FIGURE 1
Home Sizes Steadily Trending Up With Recovery, But Ceiling Heights Apparently Stabilizing

% of firms reporting “increasing” for that characteristic; Q1 2015

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2015 Q1
FIGURE 2  Increasing Home Sizes Driven Mostly By Upper-End Homes

% of respondents indicating that square footage of homes in category is increasing, Q1 2015

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2015 Q1
Accessibility Remains Key Concern For Home Layout/Design; Flexible Layout Also Popular

% of firms reporting “increasing” activity for that characteristic; Q1 2015

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2015 Q1
Outdoor Living; Blended Indoor/Outdoor Space Top List for Outdoor Improvements

% of firms reporting “increasing” activity for that characteristic; Q1 2015

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2015 Q1
Low-Irrigation Landscaping; Lot Preparation Issues Are Increasing Concerns for Property Enhancements

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In Spite of Weather Challenges, Typical First Quarter Upturn Reported at Residential Firms

Diffusion index: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data are not seasonally adjusted

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FIGURE 7  Project Backlogs at Residential Architecture Becoming More Volatile

Number of months of project backlogs, averages across all firms; data are not seasonally adjusted

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2015 Q1
Business Conditions at Firms in All Regions Seeing Improvement in the First Quarter

Diffusion index for billings: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data are not seasonally adjusted

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2015 Q1
All Major Housing Sectors Seeing Some Gains, But New Construction Lagging Remodeling

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening”; Q1 2015

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