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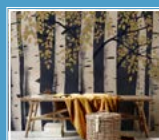
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MODERN ARCHITECTURAL GETAWAY

MU Architecture

Havre Montcalm is a modern architectural getaway development designed by MU Architecture, consisting of elegant and peaceful residences nestled in the heart of Quebec's majestic Laurentian Mountains.

The eventual collection of 62 residences, located on 184 acres of nature, draws inspiration from the mountainous terrain and luminous clearing, as well as from the history and family values of the owners. Just 20 kilometers from Mont-Tremblant, and blending into the surrounding forest, the estate provides magnificent views of the Laurentian mountains, as well as privileged access to trails, Lake Beaven, the Aerobic Corridor Park, and a multitude of cultural and outdoor experiences.

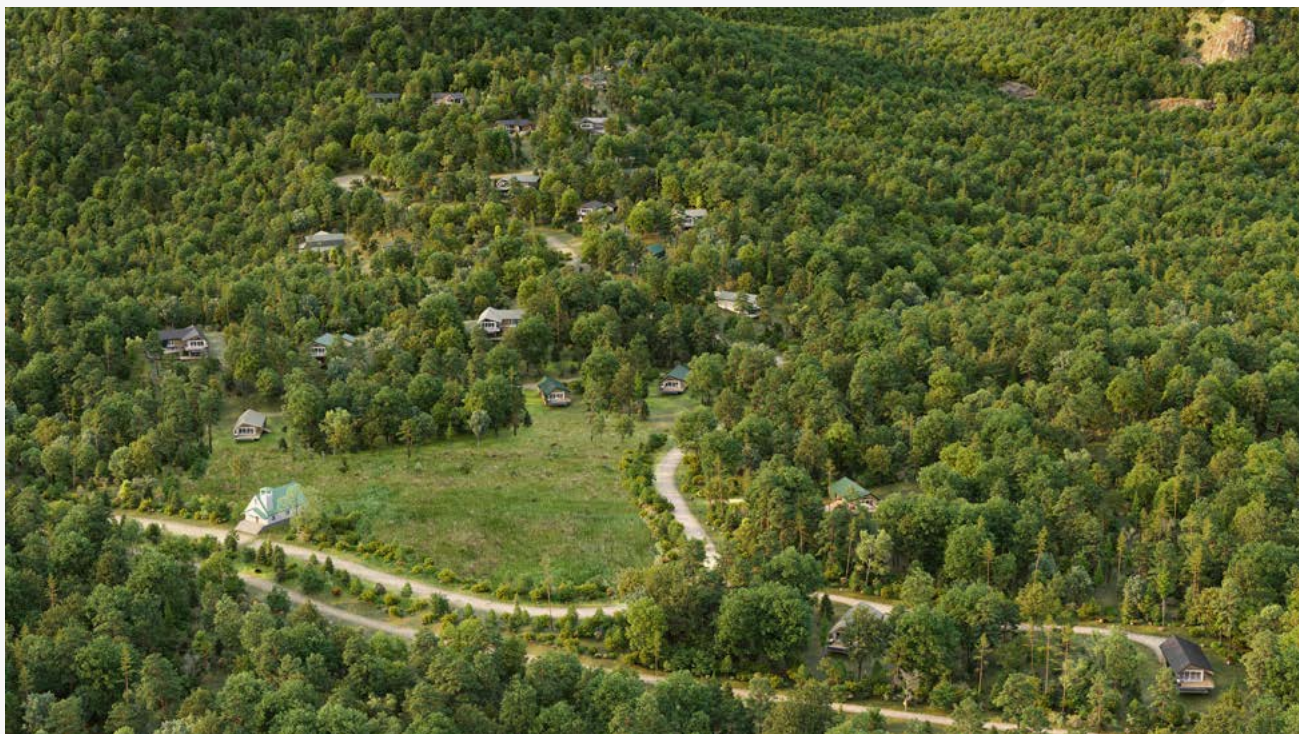
The site's rugged topography, with changing vegetation and breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains, makes it a unique place. MU Architecture and Projet Paysage were tasked with ensuring that the architecture integrates within the existing landscape with minimal intervention on the terrain. By alternating typologies to match the

terrain's topography, the conscientious placement of the homes minimally alters the site, while highlighting its natural components.

The creation of a private road, winding through the terrain, allows for accommodation of the terrain's slope and rugged topography. Thus, the residences are arranged from the bottom to the top of the hill in a serpentine fashion, optimizing space and ensuring that each one has a breathtaking view of the beautiful valley below. The layout was meticulously planned to strike a balance between privacy and accessibility, while preserving the natural landscape.

A WINDOW TO NATURE

MU Architecture designed four typologies for the site that vary depending on the terrain on which a chalet is built. The first typology has a single level, and is raised from the ground to preserve the existing topography and to minimize the footprint. The other three typologies are nestled into the mountain slope with the creation of a garden level. While the first typology is elevated



to give the impression of floating above the plain, the other three are anchored in the ground and offer living areas and views on two levels of the house, facilitating a more fluid indoor-outdoor dialogue. Types 3 and 4 maintain an elongated form, while types 1 and 2 are derived from the same architectural premise, but with a structure that extends into an "L" shape, allowing for the addition of two or three bedrooms, the integration of a double garage at its end, an infinity pool (optional for type 2), and a sauna (type 1 only). The models range from 1,133 sq ft to 4,131 sq ft and feature two to five bedrooms, with the possibility of converting them into an office or gym.

