

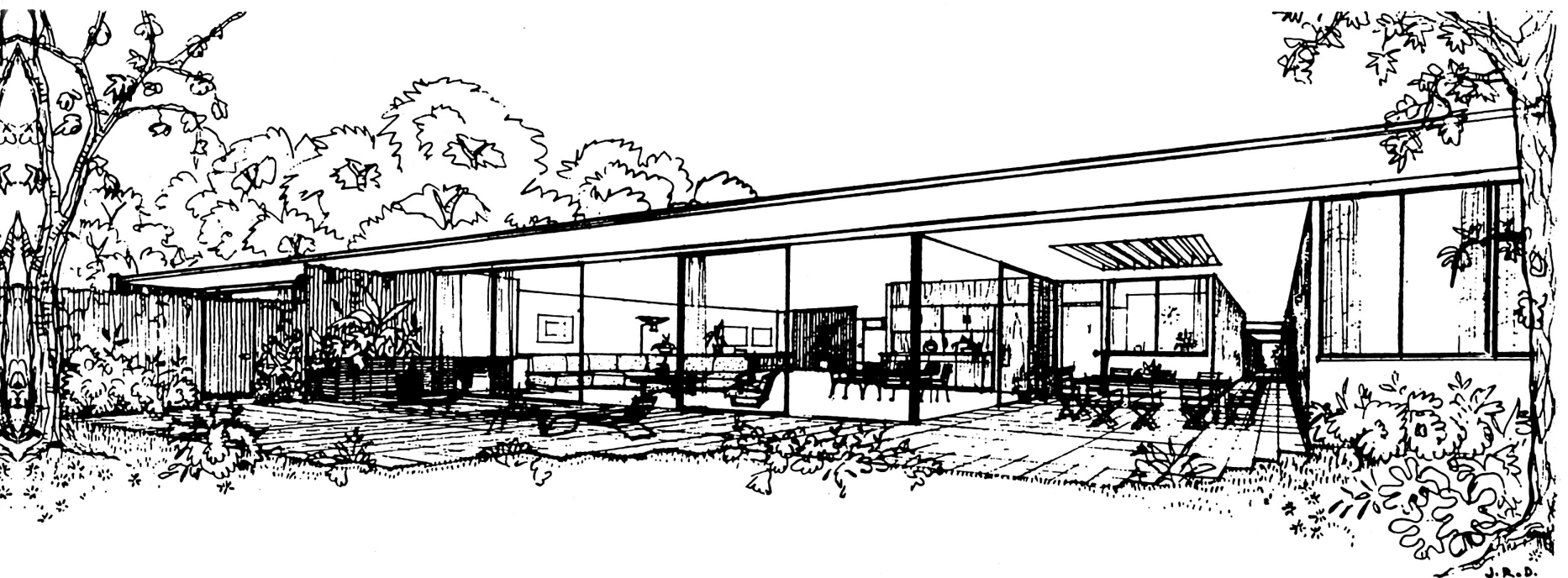
This is a restudy and new solution of Case Study House Number 1, as proposed by J. R. Davidson, and is the ninth in the continuing series of Case Study Houses being presented by the magazine, Arts & Architecture. Construction is now in progress on a 100' x 125', moderately level lot in a centrally located neighborhood in North Hollywood.

