



The Art of Entertaining

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About

Our clients wanted more than additional square footage—they wanted an addition designed around the way they entertain, bringing together cooking, wine, golf, and gathering within one thoughtfully connected environment.

The resulting multi-level addition introduces a dramatic new entertaining space anchored by an expansive island, along with a covered outdoor kitchen and deck. Below, a climate-controlled wine cellar and immersive golf simulator create highly specialized spaces tailored to our clients' interests.

The challenge was not simply creating each space, but integrating them into the existing home while accommodating significant structural, mechanical, lighting, audiovisual, and environmental requirements. The result is an addition that feels intentional to the original home while delivering an entirely new level of functionality and experience.



Client Needs

- Create a multi-level addition that expands both the main and lower levels to support large-scale entertaining and gathering.
- Create a substantial island with generous seating for family and guests.
- Maintain a natural flow between the existing home and new addition.
- Add a covered outdoor kitchen and spacious deck for entertaining.
- Create a climate-controlled wine cellar sized for an extensive collection.
- Incorporate a dedicated golf simulator with designated putting area.
- Integrate a concealed door within the new design.
- Integrate audiovisual, lighting, and low-voltage systems throughout.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Existing rear deck occupied the area planned for the new multi-level addition.
- Main-level gathering space lacked the capacity needed for large-scale entertaining.
- Existing lower level provided open living space but did not accommodate the required golf simulator height or dedicated wine storage.
- New construction needed to connect seamlessly to both levels of the existing home while maintaining established circulation.

