



Atelier7

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?





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Our Philosophy

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.

The Nest @ Brannon Ridge, Young Harris, Georgia

Client: Tiny South

Year : 2021

Perched in the mountains of Young Harris, Georgia, this pair of container homes is part of the visionary Nest Community, where design meets nature in perfect harmony. Crafted to embrace the stunning landscape, both units open generously to the surrounding forest with cantilevered decks, floor-to-ceiling glass, and finishes that blur the line between indoors and out.

The smaller unit, at 320 square feet, offers a cozy retreat with one bedroom, one bath, and a full kitchen, all finished with warm hardwood floors and all-electric appliances. Its larger counterpart pairs two 40-foot containers into 640 square feet of elevated living. This two-bedroom, one-bath home features a dramatic set of 12-foot bi-fold doors that fully open the living room to the hills beyond, turning the interior into a frame for the ever-changing mountain view. Thoughtful, compact, and deeply connected to place, these homes are modern mountain living at its most refined.







02.

Case Study House - Mountain Retreat, 1B/1BA

Client: Atelier7 Studio

Year : 2025

Imagine 640 square feet of sculpted space, hovering gently above the land, perched on the slope of a quiet hillside. This shipping container case study is more than a residence, it's an exploration of the power of place and light. The original roof has been peeled away, replaced with clerestories and skylights that draw sunlight deep into the heart of the plan. A ribbon of glass wraps the living spaces, dissolving boundaries between interior and landscape. Floating decks extend outward like wings, offering panoramic views and quiet moments of pause. This is not just a container—it is a modern retreat, designed to live lightly and speak boldly.





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.

Case Study House, 3B/2BA

Client: Atelier7 Studio

Year : 2025

This compact, two-story shipping container home redefines what's possible within a 1,120 square foot envelope. Crafted from precision and purpose, the design includes three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and two rooftop decks, all arranged with impeccable detailing and spatial efficiency. Powered by solar energy and framed with modern, durable materials, this home offers a bold study in sustainable living. From its smart footprint to its elevated outdoor spaces, this build demonstrates how shipping containers can deliver high design without compromise.







05.

Casa Harponis, Placencia, Belize

Client: Michael and Ann Harper

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.









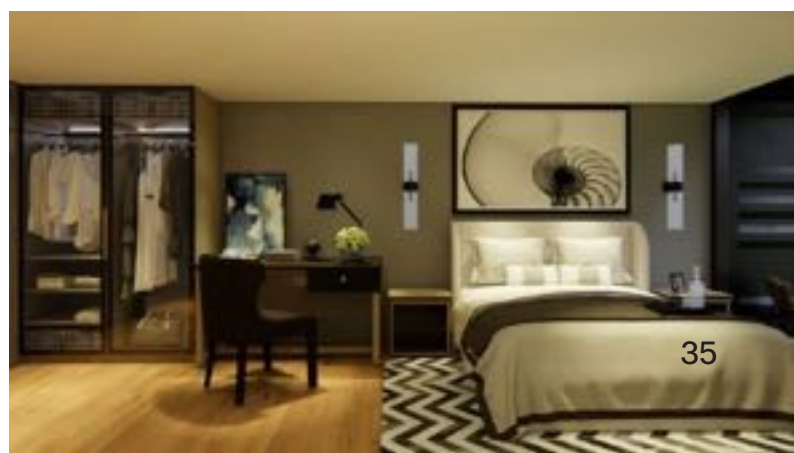
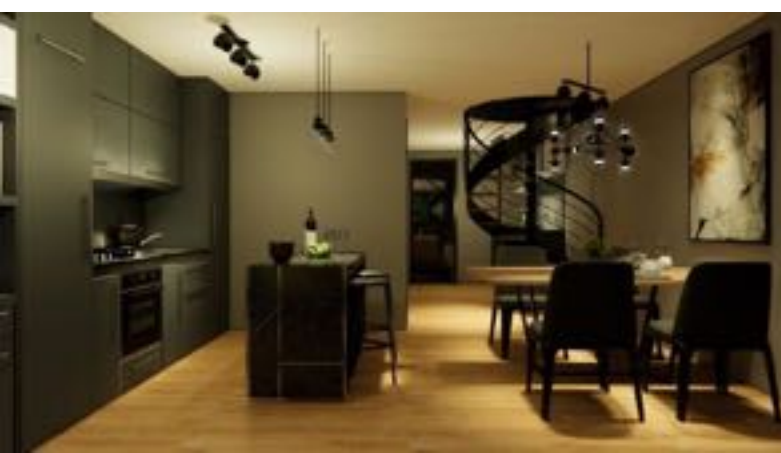
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Case Study House - South American Beach House

