

A photograph of a modern building constructed from shipping containers, situated on a rocky hillside. The building features large windows with vertical wooden slats, and a person is visible sitting in a chair inside. The sky is dramatic with dark clouds and a bright light source. The text 'Atelier7' is overlaid on the image.

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ARCHITECTS

Envision your next home in
Shipping Containers

ABOUT US

Our DNA

WHO ARE WE

Atelier 7 is an architect-led, design-build practice focused on delivering unique solutions through custom shipping container architecture. We're not a prefab plan shop—we don't sell models online or recycle designs. Every project is a one-of-a-kind response to the client's needs, the site, and the budget. Architecture drives our process from concept to completion. What sets us apart is our deep understanding of container systems, fabrication methods, and logistics. We pair imaginative, sustainable design with real-world build expertise—ensuring every structure we create is thoughtful, durable, and entirely original.

Design Principles

The name “Atelier” is coined from the French word for ‘workshop’ or ‘studio’ approach to our work, as we strive to embody the ideals of a collaborative workspace. The number “7” represents the ideals we carry forth on the projects we execute.

01. Having the curiosity to explore the unique and full potential of every opportunity

02. Include our clients and industry experts as welcomed collaborators

03. Desire to research, explore, design and deliver the best

04. Seek a creative harmony between the object and the environment

05. As creative thinkers, seek alternative and atypical project solutions

06. Make great design accessible

07. Conviction to bring the best solutions to life

Our practice is a democratic workshop where everyone's opinion matters. Ideas are allowed to be free-flowing and decisions made together.

Innovation is essential to our design process and we undertake extensive R+D in technology, market trends and fabrication processes.

We employ **Building Information Modeling** (BIM) from the outset on all projects. Our digital design and development prowess is rooted in each partner and staff member.

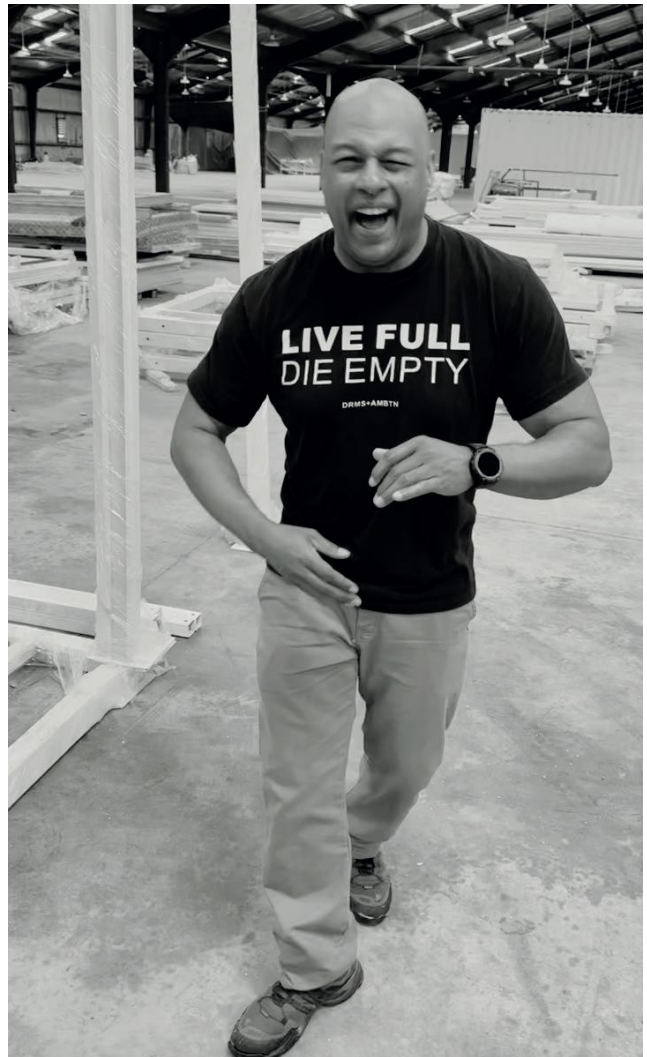


This conversation is about you!

Hey there, hold on to your hat! Sure, we could chatter endlessly about how mind-blowingly talented we are or boast about our eons of collective experience that might make you feel like you've stumbled into the Hall of Fame, but let's not bore you to tears with all that chest-thumping archi-babble. Nah, you're here for the good stuff.

We're not your run-of-the-mill architectural design studio. We're more like a funky fusion of design and construction. While we may not specialize in the creation of containers or the forging of steel, our intimacy with these containers runs deep.

