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The icons of any profession are those who rise to the occasion. Enter, Terra Ferma Landscapes Design. “Over the years, we have noticed that the projects with the most challenging conditions lead to the greatest growth within our studio,” says Brian Koch, who leads the firm alongside Elyssia Bassett and Kate Cannon Nguyen. Luckily for their ongoing creative development, the team is based in Northern California, where varied topography invites constant creativity. “It can be a limiting factor in developing usable outdoor space, but outside-the-box terracing, deck structures and floating floor systems have helped us optimize each garden’s potential,” Bassett shares. “We value each project as a unique place and experience. Our practice is built on collaboration, attention to detail and a thoughtful, site-specific approach.”



“We’re privileged to shape spaces where personal stories unfold.”

HIGH TECH + LOW IMPACT

For the Terra Ferma team, technology proves a powerful helpmate in the mission to prioritize sustainability. “Bringing automation and client-specific control into the outdoor environment is smart and satisfying,” Koch says. “The options we love to incorporate range from customizable landscape lighting and outdoor audio, to irrigation controls that can allow the homeowner to **double their water savings and decrease unnecessary run-off and overwatering.**”

SELF-CARE ALFRESCO

At the top of seemingly every Terra Ferma client’s list are design **features that support wellness.** Nguyen elaborates: “Our latest designs have included moments of reflection and meditation, as well as yoga pavilions and workout areas. We’ve also been exploring thoughtful ways to enhance structures for therapies like **cold plunges, soaking tubs and saunas.**”



Above A stone pathway and coastal plantings are perfect for this Stinson Beach property. **Top** This pollinator-friendly garden complements its Portola Valley residence—and its owners’ love of nature—beautifully. **Left** With fire tables and a custom spa, this outdoor lounge area offers endless enjoyment. .
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