Client: Atelier7 Studio

Year : 2024

Made for entertaining and designed to embrace the view, this striking 960 square foot, two-story container home is all about the experience of space, light, and landscape. Topped with a 320 square foot open-air roof deck, the layout invites outdoor dining, stargazing, and breezy conversations well into the night. A bold, hovering roof anchors the architecture with a strong visual presence while offering shade and shelter. Perched near the water, the design lets you smell the salt air and feel the wind dance across the deck. This is a case study in how small-scale living can feel expansive, social, and deeply connected to place.







08.

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.









09.

The Hatch Residence, Peachtree City, Georgia

Client: Lil' Boosie

Year : 2024

In this 4,500 square foot custom residence, the house becomes the artist. Designed to reflect the life and legacy of Lil Boosie, the home is a living gallery—part performance, part sanctuary. At its core, a 20-foot shipping container, turned on its side, becomes the sculptural stair that anchors the two-story interior. Above, bedroom suites and walkways orbit a soaring living room that puts creative energy on full display.

A dramatic 80-foot gallery wall showcases the artist's prolific vinyl collection, leading to a glass-enclosed listening room that hovers above the compound like a private observatory of sound. Tucked into the rear, elevated roof decks provide quiet moments and sweeping views, while a second-level greenhouse adds a layer of introspection, growth, and wellness to the living experience. Below, a gourmet kitchen conceals a hidden entertainment suite behind flush cabinetry, blurring the line between function and fantasy. This is container architecture reimagined as cultural statement—a powerful composition of structure, story, and style.







10.

the Unic Residence, Atlanta, Georgia

Client: UNIC Development

Year : 2025

Atelier 7, in partnership with UNIC Development, is crafting a bold new vision for urban living through prefabrication and shipping container innovation. This single-family prefab prototype stacks paired containers like a Jenga puzzle, creating a sculptural form that is both playful and highly functional.

Each container pair is thoughtfully arranged—public zones such as the living room and kitchen flow with openness and light, while private bedroom suites are tucked into elevated volumes, offering quiet retreat. This design balances spatial efficiency with visual drama, pushing the boundaries of modular design.

Slated to hit the Atlanta for-sale market in September 2025, this project redefines what's possible in contemporary housing. Sustainable, striking, and smartly built, it's prefab architecture elevated to new heights.







11.