The various Havre residences are suitable for short getaways, as well as extended stays with family or friends. Individual land sizes range from 1.2 to 6 acres, ensuring a haven of nature for each home, and instilling an ever-present sense of being at one with nature.

HAVRE 4

Raised from the ground to give the impression of floating above the plain, the chalet, limited to a single floor, appears to have been delicately placed in its natural landscape. Wrapped in a cladding



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made of metal scales, the heart of the chalet protects against the elements and enjoys panoramic views of the open and lush plain. Specially designed as the basic premise for all chalets in the development, the modern and elegant architecture of the chalet humbly integrates into its site. Havre Montcalm literally offers a window to nature, and the bastion of calm invites those who spend time there to be lulled by the tranquility of the place.

HAVRE 3

Designed to nestle into the mountain slopes, this chalet spans two levels and discreetly incorporates a carport at the rear. The chalet offers three bedrooms, including a master suite on the ground floor, as well as a game room and a bar on the garden level. While the upper lounge is impressive with its view dominating the landscape, the one on the garden level offers more privacy and delicately integrates into the rugged topography.





HAVRE 2

This new typology of four bedrooms, directly derived from the main model, extends the building's structure into an "L" shape, allowing for the addition of two bedrooms and for the integration of a double garage at its end. The created inner courtyard is oriented towards the views, offering occupants a courtyard protected from prying eyes. The master suite, strategically positioned upstairs, enjoys breathtaking views of the mountains and surroundings. This chalet, with multiple living areas, is ideal for a small family.

HAVRE 1

The largest and most luxurious proposal, this unique chalet typology is only found at the top of the estate, where the plots are larger and the views are most impressive. The "L" volume allows for the addition of a guest suite on the ground floor. This chalet also features a sauna and a pool, and is the epitome of relaxation and forest retreat.

BLENDING INDOOR AND OUTDOOR

MU Architecture's modern homes invite contemplation and relaxation, with simple and elegant interiors featuring high cedar ceilings, a wood stove, and custom kitchen cabinets. While the private areas and bedrooms offer tranquil views of the forest, both on the ground floor and at the garden level, the communal spaces can function as gathering places, equipped with large windows overlooking the open landscape. The communal spaces can also extend outside onto the terrace and into the courtyard, making the

transition between indoors and outdoors smoother, while still being sheltered from the elements by the enveloping roof that defines the project's uniqueness. The outdoor landscaping is minimalist to ensure that the constructed landscape blends into the existing natural landscape, highlighting the natural components of the site. The inner courtyard is oriented towards the panorama, while being shielded from view.

The outdoor layout encourages gathering, but also relaxation, notably with the hammock net possessed by each model, giving the impression of floating above the plain or among the trees. Nature inspired the shape and materials of the architectural concept of Havre Montcalm, and it also permeates the spirit and aesthetics of the interior design. The richness of Montcalm's terrain – its clearing, forest, wetlands, and rocks – inspired the architects to create a wide variety of visual elements, textures, and lights that define the unique character of the landscapes. The result is three interior finish palettes in cohesion with the environment in which the chalet is situated.



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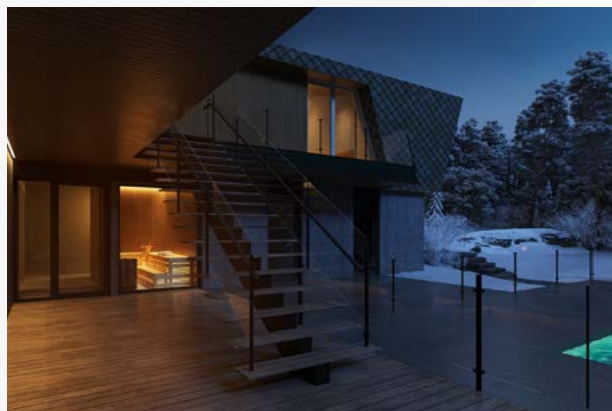
Common to the different typologies, the cedar ceilings and soffits from the west, the exterior claddings in painted steel scales, and the claddings of the exterior surfaces in composite wood ensure durability and require minimal maintenance.

OPTION 1: LA CLAIRIÈRE

Inspired by the abundance of light and the beige tones of the clearing's hay, this palette of light finishes exudes serenity, with the soft and soothing tones of the walls, furniture, and accessories creating a cocoon of tranquility. The cream tones recall the warmth of the sun filtering through the leaves and immediately invite relaxation. This palette, imbued with tranquility, transforms every corner into a haven of peace, where simplicity becomes timeless elegance.

OPTION 2: LA FORÊT

It is the diversity and beauty of the forest on the site that led the architects to create this palette, opting for warm tones and rich browns that evoke the depth of the forest, and soothing touches of color recalling the nuances of wildflowers. Every detail, infused with the very essence of nature, transforms the space into a haven of well-being. The colors of the forest welcome guests home, creating a sanctuary of peace imbued with authenticity.



OPTION 3: LA ROCHEUSE

In this chalet, elegance finds its essence in stone and minerals. The palette of finishes, deep and dark, evokes the rich hues of the surrounding mountains. Charcoal grays and deep blacks blend together to create an ambiance that is both subdued and sophisticated. Here, the raw beauty of nature merges with contemporary elegance, creating an interior as powerful as it is captivating, and a sanctuary engraved in rock.

