FIGURE 1  Residential architects continue to see consumers placing an emphasis in kitchen areas
Change in the number and size of kitchens, % of respondents; Q4 2016

* Number of separate kitchen facilities or secondary food storage/food prep. areas
Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q4
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% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q4 2016

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