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Open House Obsession: This Luminous Mid-Century in Piedmont is a Steal at \$1.9M

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Where: 95 Sandringham Road, Piedmont

When: Saturday/Sunday, March 11/12 from 2:00pm-4:30pm

Asking: \$1,895,000

What: A 4-bed, 3.5-bath Mid-Century Modern with over 3200 square feet, making it larger than it appears from the street. Designed by John Hans Ostwald, a German WWII-emigré architect with a prolific East Bay practice in 1957, it's actually on two substantial levels; most of the rooms looks out over the wooded canyon.





Ostwald gave what could have been ordinary tongue-and-groove planked ceilings a lift and more dimension with a second set of shallow beams.



The subtle plan offsets the main living spaces, revealing them as you move through.



What We Love: Despite being a 60-year old house, the recent renovation brought a fresh look, but retaining signature elements from the '50s, like the metal fireplace hood and raised sandstone hearth in the living room. Piedmont is full of homes from this period (the Post-WWII building boom) but many have been badly remodeled with faux-tuscan kitchens, crown moldings and French doors, making this a valuable survivor by a highly-skilled practitioner.



On the lower level, a substantial family room plus a study and an additional bedroom suite look out into the verdant canyon.



More: Check out the [listing](#) for additional images and details, plus a look at architectural historian Dan Weinberg's assessment of Oswald's career [here](#).