CUSTOM ARCHITECTURAL HOMES

Havre Montcalm was designed to embody a place of relaxation and rejuvenation, and as a sanctuary in nature to create memories with family and friends. The Havre are customizable to adapt to different lifestyles and resulting needs. Owners have the option to purchase the chalet fully furnished, beyond the integrated furniture already included, with high-end furniture designed by local designers and manufacturers.



A DEVELOPER ROOTED IN THE REGION

The Havre Montcalm project begins with a family history and a love for the land passed down through generations. In 1975, Jan and Monica Gradek purchased several properties in Montcalm, one of which became the site of numerous family gatherings. Stephan's childhood was punctuated by the moments he spent at the "green house," playing outside with his cousins and coming home just in time for dinner. In 1989, the house caught fire, but remains for Stephan the cradle of his fondest memories. Now, 35 years later, Stephan's mission is to restore the site that once belonged to his grandparents, and to write a new chapter in its history with architecture that pays homage to the unique surroundings.

CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY

Havre Montcalm is a low-density project that spans a territory of 184 acres. By preserving nature to the maximum and limiting the footprint of the homes, the homes are designed to one day be passed on to future generations and to children who, like Stephan Gradek and his daughters, will be able to play in the forest and run in the plains. The project aims to bring together a community of people who care about nature, well-being, and time spent with family or loved ones. The chapel at the entrance of the site will also be preserved and renovated to create a future clubhouse accessible to owners.

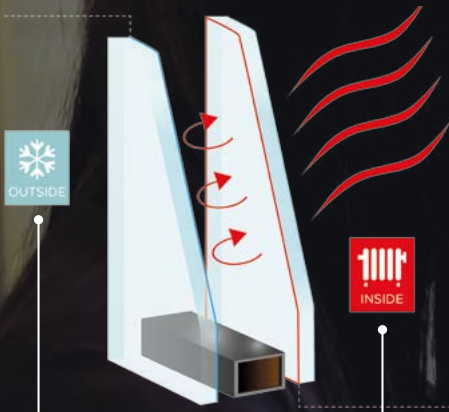
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THE H RESIDENCE

The H Residence is an understated and innovative mixed-use project designed by tkpd in Al Safa, right at the heart of the Jumeirah district, aiming to redefine the concept of urban living

Combining a sophisticated retail and F&B area, featuring globally renowned names such as Cipriani, Nac and Maison Kitsune -with high end 37 residential units, this low-rise development provides a human-scaled living experience seamlessly integrating with the local community and existing urban fabric. Replacing an old retail structure that has been a cherished destination since the 1980s, the proposed design has been met with initial resistance that soon turned into unwavering support. The community's patience and trust in the architect's vision have been rewarded.

With a spacious 1,800sqm public space strategically placed at the heart of the project and accessible to everyone. Surrounding the plaza, the apartments, townhouses, and F&B units offer direct access and stunning views of the central garden. One of the most distinctive features of the central plaza is its sloping design, which allows for a higher number of floors at the back of the building. This innovative approach also provides enough head-height to accommodate a bridge connecting the two wings of the building. Moreover, the sloping design ensures privacy for the ground floor townhouses facing the plaza, while uniformly connecting the residents' lobby with the main drop area at the back, enhancing overall flow and accessibility.

The H's two wings are connected by a 30m spanning bridge, exclusively accessible to residents, serving as a prime recreational area. On top of the bridge, an outdoor infinity 300 sqm pool offers breathtaking 360° views of the city's skyline, including Downtown Dubai, the Burj Khalifa, the plaza, and the sea. Hospitality takes center stage on the ground floor, with three F&B high end operators at the front. These establishments provide outdoor seating areas overlooking the vibrant plaza. The other half of the ground floor features 25 two and three-bedroom townhouses, each with a cozy front yard and a larger back garden with direct access to the plaza.

The first floor boasts 8 spacious apartments, ranging from one to three bedrooms, offering smaller yet truly comfortable living spaces. Deep balconies provide privacy and sun shading, creating a serene and enjoyable environment. Specially designed vertical louvres adorn the façade, striking a balance between shade and natural light, while minimizing energy consumption for air conditioning. The H's understated design, characterized by the dynamic relation between the sloped plaza, arched wings, and sky bridge, stands out within Dubai's urban fabric. This project promises to breathe new life into the community, replacing an outdated retail destination with a vibrant communal hub that



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encourages social interaction in a busy part of Dubai such as Jumeirah -- providing a much-needed green, shaded space accessible to residents as well as to external guests. Capturing the essence of the existing context with its thoughtful design and seamless integration of indoor and outdoor spaces,

the H Residence by tkpd is set to become a new and long-lasting beloved destination for both locals and visitors alike -- promoting inclusion whilst nurturing a new sense of belonging.

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BATHING BEAUTY



One area where beauty is easily as important as function, is in the domestic bathroom. Whether you prefer a shower, need an extra ensuite, or want to create a soothing bathroom oasis, glass should be part of the equation, say Susan Sinden, Commercial Manager for ESG.

Glass has many applications in bathroom settings, the shower enclosure being perhaps the most familiar. Toughened glass is a must for shower enclosures as it is far safer, breaking, if damaged, into small granular fragments which cause far less harm to occupants than the large shards into which annealed glass can break.

Glass shower enclosures are very familiar; however, modern glass processing techniques have expanded the possibilities, and they can now be enhanced with tinted glass, or other decorative touches such as back painting or etching.