We've immersed ourselves in a wealth of knowledge—understanding their costs, identifying their optimal utilization, and navigating the intricate web of regulations, but most enchanting of all, we've unveiled the extraordinary versatility inherent in shipping containers.



Solutions for artist and entrepreneurs

Are you a budding artist in need of a budget-friendly, personalized studio? Or maybe you're a home owner on a quest to create a cosy nest that's all about you, with a dash of practicality. Perhaps you're a micro-business owner with a head full of dreams but no appetite for bricks and mortar. Heck, even if you're looking for a seamless journey from design to construction, we've got you covered. We like to think of ourselves as the unique key that fits perfectly into the puzzle of your project. You see, enthusiasts of container construction are a rather special breed, and you, have ventured into our digital sanctuary of shipping containers.



Let's talk straight

Homes aren't all cut from the same cloth (I mean literally speaking, they aren't cut from cloth at all!). Our mission is to create housing that's easy on the pocket without sacrificing quality. Part of that mission involves ensuring the home is cost-effective to run. We make this happen by focusing on efficient design, and smart specifications, and diving deep into technology to make it all tick. Sounds good so far?

The only thing we ask is that you come to us with a soft spot for snazzy modern architecture and all things cool and contemporary in design. Ready to create some architectural wonders together?





ABOUT US

Our Philopsophy

We explore the unique potential of every design brief to find the best solution for each individual project. We are guided by our mission to create innovative places, spaces and buildings that exceed our client's expectations.

Sustainability

With sustainable practices as a mainstay of our daily work, Atelier 7 provides renewed life to retired sea shipping containers, reducing waste by upcycling the steel structures and embodying them with new life and a new purpose. Our work on a 'Kintsugi' philosophy, by highlighting or emphasizing the imperfections of the past through the mending and additive use of other materials to celebrate the whole.

In combination with our minimalist designs and use of recycled products, we make our contribution towards protecting the environment. Atelier 7 also uses a wide variety of recycled and eco-friendly materials to personalize the interior and exterior of our work, in addition to integrating systems that reduce energy consumption. We want to do our part for society by building sustainable spaces.

Partners in life and work, perfectly embodying the yin and yang concept from Chinese philosophy. Picture opposites intertwining, fueling each other's journey. Their collaboration kicked off in 1985 during a project on minority architects for AIA/Atlanta. Tony, an associate partner in a mid-size firm, specializing in healthcare projects, crossed paths with Sharon, a rising star in commercial design. Tony convinced Sharon to join him in healthcare, and together they tackled major projects for the Veterans Administration and Virgin Islands. The yin yang synergy hit a pause when Atlanta won the 1996 Olympic games. Tony aimed for a Games commission in private practice, while Sharon ventured into a 30-year stint at the University System of Georgia, reaching Assistant Vice Chancellor for Design and Construction.

Yet, the yin yang connection endured. Tony, now in private practice, executed university projects under Sharon's guidance. The duo officially joined forces, both professionally and personally, tying the knot in 2012. Sharon, the risk-averse partner, handles project contracts, finances, and project evangelism. Tony, the visionary force at Atelier 7, spearheads design and fabrication.

In 2017, Tony scored a milestone with the City of Atlanta and State of Georgia's first shipping container park. Leveraging their skills, they envisioned a unique building program centered on the shipping container platform, noticing a gap in the market. Setting up shop in a less thriving area of Atlanta, they aimed to make architecture accessible to all. Fast forward to 2023, their practice expanded into design-build services, now housed in a 110,000 GSF manufacturing center. Here, they not only design but also build their projects, offering a comprehensive suite of services. It's a journey from a chance collaboration to a thriving architectural venture, fueled by the power of yin and yang.

OUR STORY



Chief Prosperity Officer, CFO

Sharon Pope



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Tony Pope

Relevant Project Experience

INCUBATORS

01. iVillage @ MLK Container Park, Atlanta, Ga.
02. Lyons Commons Container Park, City of Lyons, Ga.
03. The Treehouse Container Park, Cumming, Ga.
04. Pittsburgh Yards Container Courtyard, Atlanta, Ga.
05. Atlanta Beltline Marketplace, Atlanta, Ga.
06. The Revival Co-Work Addition, College Park, Ga.

RESIDENTIAL

01. theMakings Residence, Hiram, Ga.
02. Hermeus Research Facility, Jet Engine Research Lab
03. Tuam Street Apartments, Houston, Tx.
04. The Wilson, Atlanta, Ga.
05. Nix Residence, Carrollton, Ga.
06. The Sound Sanctuary, Atlanta, Ga.
07. The UNIC Residence, Atlanta, Ga.
08. Muscle Beach Residence, Muscle Beach, Oh
09. Harponis, Placencia, Belize
10. Hollingsworth Guest House, Decatur, Ga.

