





If you're looking for the epic architect ego, you will not find it in Mike Shugarman. Self-effacing, humble (he insists we point out he's still an *intern* architect) and generous with praise for his collaborators, it's like pulling teeth to get him to wax poetic about his accomplishments. A diminutive, well-dressed, openly gay man, Shugarman almost passed out when I asked him to tell me about his highlight reel. Which includes things like working with world-freaking-famous designer and architect Antonio Citterio, designing Edmonton's most expensive home (price tag? \$20 million) and collaborating on Banff's first modernist mountain hotel, the re-invention of the kitschy Motel-Formerly-Known-as-The-Timberline into the sleek, chic Juniper Hotel. Devotedly inclusive, conscientious and detailed, Shugarman begins where most designers end, using standard detailing as a jumping-off point for design at all scales, whether it's the roof of a home or the furniture within it. And he may be the only architect on the planet to say something like this: "I love having owners heavily involved in the process." But his real claim to fame? "Oh, that's easy. My chicken schnitzel." [3]