The more recent revolution, however, has been in the use of toughened laminated glass, in which a PolyVinyl Butyral (PVB) interlayer is laminated between two panes of glass toughened glass. This opens up a host of decorative possibilities, including the increasingly popular switchable LCD privacy glass, which uses an advanced interlayer through which a small electric current is passed. The current causes the glass to become optically clear and transparent, but once it is switched off, the glass returns to an opaque state, providing total privacy.

In domestic settings, switchable privacy glass is fast becoming a favourite with interior designers, as it allows the creation of distinct living spaces, without

using solid walls, allowing occupants to enjoy the view, or seclusion, at will.

Switchable glass can be used to great effect in bathrooms, ensuites, and bedrooms, where privacy is essential. In a large bedroom, an additional ensuite can be created, but this often entails using an outside wall with a window or cutting out natural light. An ingenious solution, therefore, is to construct the interior wall between bedroom and bathroom from glass panels, so that light can continue to spill through.



Outside windows in a bathroom or shower room can cause a dilemma, as not all window treatments are suitable for a potentially steamy environment. Many designers are now choosing to dispense with blinds or shutters, and use switchable privacy glass instead. ESG Switchable glass can be operated from an app, so it's perfectly possible to switch it off for dressing and getting into a bath by a window, then switch on to enjoy the view outside while bathing.

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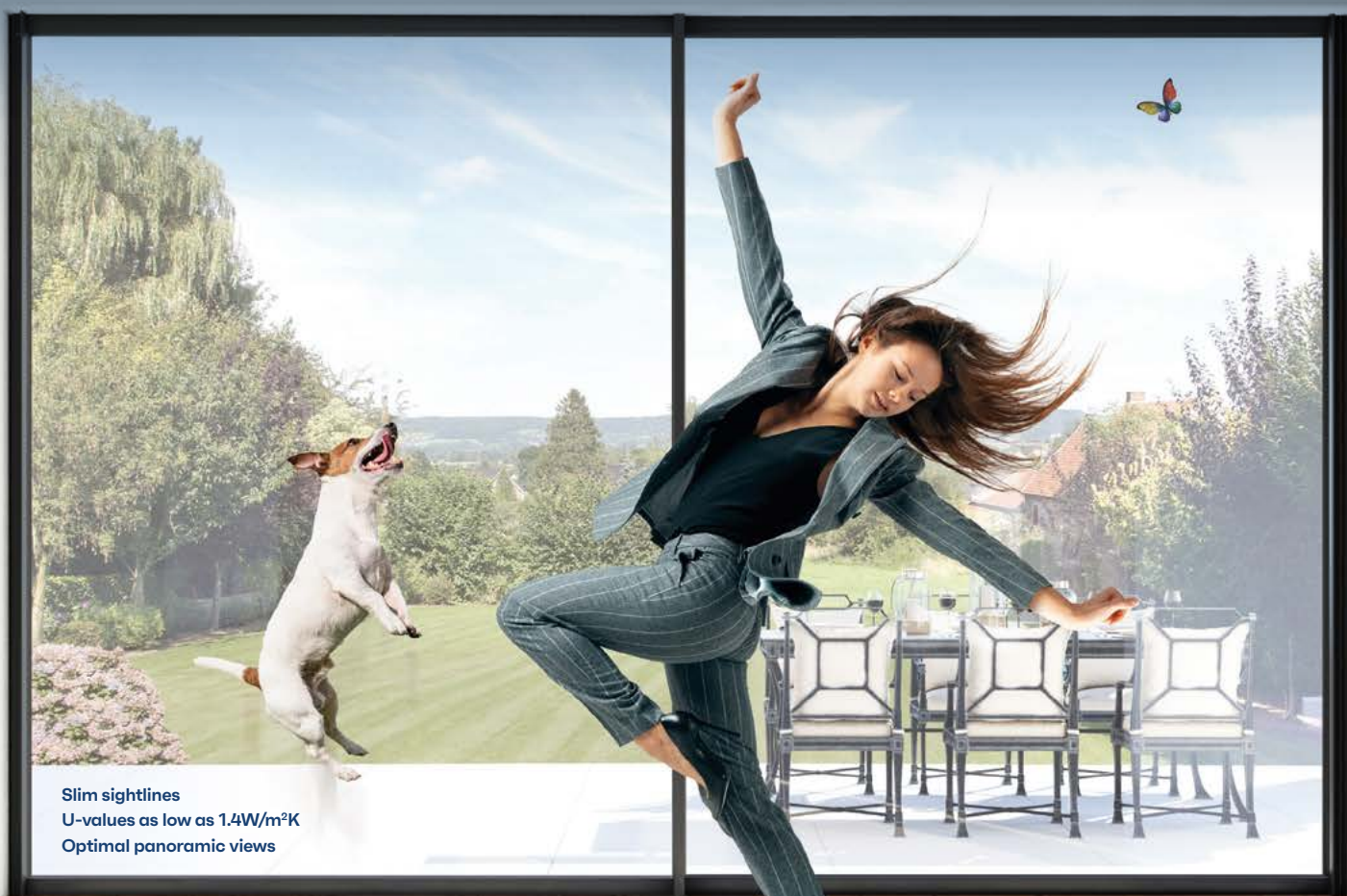
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ARCHITECT + DESIGNER'S GUIDE TO ARCHITECTURAL IRONMONGERY


An innovative new Architect + Designer's Guide to Architectural Ironmongery has been published by the GAI.



The guide has been produced to bring together all the information that architects, designers and other specifiers need to make the scheduling and specification of an architectural ironmongery package run smoothly and achieve the best possible result.