SPECIAL USE

01. Hermeus V27 Facility, Jet Engine Research, Chamblee, Ga.
02. GEMA Modular Hospitals, Albany and Macon, Ga.
03. Midtown Arts, North Ave. Performance Stage, Atlanta, Ga.
04. Currey Lighting Showroom, Atlanta, Georgia



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LOOKBOOK

Discover the recent projects we
took from zero to hero



01.

iVillage @ MLK Container Park, Atlanta, Georgia

Client: City of Atlanta, Invest Atlanta

Year : 2017

Welcome to iVillage at MLK, where shipping containers became catalysts for change and creativity. This was the project that launched our firm and put container design on the Atlanta map. With eight vibrant suites for emerging businesses, the site is a living canvas for commerce, culture, and community. At its heart rises a bright yellow tower, an unmistakable landmark inviting passersby to pause, explore, and engage. The space is constantly evolving with public art, local energy, and entrepreneurial spirit. iVillage is more than a market, it is an experiment in place-making and a tribute to the power of thinking differently.



02.

Lyons Commons Container Park, Lyons, Georgia

Client: City of Lyons Development Authority

Year : 2025

At its core, Lyons Commons is designed to celebrate local artisans, entrepreneurs, and creatives, offering a dynamic shipping container retail village with flexible spaces that transform to meet the needs of a growing, evolving community. The marketplace is a canvas of possibility, fostering small businesses, pop-up experiences, and seasonal markets—all within the sustainable framework of repurposed shipping containers.



03.

the Wilson, Atlanta, Georgia

Client: The Wilson Family

Year : 2018

This was our first foray into container home design, and we didn't just think outside the box — we pulled the boxes apart. Two shipping containers, once tight and utilitarian, were split to create a dramatic central volume framed in wood, flooded with light, and crowned with soaring ceilings. A sleek aluminum roll-up door brings the outside in, while a chef's kitchen and modern finishes elevate every inch. By shearing the container walls and stretching the space with traditional framing, we turned a modular idea into a masterpiece. It's part industrial, part farmhouse, and 100 percent Atelier 7.





04.

A Modern Guest House

Client: Hollingsworth Family

Year : 2025

Tucked gently into a serene backyard in Decatur, this petite powerhouse proves that good things come in steel-wrapped packages. Fully factory built and delivered with zero fuss, this accessory dwelling unit blends natural wood warmth with modern metal lines and generous sunlight. Designed for comfort and constructed with care, it's a low-impact, high-style guesthouse that whispers luxury while respecting the neighborhood hush. Proof that prefab can be poetry with a front door.



the Harponis, Placencia, Belize

Client: The Harper Family

Year : 2025

Nestled between the Caribbean Sea and the Placencia Lagoon, this three-story prefabricated residence is a bold celebration of modern tropical living. Delivered 80 percent complete and assembled in just three days, the home blends speed with sophistication. Inside, marble and wood floors create a warm contrast to the expansive hurricane-resistant glass. Outside, a spacious rooftop deck offers panoramic views that stretch from sunrise to sunset. This is not just a house, it's a horizon-chaser's dream, built for those who value beauty, resilience, and the magic of prefab precision.



06.

the Makings Residence, Hiram, Georgia

Client: Ms. Sharon Webster

Year : 2021

The Makings began as a vision of containers nestled in the woods, but as the journey unfolded, so did the form. To meet lending requirements and architectural ambitions, the design evolved into a series of wood-framed modules set in motion across a forested knoll. These linked pavilions twist and cantilever toward the lake, each one framing light, shadow, and water in its own deliberate way. Anchoring the home is a soaring main volume for living and gathering, built using a pre-engineered system and clad in a rich palette of blackened Douglas fir and grounded concrete. With nearly 4,800 square feet of purposeful space, this home is a sculptural response to the land and a study in quiet boldness.



07.

Nix Residence, Carrollton, Georgia

Client: Kelly & Anita Nix

Year : 2017

Rising from the bones of salvaged steel and rooted in timeless craftsmanship, this one-of-a-kind Carrollton residence is more than a house, it's a statement. The first of its kind in Carrollton, Georgia, this hybrid marvel fuses the grit of shipping containers with the grace of traditional building techniques. With its angled steel arms cradling the canopy like industrial ballet, and walls that whisper both resilience and refinement, this bespoke beauty redefines southern living with a modern edge. It's bold, it's brilliant, and it's unapologetically Atelier 7.

Need help building with shipping containers?

Designing and developing a custom sea container house might be challenging. Schedule a pre-design consultation call. We'll only need 30 mins of your free time.

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