EXISTING LOWER LEVEL



EXISTING MAIN LEVEL



EXISTING REAR VIEW

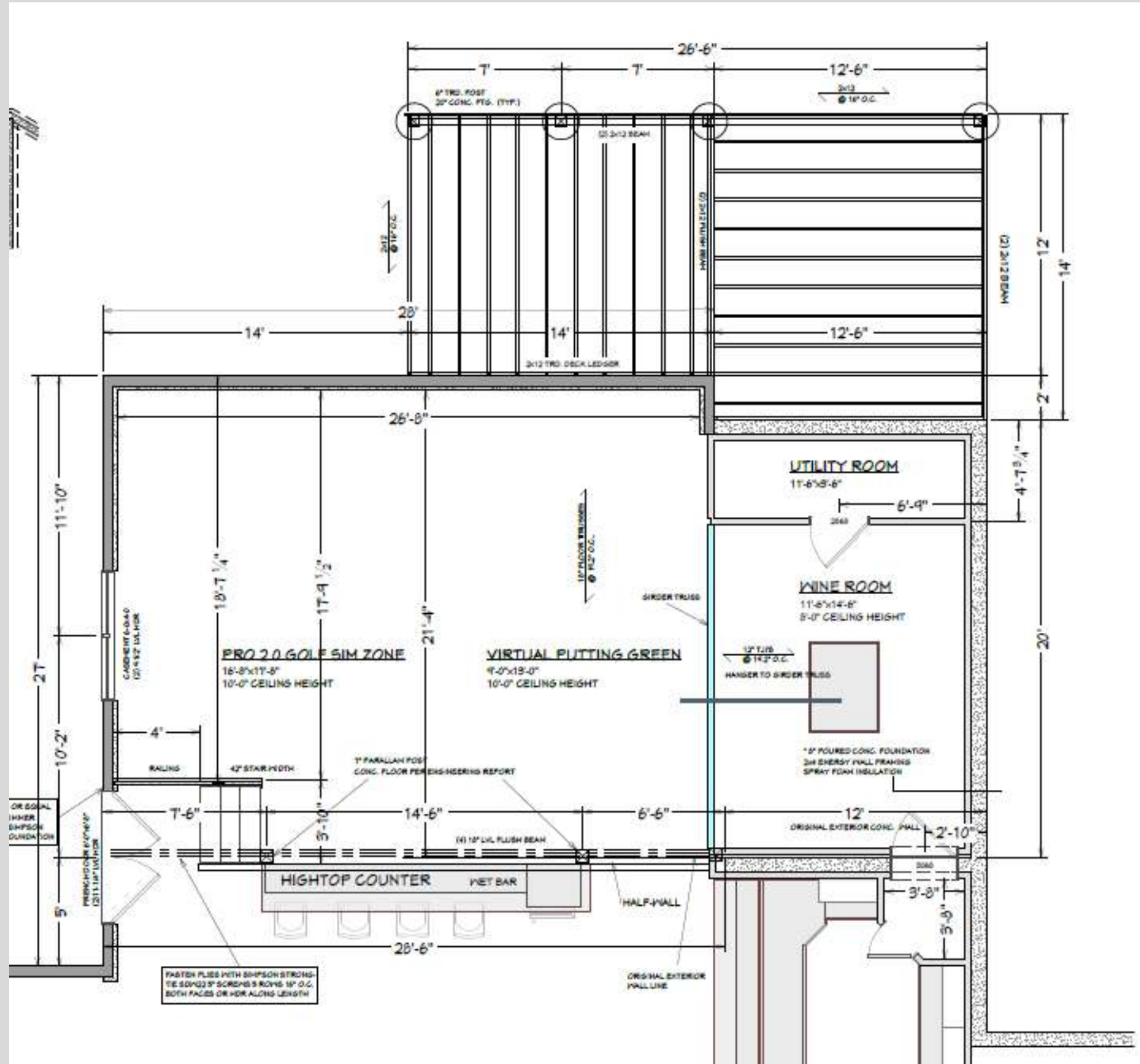


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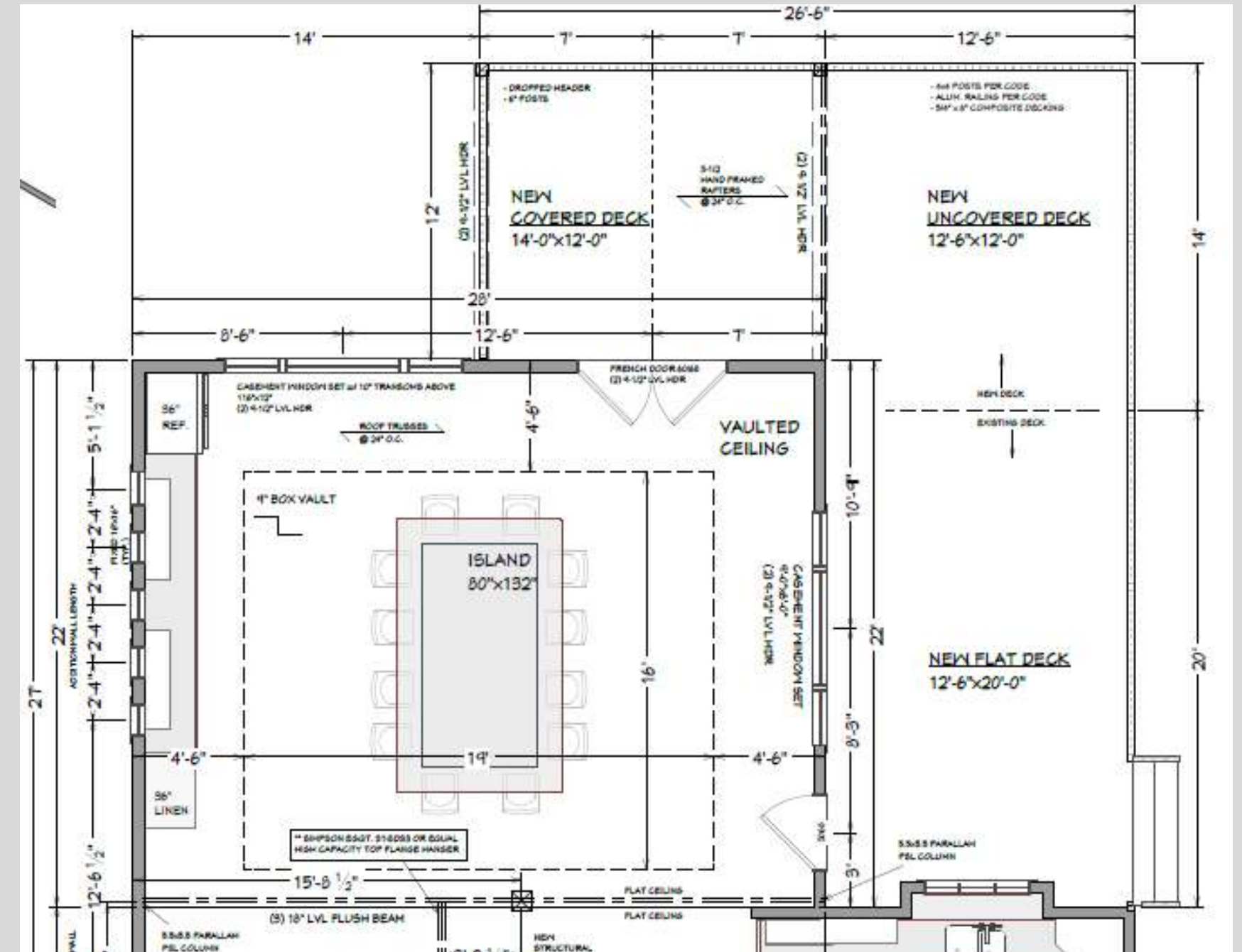


DESIGN PLAN

Final plans coordinated the new main-level entertaining space, covered and uncovered deck areas, and specialized lower-level golf, putting, wine, and bar functions within one integrated multi-level addition.

