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## The Dialog Between Old and New

Geddes Ulinskas Architects examine the dialog between old and new vernaculars at their Financial District office located in San Francisco's historic Mills Tower. Founder and principal, Geddes Ulinskas has over 20 years of architectural experience in residential and commercial design. His firm's projects vary from modernizing existing structures to building custom residences from the ground up.

Initially drawn to a career as a commercial artist or illustrator, Ulinskas switched to architecture when Pratt Institute awarded him a full merit-based scholarship to their Architecture Program. Before establishing GUA in 2005, He worked for several distinguished architects including Ricardo Legorreta and Fumihiko Maki. Today, he combines both the discipline of art and architecture by painting exquisite watercolor renderings for his large-scale projects.

Ulinskas' international team's passion for good design unifies all of their work no matter the size of the commission. By careful examination of the building site and collaboration with the client, the architects design from the inside out. Translating a variety of influences, they engineer physical form with a personal approach. Using restraint is an essential part of the GUA's process and has become the key to creating timeless structures people can appreciate for years to come.

For a pied-à-terre, in a 1924 Russian Hill condominium building Ulinskas and Senior Associate Adele Salierno transformed a series of small rooms into an open-plan living and dining area. They played with the neo-classical style of the flat by emulating traditional boiserie walls and coffered ceilings using incised paneling and ceiling soffits. The architects widened a central hallway to act as a gallery which links the public spaces to the master

suite. Now the clients can enjoy their rotating art collection along with the home's impressive views of San Francisco Bay and its cityscapes.

Commissions like the Russian Hill flat demonstrate GUA's unique design abilities. Many of the firm's projects take into account the diverse topography of the Bay Area. They develop sleek contemporary envelopes to highlight outward views of water, land, and sky and interior vistas showcasing art, furnishings, and objects. Their design and construction projects can be found throughout San Francisco as well as in Los Angeles, New York City, and Hawaii.

