

Room With a View

New upscale windows and doors make enjoying the outside easier from the inside

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Until now, homeowners in the Southeast with a beautiful view could only truly enjoy it by venturing outdoors. This is not a problem when the weather is perfect, but it can be a bit trying when extreme heat, cold or bugs are a factor.

The solution lies in Weiland Sliding Doors and Windows Inc. This California-based company has supplied picture-perfect oversized glass doors and windows for homes

and businesses for more than 25 years. The company recently expanded to the Southeast after receiving a hurricane rating on its products.

Weiland doors and windows are carried exclusively by All About Windows of Daniel Island. The company offers a full line of windows and doors, high-end interior window treatments and hurricane shutters, and has been in business for more than 10 years. But the addition of Weiland products adds another

dimension to All About Windows' repertoire and the doors and windows themselves are earning rave reviews.

"Before, homeowners, designers and architects were limited by the size of the doors and windows they could use," said Roland Gahafer, owner of All About Windows.

"But with these Weiland products, now someone building a home on the water or in the mountains can open up an entire side of their house and really enjoy the view. In





effect, they are creating a glass wall.”

Weiland offers two types of oversized doors: liftslide, which disappear into a discreet pocket within a wall, and bifold, which neatly fold back against an interior or exterior wall.

Both styles, which can weigh up to 800 pounds per panel, are engineered to provide continuous contact with the floor to create a superior weather barrier when closed. They utilize European hardware and a patented hidden floor track Weiland designed to ensure the doors open and close easily.

“When customers are investing in these doors, they have certain expectations,” Gahafer said. “And these doors slide like a hot knife through butter.”

All About Windows is currently working on a project that involves incorporating bifold doors into a three-story mountain home in North Carolina.

“This property has a 180-degree view of the mountains and this is one of the main reasons the client chose this location,” said Amy Conner-Murphy, who is serving as architect on the project. “We wanted to maximize that view as much as possible and are using the bifold

doors to make it happen.”

“The doors allow you to have a huge expansive space when the doors are open, yet when they are closed, you still get a lot of light in through the glass,” she added.

Each Weiland door system is custom made and typically constructed with an aluminum exterior and a high-quality wood on the interior, both of which can be made to match existing surfaces and palettes.

To ensure a consistent look and feel throughout a home, Weiland offers a line of windows that perfectly complement the liftslide and bifold doors.

All About Windows also carries motorized screens and blackout shades that can be used in conjunction with the Weiland doors and windows. These practical yet attractive applications can drop down out of the soffit and be synchronized with a home integration system.

Complete package

All of these items are part of a complete array of products offered by All About Windows.

When the company began, it originally focused on interior treatments including plantation shutters, natural and Roman shades, blinds and other products designed to offer 24-hour privacy and light control.

Eventually, the company added exterior products ranging from colonial shutters to hurricane resistant products. Its hurricane products include mahogany shutters, Bahama shutters, accordion shutters, fabric shields and roll-down shutters that can be motorized and wired into home integration systems.

“This is the heart and soul of our business,” Gahafer said of his locally owned and operated company. “We exist to provide quality products and turnkey services.” ➔

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