The comprehensive 32-page guide also features practical advice, checklists, potential pitfalls, and extensive illustrations of best practice relating to hardware products such as hinges, door closing and locking devices, door handles and furniture, grab rails, window fittings and sophisticated electronics to control locking and access..

Structured around a brand-new overlay to the RIBA Plan of Work, it provides unique clarification on where the architectural ironmonger can add value at each stage of this industry-standard model for the design and construction of buildings.



➡ The guide is available as a free download on the GAI website at www.gai.org.uk/SPECIFIERS.



MAISON SHEFFORD: A MODEL OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN INTEGRATED WITH NATURE

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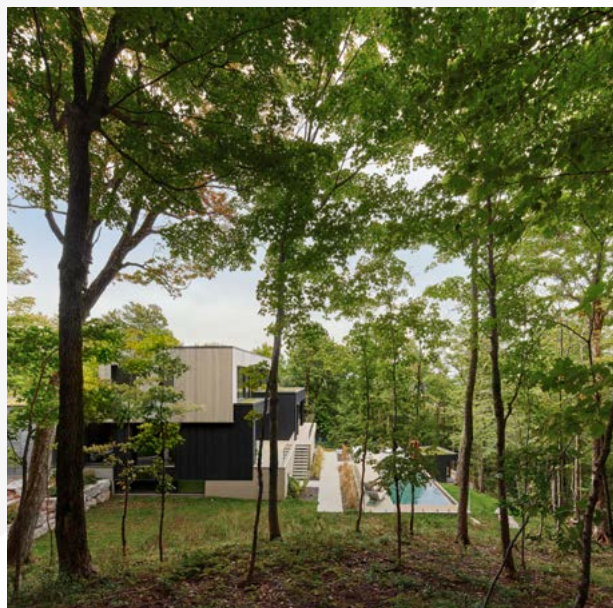
MXMA Architecture & Design and Catlin Stothers Design are proud to present Maison Shefford, a project in which these two Montreal firms have combined their creative talents in architecture and interior design to create a unique living space. Nestled atop Mont Shefford in the Eastern Townships, this residence embodies a perfect balance between urban sophistication and integration with the surrounding nature.

Designed to accommodate a family with young children, Maison Shefford is more than just a country retreat. It's a veritable sanctuary where every detail has been carefully thought out to sublimate the daily living experience. With its clean lines and luminous interiors, this home combines modernity and raw nature, offering its occupants an authentic connection with their environment.

MONT SHEFFORD: WHERE VISION BECOMES REALITY

In their search for an ideal location in the Eastern Townships, the clients explored the region at length with architect Maxime Moreau before settling on a plot at the summit of Mont Shefford. This strategic location offers breathtaking panoramic views, with endless stretches of woodland and the picturesque town of Bromont.

In the heart of a forest, this site had immense potential to bring the owners' vision to life: an intimate retreat in a natural setting where family and friends feel warmly welcomed. Every amenity was designed to offer an immersive experience in nature, while preserving a balance - essential in the owners' eyes - between comfort and modernity.



“When I think back to my childhood, I remember running barefoot in the grass and jumping into the pool,” says Annaliese, owner of Maison Shefford, who grew up in New Zealand. In New Zealand culture, which is imbued with freedom, you always live close to the beach and nature, and this has had a profound influence on my way of seeing things. The creation of our home was guided by the desire for it to blend harmoniously with the surrounding

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landscape and offer children green spaces to play, allowing everyone to enjoy a year-round experience of well-being.”



To realize the couple's vision, MXMA subtly opened up the landscape by very selectively removing certain trees in a limited area. This approach, which reconciles panoramic views with bioclimatic considerations, created the desired balance between architecture and the natural environment, preserving the tree canopy near the house. Subsequently, the firm oriented the house to ensure unobstructed views, effective lighting schemes and efficient weather protection.

The house's optimal orientation takes advantage of local climatic conditions to maximize energy efficiency and comfort. The main north-facing façade features a protected entrance designed to minimize the impact of prevailing winds. The living spaces, suites and terraces open to the south and west. This configuration makes the most of natural light and encourages through-ventilation, creating a comfortable interior environment.



DESIGNING ABOVE THE OBSTACLES

During construction, the first challenge encountered was the discovery of imposing bedrock at the heart of the excavation zone, which prevented the site from being excavated to the depth initially planned. Faced with a deficit of nearly 6 feet, the architect opted to raise the first floor and refine the project plan by designing a series of transitional volumes, which rise from the rocky plateau and follow the natural curves of the terrain.

The architect chose to take advantage of the site's distinctive topography by anchoring the residence in its mountain environment and using local stone to materialize the base of the house. This choice ensures the continuity and aesthetic coherence of the house with its natural setting.

On the garden level, the house houses a spacious games room and two guest suites. These spaces open onto a covered terrace featuring a fireplace, spa, pool and sauna discreetly nestled among the trees below. Strategic openings in this stone volume promote a natural, seamless transition between indoor and outdoor spaces, ensuring the desired immersive experience of a nature retreat.

ENTER A WORLD OF PERSPECTIVES AND LIGHT

Maison Shefford unfolds like successive strata, where architecture, interior design and landscape intertwine to create a balanced composition that blends into the trees.

"We were influenced by the family's lifestyle - a couple with two children who enjoy entertaining family and friends, while anticipating their evolving needs for the next stages of their lives," explains Catlin Stothers. We wanted to create a home that could grow with them."