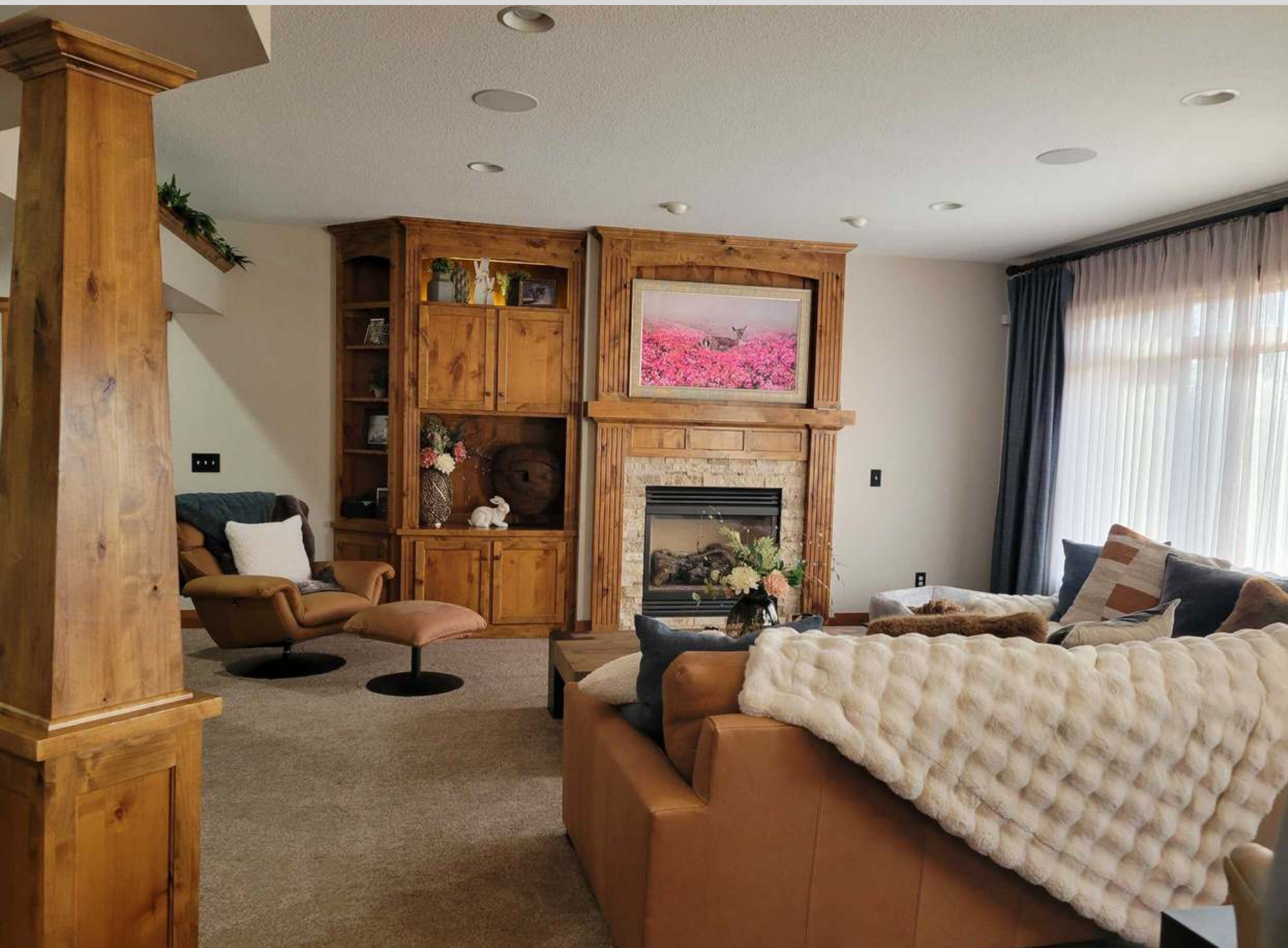


LOWER LEVEL



MAIN LEVEL

BEFORE & AFTER



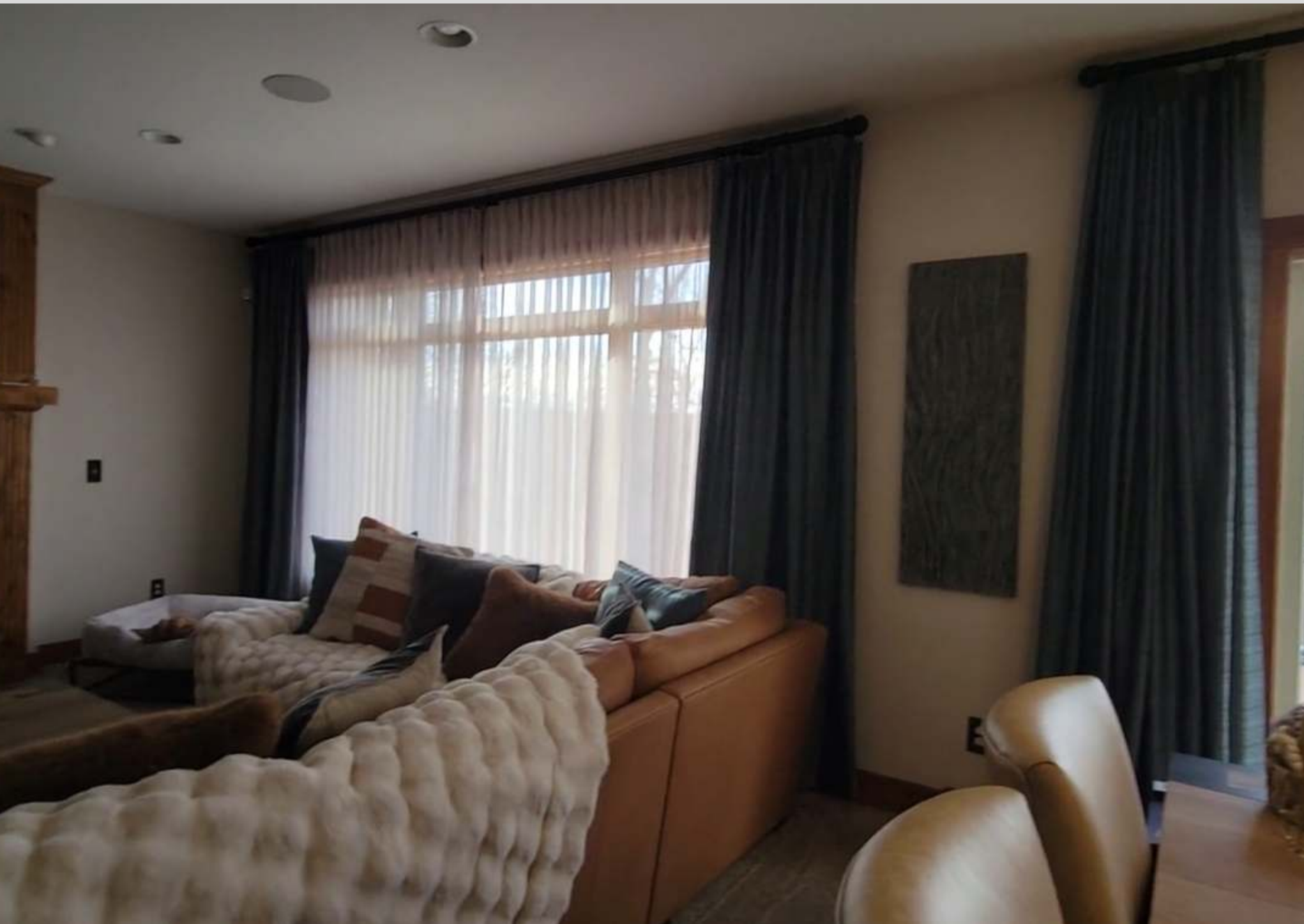
BEFORE



AFTER

The expanded main level blends seamlessly with the existing home through cohesive wood tones and finishes. Layered lighting, additional windows, and quartz countertops with a full-height quartz backsplash brighten the space and create continuity between old and new.

