

✓ ARTFUL DESIGN

Initially constructed in the 1880s, this Chance, Virginia, compound—which is positioned along an expansive stretch of the Rappahannock River—was recently updated to achieve a more contemporary panache. While Washington, D.C., architect David Neumann, of Neumann Lewis Buchanan Architects, lead the structural revamp, D.C. landscape architect Eric Groft, of Oehme van Sweden & Associates, helmed the exterior renovation. “I endeavored to fit the landscape design into both the classic feel of the house and the greater context of the river,” notes Groft. Employing a naturalistic planting style, “where large sweeps of native perennials and grasses seamlessly transition into the surrounding meadows and fields,” Groft conjured what he likes to call a “living painting,” with sections of vibrant color and texture that flourish and change on a seasonal basis. ovsla.com

