

# MAZZEO CONSTRUCTION

Born and raised in Poland, Aleksandra Mazzeo feels they had a great childhood. "I attended the Technical University of Częstochowa, where I studied materials and applied physics," says Mazzeo. Arriving in the United States in 2003 on a student visa, Mazzeo was planning to work and travel for a single summer. "But life wrote its book and I'm still here!"

Launching an eponymous design-build-remodel company was "pretty tough," says Mazzeo. "Usually, men don't look at a woman the same way in this industry. They would question my knowledge and experience." However, Mazzeo proved very quickly that they were well-versed in the construction business. "I gained respect from all my subs and everybody on the sites."

"Of course, there are a lot of benefits to having women in construction," Mazzeo continues. "I believe that women pay more attention to details. I listen to what people say and consider their wishlist. Even during the project, I'm always working based on the customers' input."

This vision aligns with the Mazzeo Construction philosophy. "Honesty is our legacy," says Mazzeo. "I believe that being truthful is a core value, and nothing is more important than honesty." The Mazzeo team approaches every project with the attitude that there are no problems, only solutions. "If we run into any challenge, we discuss it and see where the answer is, because every problem has a solution."

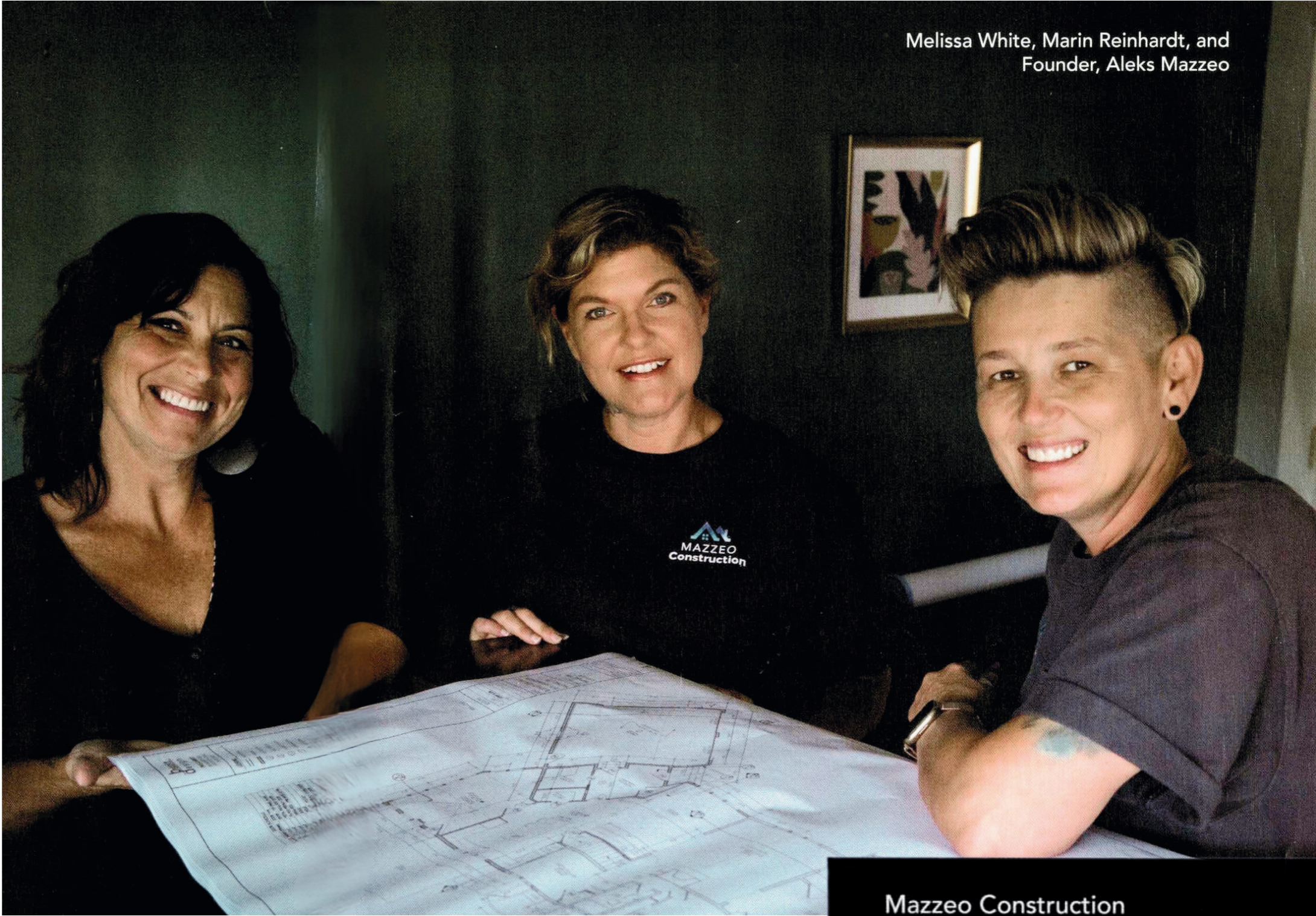
With a full-service roster of design/build work, a pool and outdoor living division, and an expansion into cleaning and handyman services, Mazzeo thinks "we have enough on our plate for now. The plan is to focus on growing those divisions."

Despite this busy schedule, Mazzeo loves the work. "Not only do I get to transition houses into homes, but I also get to help people. I'm blessed enough to be able to give back to the community," says Mazzeo. "I believe that if you love what you do, you do not work one day in your life."

For other women and non-binary individuals considering a career in the skilled trades or starting their own business in a traditionally male-dominated field, Mazzeo offers some straightforward guidance: "The best advice I can give is to be yourself. Don't let fear overtake you. If you know what you're doing and you are sure about your goal, go for it."

"Being an entrepreneur can be uncomfortable sometimes. But face the world with a smile, and if they close one door, the other will be open," Mazzeo adds, spoken like a true crafter of homes. "If all the doors are closed, you can get through the window."

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