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a commercial kitchen in a private setting

Special Features:

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Dimensions:

18' X 15'

Products Used:

Cabinetry: SieMatic 7007 MR
Flooring: Oak Wood
Countertops: Pyrolave (Two Colors) and Black Absolute Granite
Sink(s): Franke Undermount
Faucets: KWC & Franke Pot Filler
Dishwasher: Miele
Lighting: Under cabinet lighting – SieMatic
Refrigerator: Sub-Zero
Oven: Dacor
Wall Ovens: Gaggenau

This charming home constructed in a very exclusive private neighborhood in Chapel Hill, N.C., at first posed some challenges. The original homeowner lost his funding more than half way through the project, so the new owners were faced with completing someone else's plan but to their tastes and desires.

The kitchen had not been started, so the owners began searching for the right plan—and the right designer—to finish the space. In the Spring 2001 issue of *Signature Kitchens and Bath*, they found their dream kitchen – it had the right colors, finishes and overall design and feel. They immediately contacted the listed designer, Kuche+Cucina in Paramus, N.J., and talked with Amir Ilin, the owner. He answered many of their questions and they felt prepared to begin.

After an exhaustive search through their market, the owners again called Ilin and requested that Kuche+Cucina design their kitchen. The following week, designer Chaim Sharon flew in to start working on the new kitchen.

Original plans called for the breakfast area to be separated from the kitchen with

a large peninsula, but the owners wanted one large space integrating both areas. Sharon eliminated the peninsula and continued the cabinetry into the breakfast area, creating a hutch-like section.

The owners also requested a commercial kitchen set up with the stove on one side and a large work island behind it. To further aid their food preparation, Sharon designed a special custom waste shoot, cut into the lava stone counter, right over the pullout garbage.

The homeowners now have a kitchen that is both beautiful and functional and is the hub of their family's activities. ♦