Inside, every room and every circulation area open onto the outdoors, with full-height windows framing the landscape like living works of art. As soon as you cross the threshold, the vestibule opens onto an impressive two-storey window, offering a panoramic view of the forest unfolding behind the house. This design has been meticulously thought out to integrate the perpetual presence of nature, while optimally capturing natural light.

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A floating staircase in wood and glass, subtly integrated, reinforces this visual continuity, adding a touch of elegance to the ensemble. As the hours pass, sunlight pierces the foliage, creating a play of light and shadow that dances through the entrance, lending a soft, welcoming ambience to the space.

On the left, the vestibule opens onto the home's central living area, a vast layout that includes a living room, dining room, kitchen and wine cellar. This elevated volume, reminiscent of a tree house, allows occupants to immerse themselves in the lush canopy.

"Oversized glass walls and sliding doors make the most of outdoor perspectives," notes the architect. They provide both visual and physical direct access to the natural environment."



In this residence, the open floor plan nevertheless preserves more intimate spaces that have been ingeniously integrated to offer peace and quiet, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

On the right, the principal suite reveals itself, a space cut off from the world that offers absolute privacy. This refuge bathed in natural light invites the couple to contemplate the surrounding peaks. With its private terrace and direct access to the pool, this oasis offers the ultimate relaxation experience.

THE NATURAL BALANCE OF MATERIALS

The clean and warm style of the interior continues outside where you'll find a spacious living room, fireplace, dining room and kitchen. The fluidity between indoor and outdoor spaces is reinforced by the continuity of the white oak parquet flooring.

Protected from the elements all year round, these outdoor spaces benefit from solar protection provided by green roofs and motorized shutters built into the ceiling. This configuration allows

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precise modulation of sunlight, while maintaining cool temperatures even on hot summer days.

Every detail has been meticulously considered, such as the glass railings integrated into the structure of the terrace, which preserve the view of the landscape while ensuring the family's safety.

On the stone walls that enclose the main living space on the first floor, a seemingly floating wooden volume emerges. This second floor houses the two children's bedrooms and a secondary suite. Each room is visually linked to the canopy by green roofs that change with the seasons.

These green roofs transcend their aesthetic function by incorporating ingenious rainwater recovery systems. Exterior landscaping is also part of this ecological approach, helping to preserve water resources. In addition to their impact on thermal insulation and interior comfort, these green roofs reduce the house's environmental footprint while helping to preserve the surrounding biodiversity.



Inspired by a natural palette, the home is enveloped in refined, neutral materials that embody a clean, sustainable aesthetic. A subtle balance emerges between the anthracite stone exterior, matte black metal, wood cladding and warm interior finishes. Each of these materials has been meticulously chosen for its natural color and texture, with the aim of creating a coherent link between interior and exterior spaces. The selection of these materials was also guided by criteria of sustainability, local availability and environmental certifications, reflecting the commitment of clients, architect and designer to sustainable building.

Fenix Black was chosen as the main material for all interior built-in. Its elegant matte finish provides a striking contrast with the warmth of the wooden elements and the organic patterns of the porcelain tiles.

"All materials were selected for their inherent natural textures and their relationship with the outdoor environment. It was important to the customers that the interiors be modern and minimalist, yet comfortable, welcoming and pleasant to live in," explains Catlin.

MAISON SHEFFORD: AN ODE TO NATURE AND ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE

The end result goes beyond the conventions of traditional architecture, offering an experience that is both artistic and sensory. Maison Shefford embodies an authentic connection with its natural setting, echoing its owners' desire to live in a place where the interior blends with nature all year round.

In creating this sanctuary, architect Maxime Moreau and designer Catlin Stothers focused on every detail. The residence's interior and exterior spaces offer spectacular light effects and views. The intimacy of the premises invites relaxation and contemplation. Finally, Maison Shefford is truly an ode to nature, harmoniously combining architecture and environment.

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INSPIRATIONAL TRENDS FROM NEOLITH

Interior design trends are constantly evolving. Sintered stone experts, Neolith, have seen a renewed focus on connection with nature, the incorporation of smart technology and a return to authenticity and sustainability. Here, we share a deep dive into the latest trends:



01: SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Environmental awareness is constantly growing, and interior design is no exception. An increase in demand is expected for sustainable materials such as Neolith surfaces and the incorporation of ecological elements in decoration, such as recycled wood furniture, low-consumption lighting and energy-efficient heating systems.

02: NATURAL COLOURS

Colours inspired by nature, such as earth tones, soft greens and ocean blues, will be protagonists in 2024. These colours convey tranquility and harmony, creating a relaxing atmosphere at home.

03: MULTIFUNCTIONAL DESIGN

In a constantly evolving world, multifunctional spaces become essential. Interior design will focus on creating versatile areas that suit various needs, such as working from home, exercise and entertaining.



04: WABI-SABI STYLE

Wabi-sabi is a Japanese philosophy that celebrates the beauty of imperfection and simplicity. In 2024, a greater influence of this style will be seen in interior decoration, with elements such as artisanal ceramics, natural textiles and minimalist furniture.

05: VINTAGE & RETRO INSPIRATION

Vintage elements will continue to be a key trend for next year. Retro furniture and accessories, such as mid-20th century chairs or industrial-style lamps, will be combined with modern elements to create an eclectic and attractive atmosphere.

06: TECHNOLOGICAL INTERIOR DESIGN

Technology will continue to play a crucial role in interior design in 2024. Innovations in home automation systems, such as smart lighting and integrated security systems, are expected to offer convenience and efficiency.

