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## Postmodern Silicon Valley home designed by Ettore Sottsass asks \$14.9 million

Built for IDEO founder David Kelly, this Woodside house is broken up into six different pavilions

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Italian-born Ettore Sottsass was an influential industrial designer, best known for his whimsical, bright-colored, geometric furnishings—e.g., bookshelves, cabinets, tables, penis-shaped flower vases—but he was also a gifted architect.

The former Memphis design group leader designed only three Sottsass residences in the United States. This sprawling circa-2000 home, nestled in the tony town of Woodside, was built especially for IDEO chairman and co-founder David Kelley.

No stranger to design himself, Kelley's company created many notable tech gadgetry like the first mouse for Apple, the first Palm Treo, and the thumbs up/thumbs down button on Tivo's remote control.

In 2016, Kelley told Surface how the his collaboration with Sottsass unfolded:

The resulting abode is both original and very specific. Sottsass created a home comprised of six pavilions with terraces, connected by a glass atrium.

Each pavilion is "completely different," says Kelley. "A different shape, a different material, and a different attitude." For example, one features a barrel-vaulted home office, while a combined kitchen-living-dining room is broken up with an array of human-sized cabinets.

Located at 1250 Cañada Road on a 4.93-acre lot, the clearly contemporary home comes with four beds, six and a half baths, and approximately 8,250 square feet. It features a working equestrian center complete with stables, tack room, birthing shed, barn, and riding ring.

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