BEFORE & AFTER



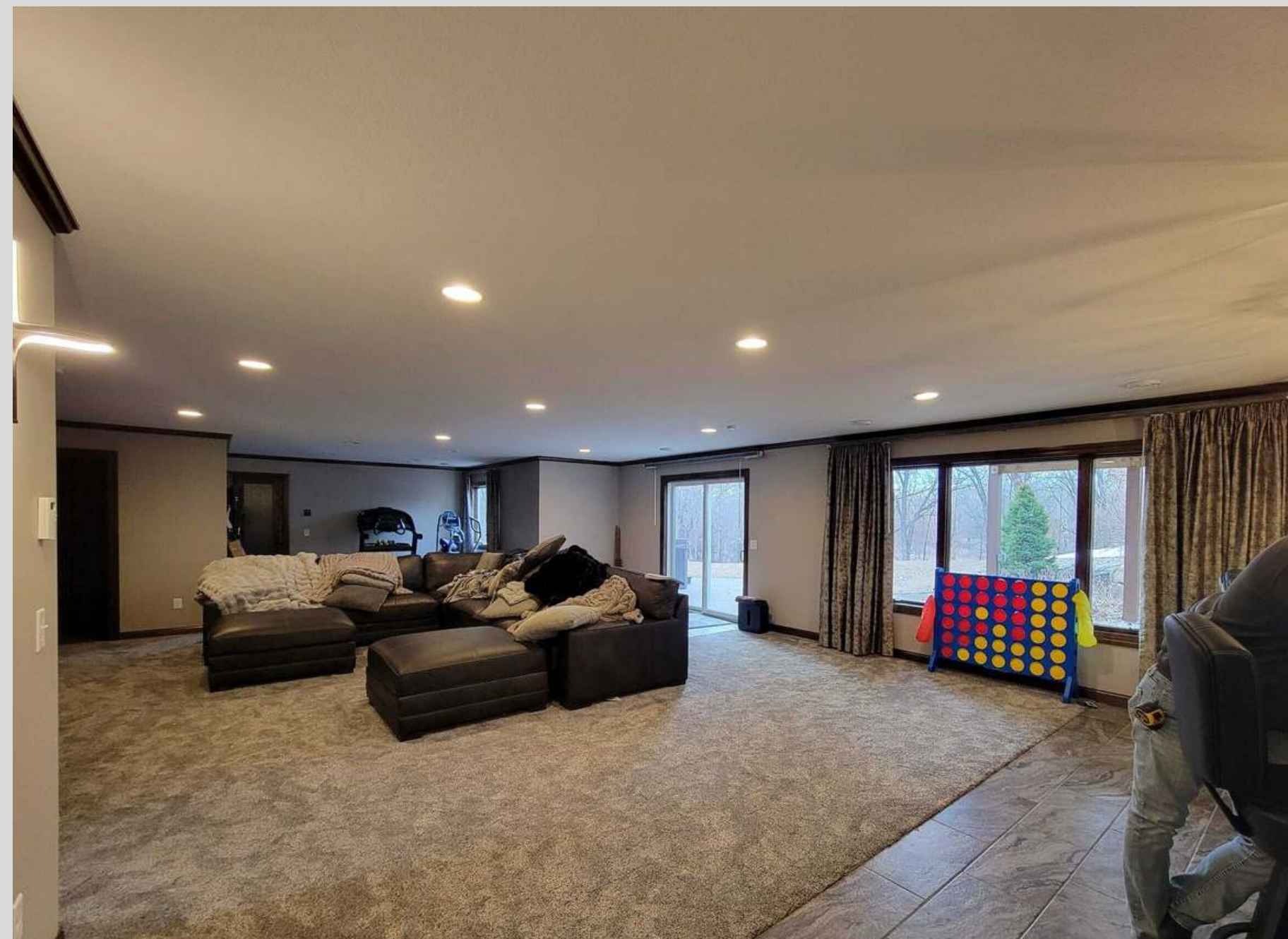
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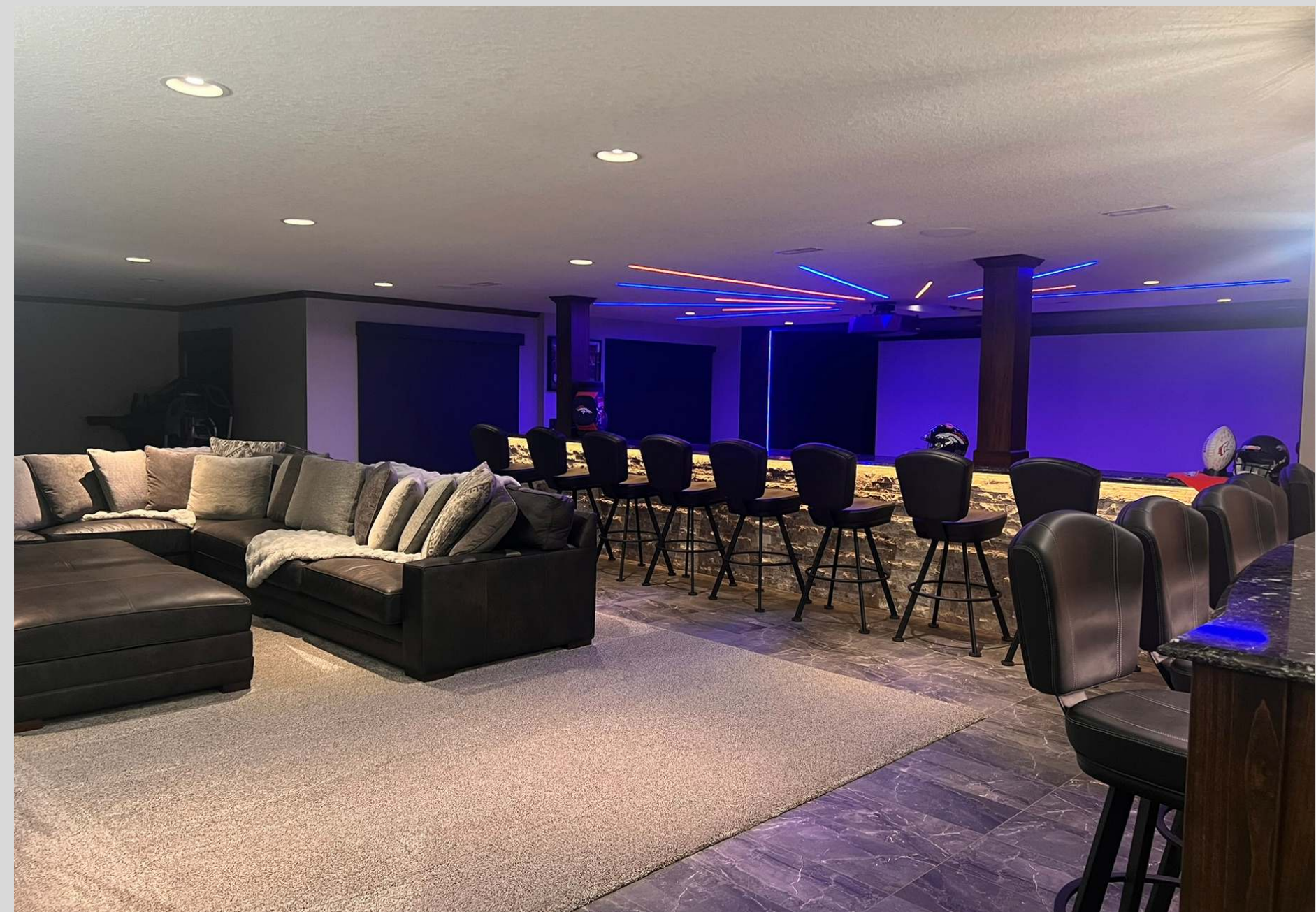
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The main-level addition transformed the existing gathering area into an expansive entertaining space centered around a large island, increased seating capacity, and enhanced natural light.

BEFORE & AFTER



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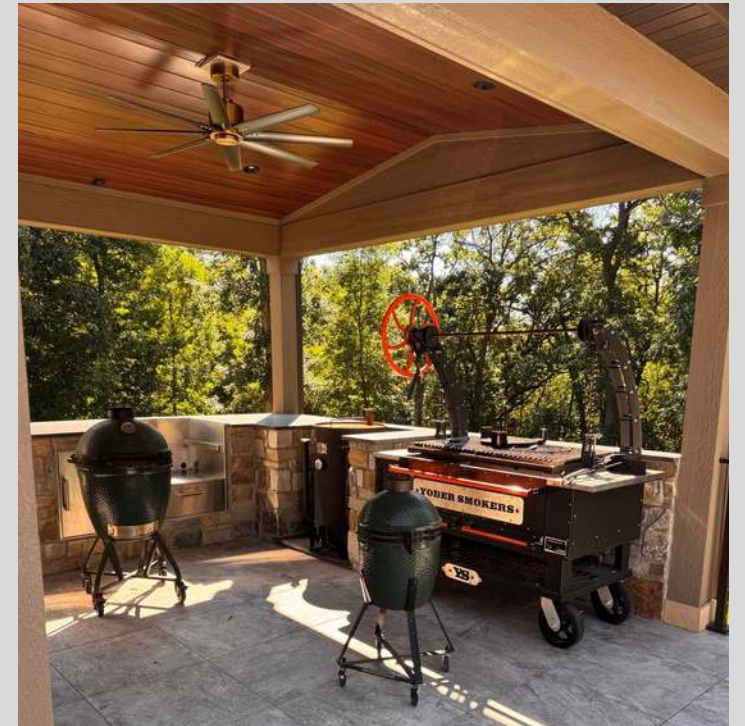
The existing lower level was reimagined as a highly specialized golf and entertaining environment, with the simulator, putting surface, wine cellar, and integrated technology working together as one cohesive space.

