Clean lines with soft curves. June sees a fusion of Scandinavian minimalism and Mediterranean warmth. Think arched entryways, plaster finishes, and light oak cabinetry.



3. ELEVATED OUTDOOR LIVING

Now more than ever, Angelenos are maximizing their backyards with full outdoor kitchens, fire pits, and built-in lounges. We're also seeing a spike in ADU construction for guest quarters or rental income.



Tips for June Homebuilders

DESIGN FOR CLIMATE:

Maximize airflow, shade, and insulation. Consider reflective roofing and window glazing to combat LA's summer heat.

PLAN FOR DELAYS:

Summer brings contractor demand to its peak. Build buffer time into your schedule—and lean on experienced GCs who can keep the process moving.

SECURE PERMITS EARLY:

With city offices experiencing delays, applying for permits as early as possible is critical.

THINK RESALE, EVEN IF YOU'RE STAYING:

Prioritize timeless finishes and flexible layouts. Homes designed for both function and beauty retain value longer.

On the Ground at YAF Development

This month, we:

- Broke ground in La Cañada on a stunning modern farmhouse nestled in the hills.
- Are planning new projects in West LA and Studio City, tailored for families and entertainers alike.
- Are exploring new investment opportunities for clients looking to develop or renovate in high-demand neighborhoods.

A photograph of three construction workers wearing hard hats and safety glasses, standing on a wooden structure under construction. The background shows the wooden framing of a building. The text is overlaid on the image.

**KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING TO BUILD OR INVEST
IN THEIR DREAM HOME?**

We'd love an introduction.