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Due to its symmetry and circulation, the home lives large despite its square footage. To make up for the long views the property lacks, the landscape was brought clear up to the windows.

A finely detailed new home in Brookline is big on character and elegance—not compromise.

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Within the bucolic neighborhood of Brookline's Pill Hill, a historic district so named for the doctors in residence who wanted an idyllic locale and proximity to Boston's top hospitals, lies a surprise of a house designed by Meyer & Meyer Architecture and Interiors. The finely-detailed home, which sits atop a leafy slope, is a revelation for a few reasons. Firstly, at only 4,000 square feet, it represents a departure from the 15,000-square-foot estates, and castles, even, for which the elite architectural and interior design firm is known. Secondly, it was created for a young developer and his family, who saw value in embedding a new home within the enclave's architectural fabric that looks every bit the part of its well-established neighbors.

Homeowners have choices when designing a new home. "New" doesn't have to mean different," underscores Co-founder and Principal Interior Designer Laura Meyer. "It can mean anything that is important to the client." In this case, that means a medium-sized residence with plenty of character and specialty details that reinforce the integrity of the neighborhood. The beauty of this home is that it fits

in, asserts Principal Architect and Co-Founder John Meyer. "It's not taking as much as it's giving back."

At Meyer & Meyer, "the creativity of the architecture isn't found in the style of home, it's what's underneath," John continues. For that, the firm draws on its wealth of design skills, culled from decades of conceiving palatial estates, to create a refined "home within reach." Says John, "We can play with the dimensions and the proportions and stretch it across the lot in a way that makes it look just as elegant as any of the 12,000-square-foot homes in its midst." As for the interiors? Artful tactics—positioning a striking dining room within eyeshot of the foyer, designing a ceremonious stair that ascends to the second floor, wrapping a corner of the kitchen with an expanse of windows—give the living spaces a feeling of grace and grandeur.

Best of all, its owners won't feel compelled to downsize once the kids have grown. "It's designed for a lifetime," says John, "and your kids, and kids' kids. It's part of the family." Visit meyerandmeyerarchitects.com to learn more.