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BEFORE & AFTER



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A covered cooking and grilling area, paired with an expanded deck, creates a dedicated outdoor entertaining space.

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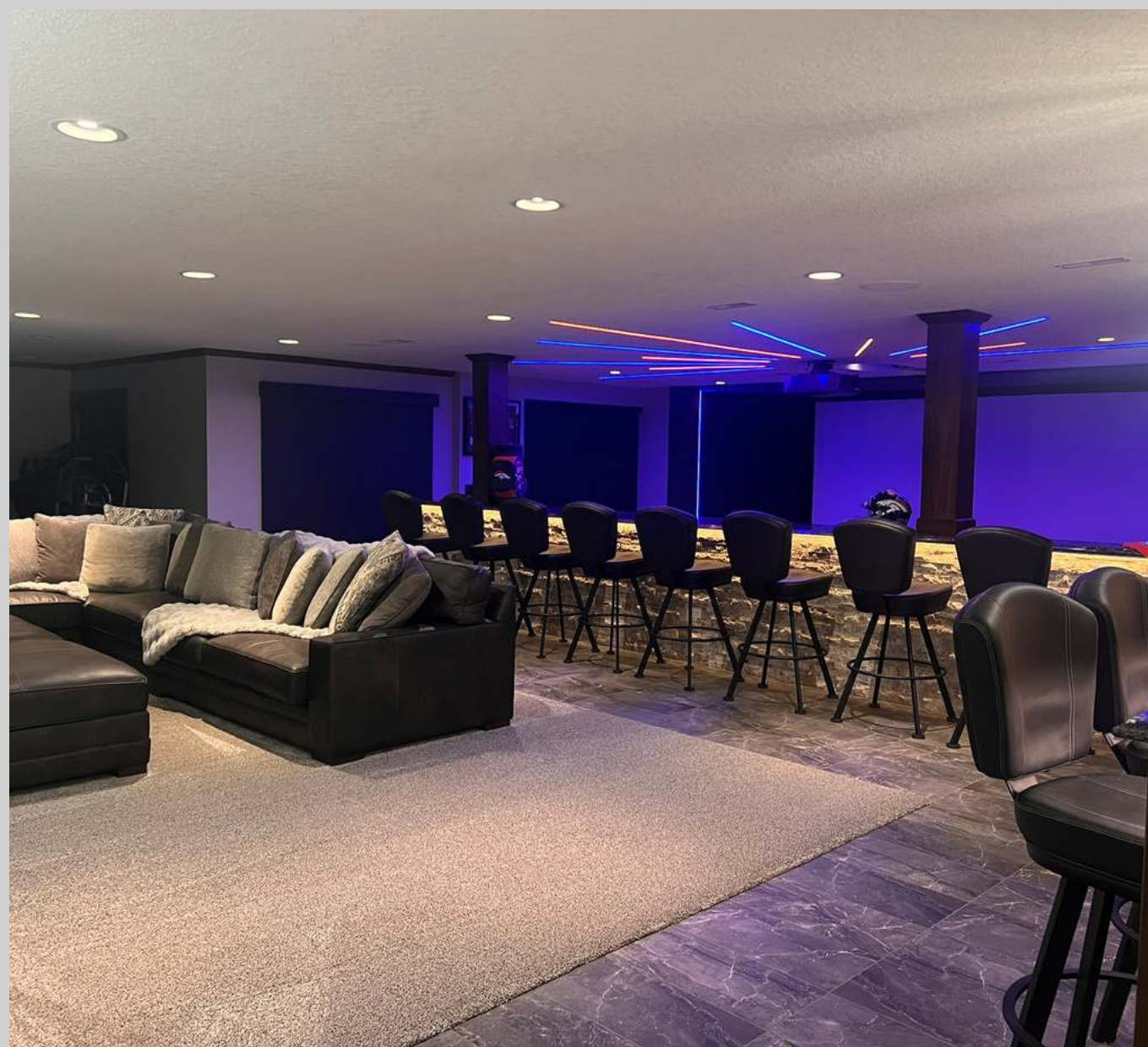
MAIN LEVEL FUNCTIONALITY

- The addition opens the main level into a generous gathering space that flows naturally into the existing family and dining areas while preserving comfortable circulation.
- A large central island anchors the space, creating a welcoming hub for cooking, serving, conversation, and seating for larger gatherings.
- Expanded cabinetry, refrigeration, and counter space provide the storage and serving capacity needed to support frequent cooking and hosting.
- Expansive windows fill the addition with natural light, while direct deck access creates an easy transition between indoor entertaining and the covered outdoor kitchen.



