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JON C. BERNHARD, AIA, NCARB
Senior Partner

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture
North Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science – Architecture
St. Cloud State University, Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Registered Architect
Arizona (23455), Colorado, Florida, Hawaii,
Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada,
New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North
Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah,
Washington, Mexico

National Council of Architectural Registration
Boards (NCARB)

AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
Arizona Residential Architects (ARA)
Master of the Southwest
National Society for Historic Preservation
U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

Jon C. Bernhard brings a wealth of experience and a deeply personal touch to every project, from grand custom estates and complex master-planned communities to public and private recreational facilities, specialty retail, commercial ventures, and hospitality projects. As a principal architect and designer, his portfolio spans a remarkable range.



Jon's ability to connect with clients dreaming of their ideal home is exceptional. He approaches each custom residential project with empathy and understanding, translating visions into reality. This commitment to client satisfaction is evidenced by the number of clients who have returned to Jon for subsequent homes - a testament to the unparalleled design experience he provides, built on trust, collaboration, and a deep understanding of their aspirations. This repeat business speaks volumes, inspiring the entire SWABACK team.

His expertise extends to master planning, where he has successfully managed projects of varying scales, developing design guidelines, establishing thematic character, and creating unifying architectural elements for entire communities, including prestigious enclaves like Estancia and DC Ranch. He has also contributed his insights as a Design Review Committee member.



Jon's diverse experience has led to unique international opportunities. He consulted on and oversaw construction administration for the groundbreaking Environmental Rowda park in Saudi Arabia, featuring innovative cooling and irrigation systems. He also collaborated with specialized firms in Tokyo on the site and facilities design for a visionary self-sustaining saltwater community.



Extensive travels through Europe and the Mediterranean, the Far East, the Middle East, and Latin America have enriched Jon's design sensibilities, providing firsthand knowledge of diverse architectural styles and materials. As a guest of an international natural stone organization, he gained invaluable insight into exotic materials, visiting quarries and production facilities in Italy, Brazil, Portugal, Turkey, Egypt, and the United States.



His hospitality portfolio includes notable projects such as Marriott Hotels, Residential Resort Towers in Mexico, Branded villas in Riyadh, and golf clubhouses in Cabo San Lucas, Riyadh, and across Arizona. Jon's hands-on approach throughout the design process has led to involvement in a wide array of projects, from churches and medical facilities to a high-tech SCADA facility for a municipal client seeking signature architecture.



Jon excels at navigating complex projects involving multiple stakeholders, skillfully balancing diverse interests while prioritizing effective design solutions. This expertise is evident in projects such as Cabo del Sol, Puerto Los Cabos, Punta Bella Los Cabos, Paradise Valley Country Club, and the Scottsdale Hangar One Private Jet Facility.



A cornerstone of Jon's career is his exceptional work in luxury custom home design. For 30 years, he has created residences ranging from 4,000 to 32,000 sq. ft., from grand estates in Mexico and summer villas in the Middle East to significant vacation homes in locations such as Lake Michigan, Telluride, Rancho Santa Fe, and Sedona. In Arizona's Sonoran Desert, his designs grace prestigious communities like Desert Highlands, Desert Mountain, Estancia, DC Ranch, The Boulders, and Biltmore, as well as prominent hillside locations on Camelback and Mummy Mountains.

Jon's work has garnered national recognition, including awards from Valley Forward, Gold Nugget, NCMA, and Best in American Living. His projects have been featured in publications such as *LUXE*, *Phoenix Home and Garden*, *Scottsdale Modern Luxury*, *AZ Food & Lifestyle*, *Green Living*, *Design & Architecture*, *Arizona Foothills*, *Custom Homes*, and *Builder* magazine.



SHAPING EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES THROUGH DESIGN

SWABACK is a leading architecture firm renowned for creating extraordinary spaces that seamlessly blend human experience with the natural environment.

Our legacy is deeply rooted in the visionary principles of Frank Lloyd Wright, whose emphasis on organic architecture continues to inspire our work. As Mr. Wright's youngest apprentice, our founder, Vernon D. Swaback, dedicated 25 years to his mentorship, fostering a deep respect for the land and a commitment to designing places that are not only aesthetically stunning but also culturally authentic and environmentally responsible. Today, SWABACK carries forward this legacy, guiding clients through a collaborative process that prioritizes sustainability, thoughtful planning, and a deep understanding of place.

We believe that well-designed spaces have the power to shape behavior and foster a deeper connection between people and their surroundings. Our expertise spans a wide range of project types, including residential, hospitality, mixed-use, and multi-family developments. We prioritize sustainable design practices, cultivate strong client relationships, and focus on creating spaces that are deeply rooted in their specific locations. With a global presence and a deep understanding of diverse cultures and design traditions, SWABACK has successfully completed projects across the United States, the Caribbean, Mexico, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia.

At SWABACK, we are more than architects; we are stewards of the built environment, collaborators in the creative process, and visionaries who strive to create spaces that enrich lives and inspire generations to come.



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