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## **ACE HOTEL & SWIM CLUB TO HOST BARKITECTURE CHIQUE EVENT TO BENEFIT GILDA'S CLUB**

**Appearance's by *Extra* Correspondent Michael Corbett  
and Cult Film Star Udo Kier**

**Palm Springs, CA (April 22, 2009)**... *dwell at Home in the Modern World* magazine and Total Marketing Partners will present the inaugural BARKitecture CHIQue competition in Palm Springs. Hosted by the new ultra cool ACE Hotel & Swim Club, Friday, May 1 from 6:00-8:00pm, the event is guaranteed to be a real dog pleaser with a wide range of architecturally unique canine homes up for auction.

Best selling author, Fred Albert of the coffee table book *Barkitecture* will be one of the esteemed judges for the competition and auction. Mr. Albert is the editor of *Seattle Homes and Lifestyles* magazine and co-author of *American Design: The Northwest*.

Generously sponsored by Regency Homes, BARKitecture CHIQue 2009 has had submissions of elaborate designs ranging from one of the top schools of architecture, NewSchool of Architectural Design in San Diego and locally, professional architects, interior designers and even students from Cathedral City High School. A unique, unusual and fun architectural competition, builders are challenged to build a stylistic and functional dwelling for dogs within determined guidelines.

In addition to Fred Albert, current judges include *Extra* correspondent Michael Corbett, cult film star Udo Kier, Louise Neyer, Louise Neyer Interiors; Jay Nailor and MiShell Modern, M Modern Gallery; Tim Clark and Daniel Wright, Wright Design Group & Wright Image; David Dixon, Graphics Design and Artist; Suzanne Delahanty, PAWZ Palm Springs

/Instructor at Chapman University, COD and UCR; Paul Golden, Golden Construction Inc. and Miyoko Ohtake, *dwel* magazine who will be presenting cash prizes to the top three designers based on artistic merit, quality and durability. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,500 and be featured in a photo spread in an upcoming issue of *dwel at Home in the Modern World* magazine, \$1,000 goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive \$500.

The top three winners will be auctioned off in a live auction in conjunction with travel & entertainment packages. Entries not in the top three will be available for bidding in the silent auction. Winners will be announced at the ACE Hotel & Swim Club the evening of the competition, Friday, May 1 from 6:00-8:00pm.

Admission to this incredible dog friendly evening of unique architectural design is \$25.00. BARKitecture CHIQue 2009 will feature sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and BARKitinis, live entertainment and a variety of canine festivities and doggie boutique items with net proceeds benefitting Gilda's Club Desert Cities California. ACE Hotel & Swim Club is located at 701 East Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

#### **About Gilda's Club Desert Cities**

Our mission is to create welcoming communities of free support for everyone living with cancer – men, women, teens and children – along with their families and friends. Our innovative program is an essential complement to medical care, providing networking and support groups, workshops, education and social activities. Gilda's Club Desert Cities is the only clubhouse in the state of California and is the recipient of the 2008 Non-Profit of the Year Award presented by the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are available by phone: 760-323-3338 / 760-770-5678 or at the door. Email [barkitecture@totalmarketingpartners.com](mailto:barkitecture@totalmarketingpartners.com) or visit [www.totalmarketingpartners.com](http://www.totalmarketingpartners.com). Contact Jeff Hocker for hi-resolution photos and interviews: 760-323-3338 ext. 225.