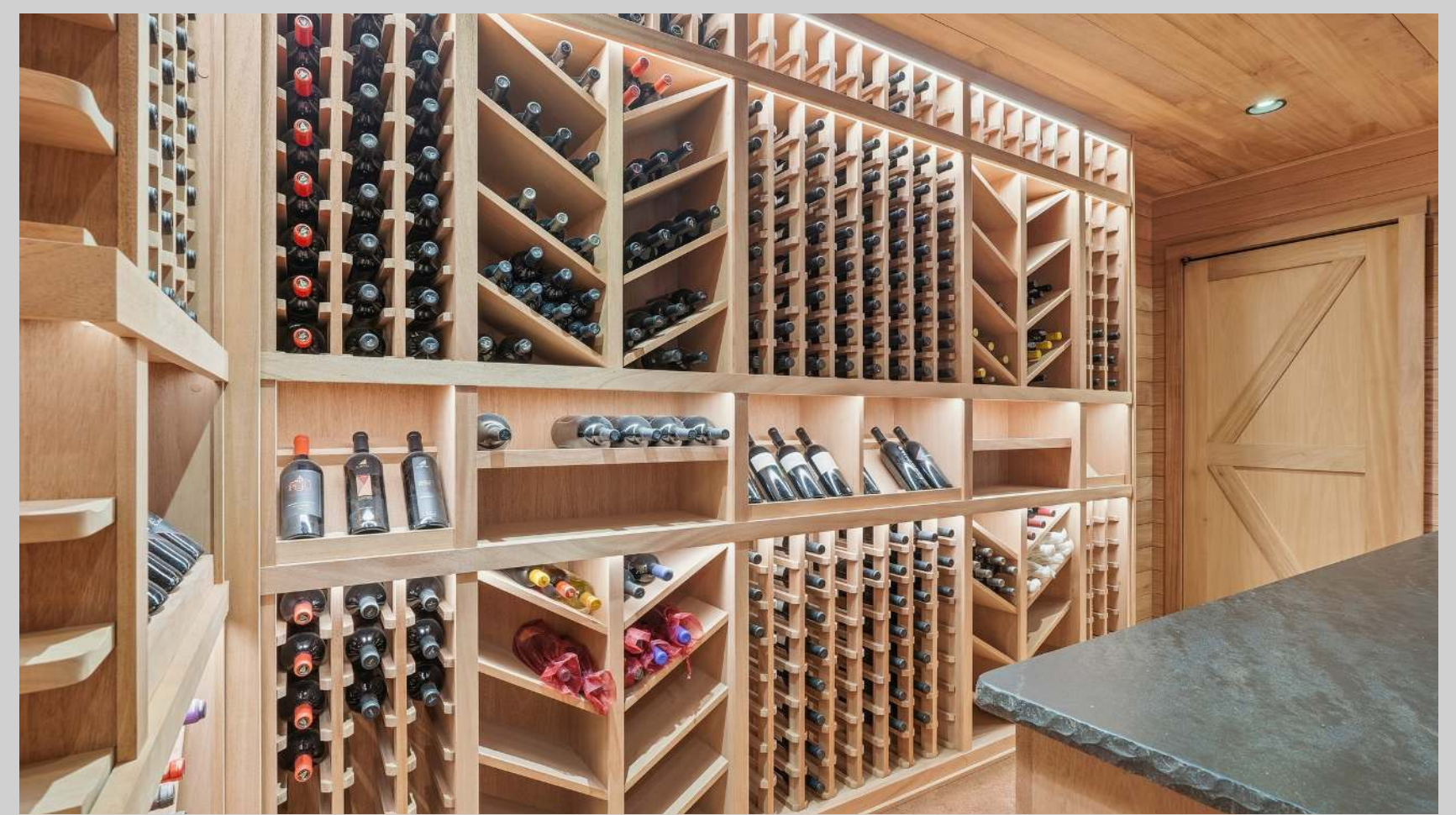
LOWER LEVEL FUNCTIONALITY

- The lower-level addition creates a dedicated golf environment with a full simulator zone and integrated putting system, supporting practice, play, and entertaining within one connected space.
- A 10' ceiling height provides the clearance needed for unrestricted swing space and full simulator use.
- Projection, performance displays, cameras, lighting, and controls were integrated into a coordinated system that supports simulator play, real-time swing analysis, and performance feedback.
- Selecting the “Golf” scene from the handheld control automatically lowers the protective screens and blackout treatments while adjusting the room lighting for play and optimal projection. Additional programmable lighting scenes allow the space to transition for movies, sporting events, entertaining, and other activities.
- The large-format projection screen also supports movies and televised sporting events, while a high-top bar overlooking the simulator and putting area provides dedicated seating for spectators and guests.



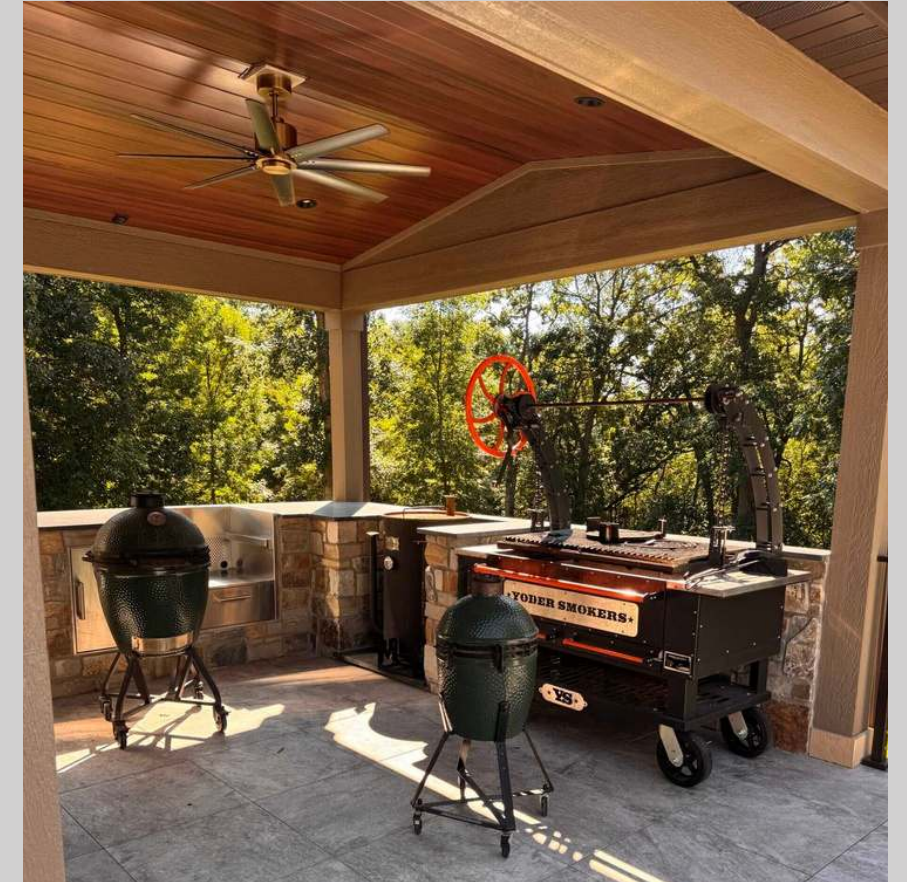
LOWER LEVEL FUNCTIONALITY

- A dedicated climate-controlled wine cellar houses approximately 1,800 bottles and is served by an independent HVAC system for controlled temperature and humidity.
- An integrated inventory system and custom African mahogany racking organize the collection while providing both storage and display.
- Cork flooring adds resilience underfoot and helps reduce bottle breakage from accidental drops.
- Integrated lighting, audiovisual controls, and programmable scenes allow the cellar to transition from collection management and tasting to entertaining.



FUNCTIONALITY OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

- The expanded deck connects directly to the new main-level addition, creating an easy transition from indoor gathering space to outdoor cooking, seating, and entertaining.
- The covered kitchen was designed to accommodate multiple grills and smokers while maintaining generous open deck space for seating and entertaining.
- A reinforced porcelain MBRICO deck system was selected for the outdoor kitchen, providing a durable, non-combustible surface better suited to heat exposure than PVC or composite decking.
- The porcelain system was also selected for its ability to withstand Minnesota's extreme freeze-thaw cycles while providing long-term dimensional stability and durability.