Eugenia Place B2R, Atlanta, Georgia

Client: Black Fish Development, LLC

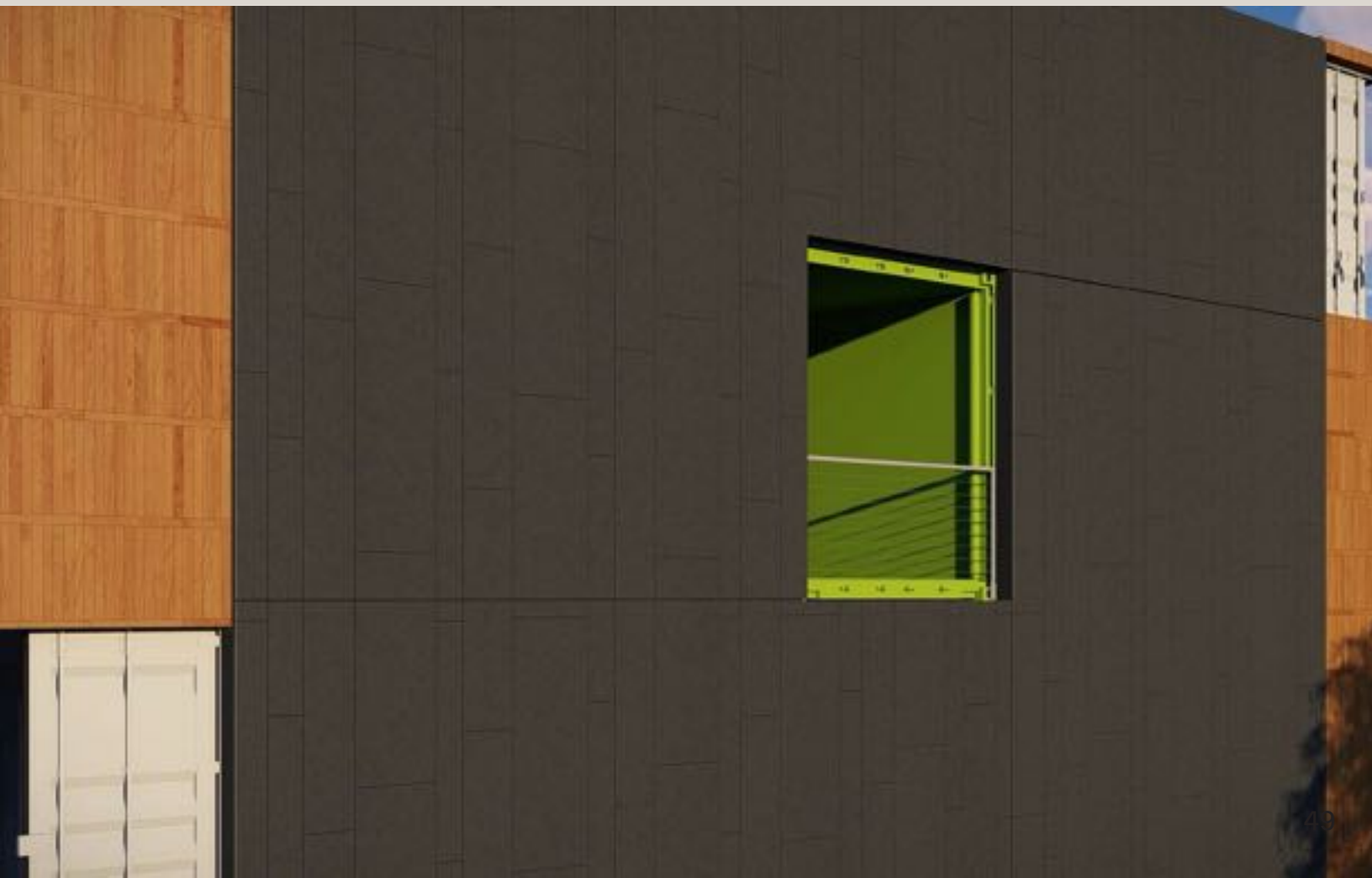
Year : 2024

Eugenia Place began as a thesis and evolved into a vision built in steel. Conceived during my Master of Real Estate Development program at Georgia Tech (2024), this project reimagines Le Corbusier's Unité d'Habitation through the lens of modular design and contemporary urban needs. The result is a bold reinterpretation using shipping containers as the core building block.

A pair of 2-bedroom, 2-bath flats rotate around a central circulation spine, creating a yin-yang relationship that balances privacy with shared structure. This dynamic configuration offers dual orientations—panoramic views of downtown Atlanta on one side and quiet perspectives toward the city's southern neighborhoods on the other.

The development consists of five buildings, housing ten rental units that are designed for future conversion into single-family townhomes, allowing for long-term adaptability. Parking is discreetly tucked behind the buildings, preserving a car-free front door and encouraging pedestrian-friendly engagement with the neighborhood. Eugenia Place is where academic inquiry meets real-world innovation—a modular community rooted in thoughtful planning, modern design, and the evolving rhythm of Atlanta's urban fabric.







12.

Affordable 800 Prototype, Lyons, Georgia

Client: Atelier7 Studio

Year : 2025

Atelier 7, in collaboration with the City of Lyons, is proud to launch its first Affordable Housing Pilot Pocket Community, bringing thoughtful design and attainable homeownership to rural Georgia. As both architect and builder, Atelier 7 will deliver six unique, 800 square foot prefab homes, each offering two bedrooms and two bathrooms, tailored for first-time buyers and growing families.

These compact, modern residences feature wood-paneled ceilings in the living space, floor-to-ceiling glazing, energy-efficient fixtures, all-electric appliances, and a prefabricated carport for ease of living. Native landscaping draws from the region's character, creating a welcoming and walkable community rooted in place. As Atelier 7's first rural studio prototype, this project serves as a scalable model for future infill housing that is dignified, sustainable, and beautifully crafted.



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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