These design trends invite us to rethink the way we interact with our homes as well as reflecting an exciting evolution in the way we think about and enjoy these spaces.

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"Neolith, have seen a renewed focus on connection with nature"



KITCHEN DINER LIGHTING



Layers of decorative lighting in your kitchen diner can help with functionality as well as bring personality and style into your home.

CREATE A CENTRAL FOCAL POINT OVER AN ISLAND OR DINING TABLE

More and more properties today really make the most of combining a social kitchen with a dining zone which overlooks a patio or garden. Whether it is a traditional period property or a modern minimalistic home, there are many decorative lights available to suit. Choose a light that has a metal finish that blends in with the architectural elements in the room such as brass, nickel or black door handles. Then if you have the space to create drama with a beautiful crystal chandelier or a modern LED sculptural light, this will help to bring a sparkling focus point into your room. Consider installing dimmer switches in your dining zone to enable you to create a relaxing ambience when settling down to a romantic meal or a family celebration.

ROOMS WITH LOW CEILING HEIGHT

You may have a low ceiling, so choose from a large collection of decorative flush or semi-flush fixtures for this situation. Many of the pendants and chandeliers come with adjustable chain and/or rods, so in this situation they can be removed to suit these applications.



CREATING ADDITIONAL LAYERS

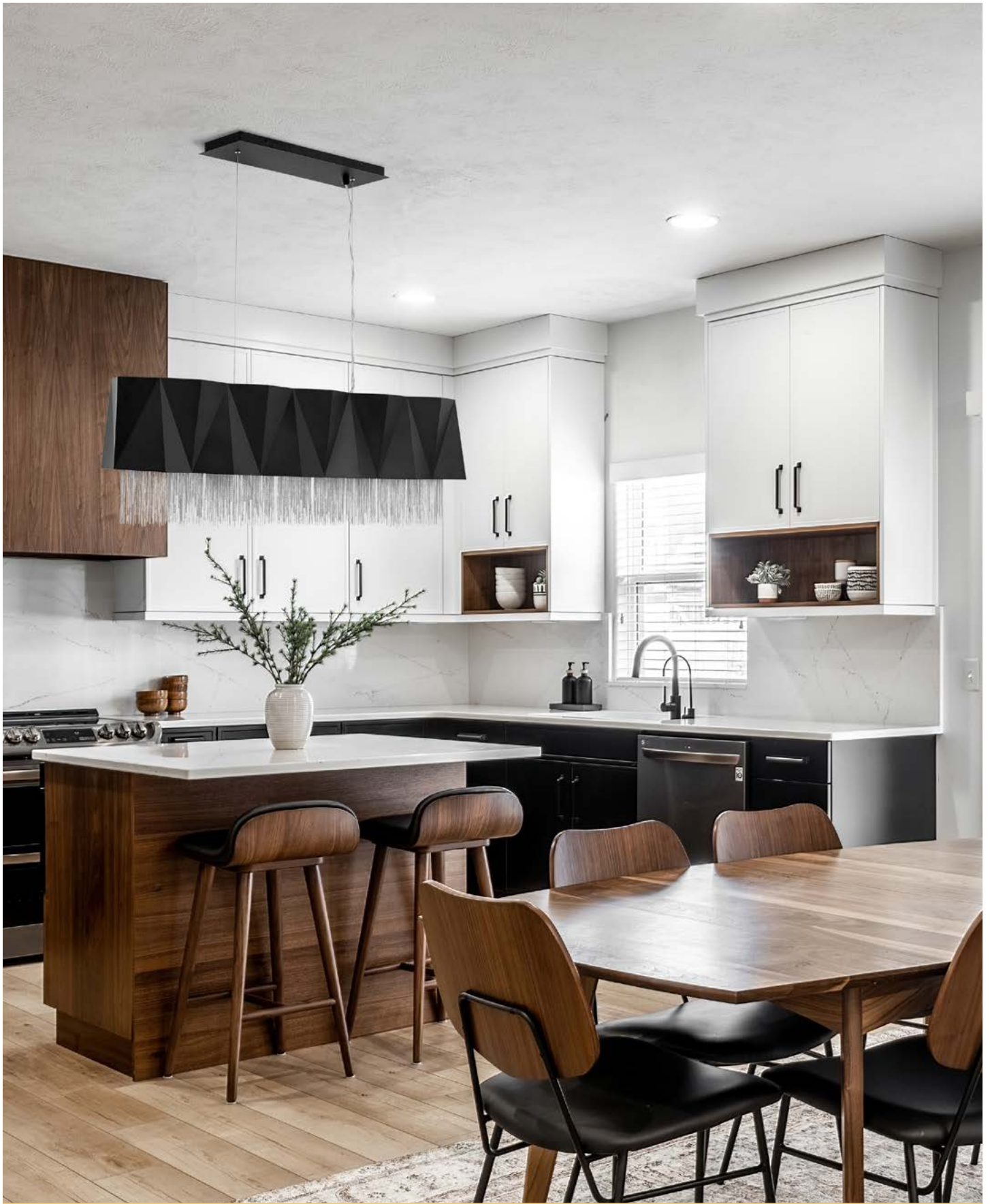
Wall lights offer a great opportunity to make them functional wall art, especially with dramatic overscaled sconces. Consider accent picture lights to illuminate your favourite paintings or under cabinet lighting to create a calm kitchen ambience in the evening. The clever use of natural light from windows, reflected into the room from statement mirrors should help make the most of bright sunny days, along with beautiful soft candle light on the table centrepiece.