AESTHETICS MAIN-LEVEL

SEAMLESS INTEGRATION

Custom knotty alder cabinetry, coordinated trim details, and complementary wood tones create a natural transition between existing and new, allowing the main-level addition to feel intentional, cohesive, and true to the character of the home.

ENTERTAINMENT ISLAND

The oversized island was proportioned to the scale of the room and designed to comfortably seat 12, creating a substantial visual anchor for the entertaining space. Windsor Brass Satin Ridge quartz introduces movement and contrast against the warm knotty alder cabinetry.

CONTINUOUS QUARTZ DETAIL

Cambria Windsor Brass Satin Ridge extends beyond the island to the full-height backsplash, creating a continuous material statement that adds depth and visual continuity across the entertainment cabinetry.

ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL

The box-vaulted ceiling, layered lighting, expansive windows, and coordinated trim add depth and architectural interest while reinforcing the character of the surrounding home.



AESTHETICS WINE CELLAR & GOLF EXPERIENCE

WARM + IMMERSIVE CONTRAST

The wine cellar's warm wood tones and layered illumination create a rich, intimate environment, intentionally contrasted by the golf simulator's dark finishes, crisp linear lighting, and technology-driven aesthetic.

CUSTOM WOODWORK + MATERIAL DETAIL

African mahogany racking, wall and ceiling finishes create a consistent material language throughout the cellar, allowing the extensive collection to become part of the room's architecture. Remington Brass quartz adds depth and movement, with a hand-chiseled edge reinforcing the cellar's crafted character.

INTEGRATED LIGHTING

Concealed and accent lighting highlights the wine display and millwork, while programmable linear lighting defines the simulator and putting environment without competing with projection performance.

VISUAL CONNECTION

Floor-to-ceiling glass creates a strong visual connection between the two spaces, allowing the illuminated wine cellar to become a warm architectural focal point from the adjoining golf simulator and entertainment space.



CRAFTSMANSHIP & INNOVATIVE METHODS

STRUCTURE & SYSTEMS

STRUCTURAL INTEGRATION

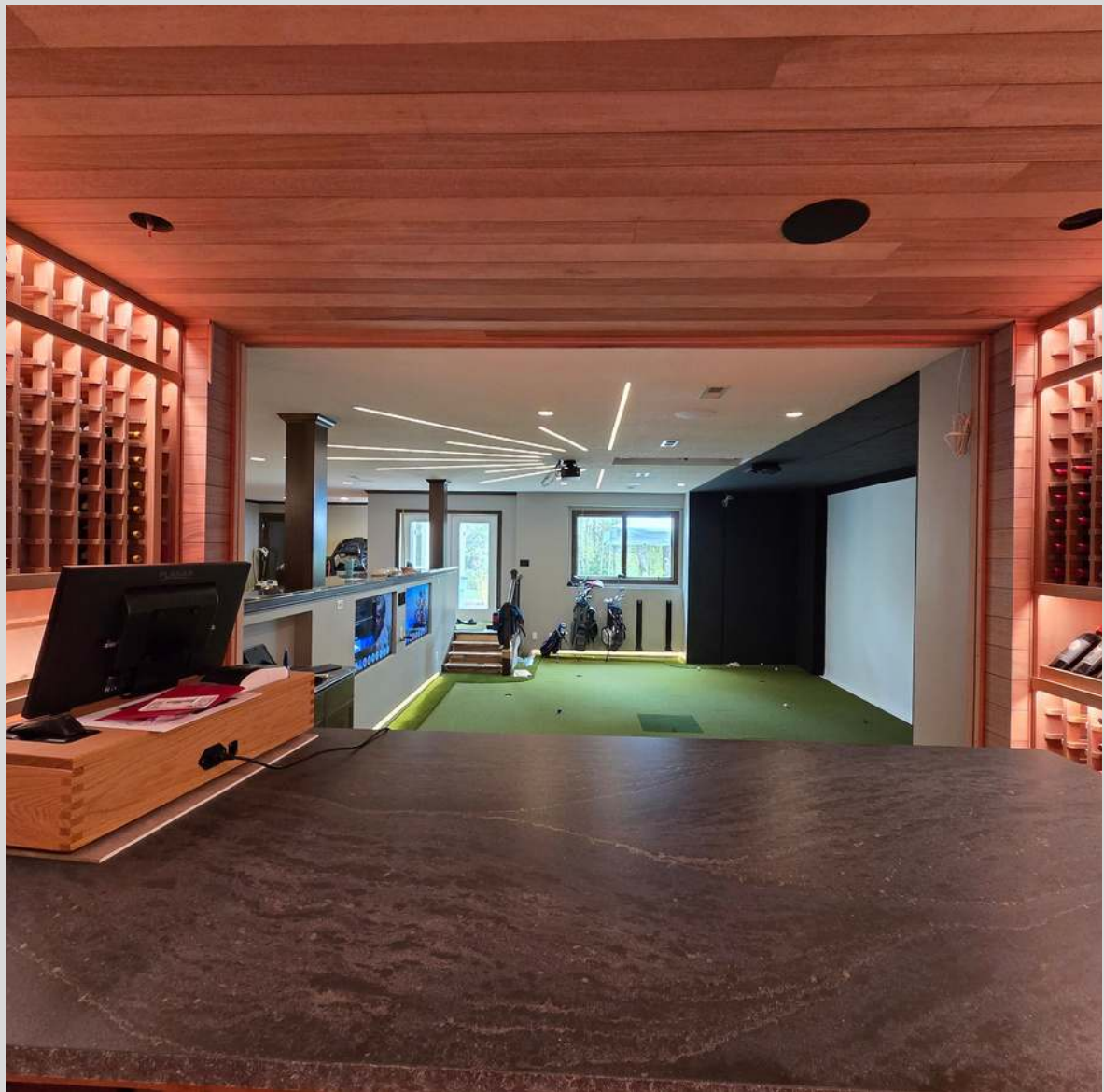
The multi-level addition required extensive structural engineering and coordination. A new multi-level reinforced foundation system was constructed to support the addition, while new LVL beams and PSL columns accommodated significant loads and the removal of existing rear bearing wall. The structural design also preserved the open lower-level layout while incorporating two additional feet of ceiling height required for the golf simulator.

SYSTEMS INTEGRATION

The lower level required extensive rewiring, planning, and coordination for the golf simulator, projection, AI cameras, displays, impact curtains, architectural lighting, and audiovisual systems. Planning these interconnected components before finishes allowed the technology to function together while remaining seamlessly integrated into the finished space.

