Increased density and property upgrading most popular community design trends at present

FIGURE 1

% of firms reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q3 2016

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q3
FIGURE 2  As market recovery continues, home styles not seeing significant changes

% of firms reporting popularity of trend “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q3 2016

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q3
Low maintenance materials continue to dominate choices for exterior products

% of firms reporting popularity of trend “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q3 2016

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q3
Project billings and inquiries rebound modestly at residential firms in Q3, but continue to trend toward slower growth

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

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, Q1-2010 to Q3-2016
FIGURE 5  Project backlogs levelling off

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, Q1-2010 to Q3-2016
Firms in the west report improving business conditions in Q3, while weakening at firms in northeast

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, Q1-2012 to Q3-2016
Second home and entry level home sectors softening even as remodeling sectors remain strong

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening”; Q3 2016