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refuge in Southern  
California that  
connects interior  
and exterior living  
spaces seamlessly.

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TOP COASTAL ARCHITECTS  
*The Best of 2020*

# *Top Coastal* ARCHITECTS OF 2020

THE WHO'S WHO IN RESIDENTIAL COASTAL DESIGN

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Charles Hilton  
Architects & Interiors

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## Cardello Architects

(THE TRANSITIONAL TRADITIONALISTS)

**Known for:** A deep portfolio of Shingle-style homes with transitional, open-plan interiors and a traditional feel on the outside.

**Highlight:** Designing new projects for an exodus of people moving out of New York.

**Highlight:** New hires of three talented architects. **Highlight:** A 2020 A-List Award for Best Architecture in the “Under 7,000-square-foot” category. **In the works:** *New projects in Westport, Darien, and Greenwich, Connecticut.*

Westport (Office also in Greenwich)

[cardelloarchitects.com](http://cardelloarchitects.com)

## Charles Hilton Architects

(THE CLASSICISTS)

**Known for:** Fine waterfront homes and country estates in the Georgian, Colonial, English/Tudor, Mediterranean, and Shingle styles.

**Highlight:** An influx of new work as clients flock to the suburbs. **Highlight:** A Stanford White Award from the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art. **In the works:** *A new Shingle Style home in Greenwich, a California Craftsman in Carpentaria, and a penthouse in New York.*

Greenwich [hiltonarchitects.com](http://hiltonarchitects.com)

## Shope Reno Wharton

(THE SHINGLE STYLISTS)

**Known for:** Blending Classical and traditional stylistic languages with expansive fenestration and open floor plans—in well-proportioned, Shingle-style homes. **Highlight:** Diverse projects like coastal properties, family compounds, mountain retreats, townhomes and suburban estates. **Highlight:** Listed in *Architectural Digest* AD 100. **In the works:** *Projects on Cape Cod, in Rhode Island, and in the Carolinas.* [Norwalkshoperenowharton.com](http://Norwalkshoperenowharton.com)

## Douglas VanderHorn Architects

(THE RESEARCHERS)

**Known for:** A variety of styles, efficient planning, and thorough research in an extensive office library. **Highlight:** Adaptation of new technologies like Zoom and FaceTime for increased efficiencies and uninterrupted

operations during Covid-19. **Highlight:** Two 2020 Alice Washburn Awards. **In the works:** *Projects ranging from Greenwich, Connecticut, to Watch Hill, Rhode Island, plus two waterfront homes in Darien, Connecticut.*

Greenwich [vanderhornarchitects.com](http://vanderhornarchitects.com)

## Wadia Associates

(THE NEO CLASSICISTS)

**Known for:** Designing and building distinctive, stately homes, gardens and interiors with a Neo Classicist approach that reinterprets the past with an eye to the present.

**Of Note:** The firm has an expertise in high-end architectural remodels. **Sample Project:**

*Elizabeth Manor House in New Canaan, Connecticut, is a sprawling, meticulously designed estate with intricate period detail and exquisite landscaping.* **New Canaan and Greenwich, Connecticut and Palm Beach** [wadiaassociates.com](http://wadiaassociates.com)

## + What makes a great coastal home?

“What makes a great coastal home? First, fantastic views of the water; it has to be in scale with the neighboring properties; and have easy access to the water. Durable materials and finishes make for a low-maintenance home in a potentially harsh environment. Materials such as slate for the roof, mahogany windows and doors, and a stone or brick (painted white) exterior come to mind.”

—Dinyar Wadia, Principal, Wadia Associates