MECHANICAL COORDINATION

The project required coordination of three HVAC systems—the home’s existing system, a new system serving the addition, and dedicated climate control for the wine cellar. Each was carefully coordinated to meet distinct environmental requirements while minimizing its visual presence within the finished spaces.



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WINE CELLAR

CUSTOM MILLWORK

Extensive African mahogany millwork defines the cellar, with custom racking, wall paneling, and detailed ceiling elements meticulously fabricated and integrated throughout the space. The result is a highly tailored architectural environment designed around the 1,800-bottle collection.

CONCEALED DOOR INTEGRATION

A concealed door was integrated into the custom racking so it reads as part of the millwork. A bottle-triggered release opens the hidden door, preserving the uninterrupted appearance of the racking while providing concealed access to the collection's inventory system.

HAND-CHISELED QUARTZ

Remington Brass quartz features a hand-chiseled edge, adding a distinctive, artisan-crafted detail that complements the warmth and character of the African mahogany.



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CRAFTSMANSHIP & INNOVATIVE METHODS GOLF SIMULATOR

HIGHLY COORDINATED GOLF ENVIRONMENT

The simulator required precise coordination of projection, AI cameras, displays, lighting, impact protection, controls, and finished construction. Each component was carefully positioned and integrated so the technology performs as intended without compromising the finished architecture.

CUSTOM PUTTING GREEN

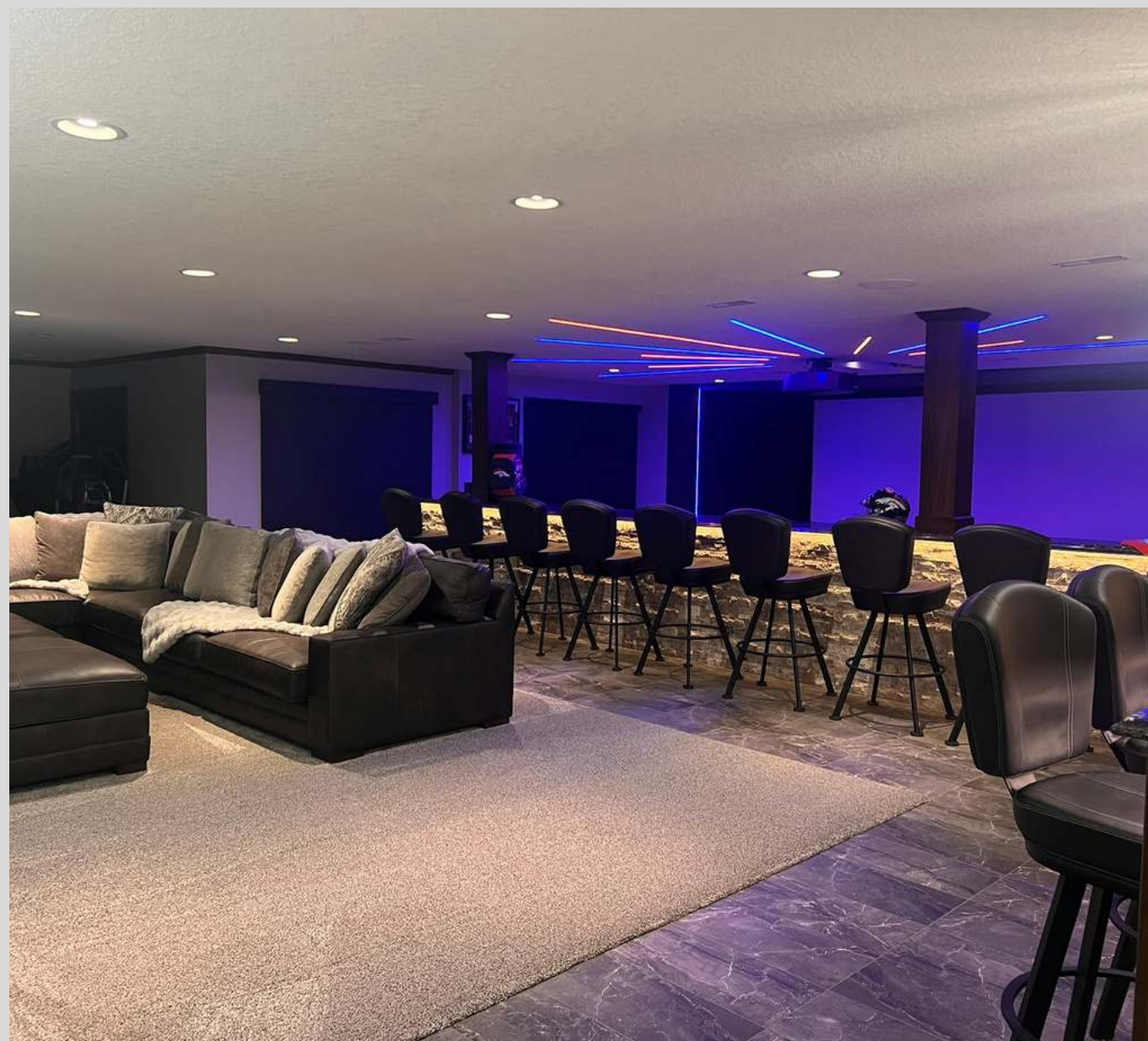
The custom putting surface was a highly specialized installation, shaped and finished to create realistic ball response within the room. Its integration required precise coordination with the simulator, surrounding finishes, and lower-level floor conditions to create a seamless, purpose-built golf environment.

INTEGRATED IMPACT PROTECTION

Automated impact curtains and protective components were incorporated into the finished space, providing the protection required for full-swing play while maintaining a clean architectural appearance.

ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING

Custom linear lighting radiates toward the simulator, requiring careful coordination with projection equipment and other ceiling components while transforming the ceiling into a defining feature of the golf environment.



Designed to Entertain. Built to Belong.

- ✓ MULTI-LEVEL ADDITION CREATED NEW MAIN- AND LOWER-LEVEL LIVING SPACE
- ✓ EXPANSIVE MAIN-LEVEL ENTERTAINING SPACE ANCHORED BY A 12-PERSON ISLAND
- ✓ SEAMLESS INTEGRATION BETWEEN THE EXISTING HOME AND NEW ADDITION
- ✓ COVERED OUTDOOR KITCHEN + EXPANDED DECK FOR ENTERTAINING
- ✓ CLIMATE-CONTROLLED, 1,800-BOTTLE CUSTOM WINE CELLAR
- ✓ IMMERSIVE GOLF SIMULATOR + CUSTOM PUTTING EXPERIENCE
- ✓ BOTTLE-ACTIVATED CONCEALED DOOR INTEGRATED INTO CUSTOM MILLWORK
- ✓ INTEGRATED AUDIOVISUAL, LIGHTING + CONTROL SYSTEMS

