

BAJA, CALIFORNIA



Q&A

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OWNER, CASA DUHAGON INTERIOR DESIGN

**Q: What inspires your designs?**

A: Nature, art and the client living in the residence. Nature and art transcend the ordinary to the extraordinary, which is what we try to achieve in our work. My team and I inspire each other as well. Whatever we create, we try to find a balance between beauty and function. Duhagon's designs always come from an inspirational core and plot, and then they are defined by whatever the client desires.

Q: What makes Casa Duhagon unique?

A: We strive to be a turnkey design firm and to create a worry-free experience for the client. The client basically gives us the key to their place and we furnish it to the bone with everything from linens to sofas. My main goal is to make the client feel as pampered as they would in a hotel.

Q: What type of projects do you prefer?

A: Ninety percent of our work is residential. I love working with architects and builders on challenging homes. Starting from scratch and seeing the project birthed and then grow to its final stage is very rewarding. We also like to renovate and restore antique homes.

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Q: What's your dream job?

A: I would love for a client to give me a piece of music and tell me to design something inspired by its melodies and rhythms. That would be a phenomenal challenge.

Q: Where do you see Duhagon in five years?

A: I see us going international, with offices in both San Diego and Mexico to better meet our clients' needs. I would also love to complete a commercial project like a hotel, restaurant or bar; I believe you have carte blanche when it comes to creativity and your work is exposed to a wider audience. We would love the challenge and are sure we can leave our creative Mexican-American stamp on our future projects.