



## THE MODERN MEN

**Mil Bodron**, 43, *decorator*

**Svend Fruit**, 39, *architect*

**BODRON + FRUIT**

Best known for their modernist interiors and structures, Mil Bodron and Svend Fruit consider themselves purists. “Whether we do modern or traditional, we keep it pure,” says Fruit. Their obsession with preserving the integrity of great modernist houses not only fuels their stellar reputations, but also saves many such houses from eventual destruction. But first you have to understand what Bodron + Fruit mean by “pure.” Classic mid-century houses, with their tiny, dark kitchens and baths, are the very things that can land a house on the tear-down list for potential buyers. “Sometimes keeping something too pure means you’ll eventually kill it,” says Bodron. “It’s often better to renovate it and bring it up to today’s standards.” Bodron + Fruit have renovated houses by some of the greatest architects of the 20th century, including Edward Larabee Barnes, E.G. Hamilton, Howard Meyer, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Frank Welch. “I have for years seen modern homes torn down or ruined by bad renovations in Dallas,” Bodron says, “so I have a personal love for saving them.”