



This elegant hallway, with its geometric millwork, sets the tone and pattern for the first floor. Photograph by James Haefner.

ELEGANT EQUATION

“This hallway is at the heart of the home,” Runsat says. Because the space acts as a hub to several different areas on the first floor, the designers, along with Chris Harrington, senior associate at *Young & Young Architects*, took great care to map out a gridline for the paneling. “Notice where the crown molding meets the ceiling; there’s a dark shadow line—that’s where all of the HVAC connects through the house,” Runsat explains. This discreet detail keeps air flowing throughout the home without the distraction of large air registers.

The hallway lighting also required special attention. “In a contemporary home, the hall ceilings are higher, so with this traditional design, we needed the right scale, and the lanterns couldn’t hang lower than 8 feet,” LaVictor explains.