



*Rottet Studio Houston Office rendering*

>**Lauren Rottet was honored by the Global Architecture & Design Awards for her concept for the new Rottet Studio Houston Office, in the Commercial (Concept) category.** The 15th edition of GADA is hosted by Rethinking The Future, which acknowledge design work by professionals and students across the globe, while using the rubric of sustainability and innovation when comparing and analyzing the project ideas. Rottet's winning concept is for a property in Houston's Briar Hollow neighborhood that she

purchased during the pandemic with plans to build a new office. The original structure occupying .8 acres along the Buffalo Bayou was built by iconic Houston architect Howard Barnstone in 1960 but was significantly damaged by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Noted for his modernist style, Barnstone's clients included Houstonians John and Dominique de Menil, who funded the Rothko Chapel, which was also designed by Barnstone with Eugene Aubry and Philip Johnson. The new building planned by Rottet is

envisioned as a new iteration of a hybrid office comprised of space for Rottet Studio's design team and administrative staff as well as a showroom, highlighting furniture and accessories from the

architect's signature Rottet Collection. "We don't want our new building to look like we're trying to match a mid-century modernist style, although we intend to respect Barnstone's original design and transcribe as much of the original detail as possible to maintain the historic nature of the property," said Rottet. "We intend to recreate the glass box while expanding outward and upward so the building becomes one with its natural surroundings on the bayou across from the arboretum." [Read More](#)

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