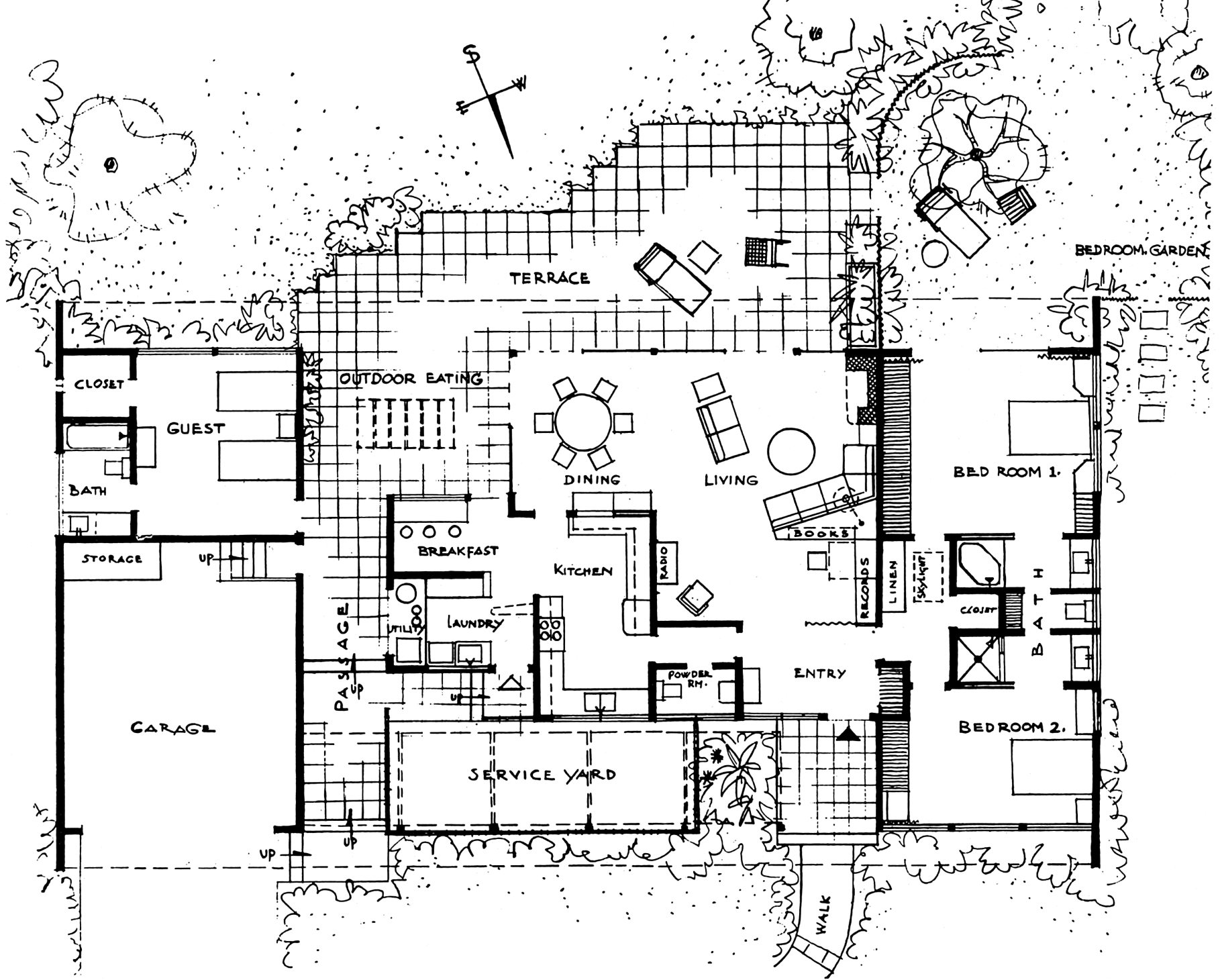
The house is planned for a hypothetical family consisting of a couple in early middle age, both active in careers which keep them away from home frequently. It has been developed with special consideration for an abundance of light and air, easy housekeeping and minimum maintenance, with emphasis on indoor-outdoor living. The rear property line is formed by a row of high eucalyptus trees, which, combined with the 12'-above-street-level elevation, give the property a natural privacy. Other existing trees will become a part of the over-all landscape development. By orienting the house diagonally, a better exposure to the sun is gained, as well as an easier driveway. The garage floor is 4' lower than that of the house, and is connected to it by steps combined with a low incline ramp.

Ample provision for ease in entertaining large gatherings of friends, both indoors and outdoors, is an important consideration. A garden adjacent to the master bedroom and separated from the main garden by a high circular fence affords a quiet area for sun bathing and rest. Two bedrooms are separate but connected by a combination bath. A 7' wide passage divides the guest quarters from the house, both units being under one roof. Maximum garden area is assured by placing the service yard on the street side and making it an architect-

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tural part of the exterior design: first, by using the same material chosen for the wall treatment of the recessed main entry; second, by extending the roof across the service yard with the greater part of the overhang open.

The structure is standard wood frame on a reinforced foundation with water-proofed reinforced concrete slab floor. Exterior is of the new aluminum siding. Interior finish is painted plaster except the north wall in the dining room, which is paneled in hardwood ply. Floors, carpeted throughout the living areas and bedrooms; asphalt tile in bathrooms, kitchen, laundry, breakfast alcove. All north walls and ceiling are well insulated. Roofing, built-up type. All soffits of the overhang, as well as the ceiling in the passage and outdoor eating porch, are of waterproof plywood. All working surfaces in kitchen, breakfast counter, lavatory tops, including splashbacks, are covered with formica.

Color, either integral to surface material and furnishings or pigments applied, is to be an important feature. Among the special features is the use of "all gas" equipment—Forced air gas-fired heating, evaporative air cooler, range and water heater. Lighting is indirect with concentrated strong downlight over working and reading spaces.

Construction schedule calls for the completion of Case Study House No. 1 this fall. At that time it will be placed on exhibition, completely furnished and equipped. A partial list of merit specified products will be found on page 57 of this issue.