TABLE LAMPS

A pair of buffet table lamps on a side dresser can add a final soft layer of light in a dining area. Table lamps are available in all shapes and can bring a pop of colour to your décor in the daytime, as well as provide a gentle light in the evening.

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Key Considerations When Upgrading Your Windows

Your windows, along with your front door, often create the first impression of your home. But replacing older, tired, window systems will not only enhance the appearance of your home. It can also impact your monthly bills, increase your home security with burglary deterrent features and improve acoustics through effective soundproofing.

Wondering whether it's time to upgrade yours? We caught up with Graham Lindsay, Managing Director of Weru UK, a distributor for Weru, Germany's market-leading supplier of windows and doors, who outlines six key areas to think through.

WHEN IS IT TIME TO UPGRADE?

To fix or replace? Almost all UK homes are now double-glazed and with the advent of energy-saving glass, which has been mandatory since 2002, most homes already have that significant benefit. The last decade has seen huge growth in "replacing these replacements" which now offer big kerb appeal with lots of colours and contemporary styles that stand out from the crowd.

Surprisingly, however, this switch has remained on the whole very cosmetic, with disregard to thermal performance. Almost all remain double glazed still

even in new homes. It was expected that recent 2023 building regulations would enforce using triple glazing in all new homes and phase-in for the replacement sector soon after. This didn't happen, but the latest UK Future Homes Standard for 2025 indicates it will certainly happen thereafter. Watch this space! The message here is to take care and don't spend twice.

DIY FIXES

Either upgrade to a true 3rd generation window designed to use effective triple glazing (minimum 40mm), or if you're not ready to replace, consider DIY or a cosmetic upgrade to get you another few years out of your existing windows. DIY can cover decoration, and on older, tired frames, easily applied draught sealing products can make a big impact on room comfort and heating bills. You could also consider retrofit locking devices.

CHOOSING WINDOW STYLES

Today's huge choice of window types and materials ensures that even traditional properties can upgrade and benefit from the effectiveness of triple glazing, whilst making your home more comfortable and secure. When choosing windows, there is a



huge variety of bespoke options to consider. Foil or paint finish, light or dark colours or matching your internal colours to your external ones. The colour is really up to you, but we do advise customers to consider the location and environment of their home and look at the other homes in the area. If you are looking for an extremely modern and contemporary finish, your window choices are one of the first components of your renovation which needs to reflect this.

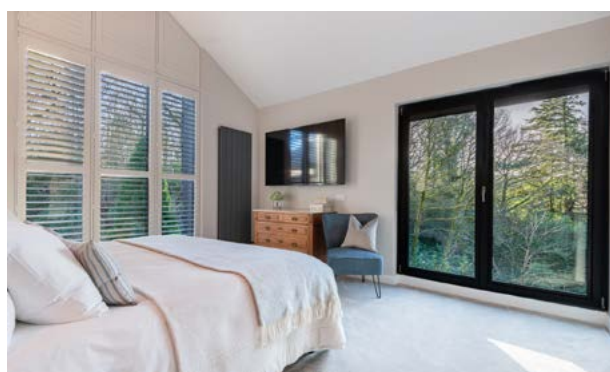
COMPARING WINDOW MATERIALS: PROS AND CONS

Over recent years, there has been a demise in PVCu and a significant increase in demand for aluminium windows - which now offer a choice of over 5,000 bespoke shades across the RAL and NCS colour swatches - and hybrid alternatives. There are extremely innovative hybrid solutions available on the market, which deliver superb quality and unrivalled thermal and acoustic properties.

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SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

In many cases, window hardware is often overlooked, with a higher focus being placed on the glass itself. However, we are starting to see that built into most of the latest, innovative designs are various burglary deterrent features, with resistance class 2 tilt hardware and security corner transmission hardware becoming standard. This advancement in technology is becoming a staple with homeowners and UK architects, as the remarkable strength and durability provide a greater level of burglary deterrent, ensuring ultimate protection for the home.

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WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE FLOORING SHOW THIS SEPTEMBER

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Such growth is testament to the strength of the flooring industry and cements the show as the UK's largest and market leading flooring trade event.

Open to retailers, contractors, fitters, architects, interior designers, specifiers, project managers, the list goes on... this is an unmissable event for anyone within the flooring industry. This year's dates are set for 15-17th September, at its much-loved home of the Harrogate Convention Centre, and with over 300 brands exhibiting, The Flooring Show 2024 is the ultimate destination for flooring professionals.

Find out more about what the show has to offer:

2024 EXHIBITOR LINE UP

The Flooring Show's exhibitors span the breadth of the flooring industry, attracting manufacturers and suppliers of carpet, laminate, LVT, wood, vinyl, cork,

grass, SPC, as well as underlay, adhesives, software, machinery and tools. The names that visitors know and love will be returning to support the three-day show, bringing with them new ranges across all types of flooring for the contract and retail markets. Suppliers include Abingdon Flooring, Adam Carpets, Associated Weavers, Ball & Young, Bostik, Cavalier Carpets, Cormar, COREtec Flooring, Kellars, Furlong Flooring, F Ball & Co, Hugh Mackay, Interfloor, Lifestyle, Likewise, Penthouse Carpets, Tarkett, Westex, Victoria Carpets & Design Floors, to name just a few.

Alongside the big names returning to the show, there are plenty of new names joining us this year including Floormart, Bjelin, T-Build Floors, Evolve Flooring, Fablon Fine Carpets & Rugs, Juvern, Peri UK, YB Fixings, Tuftco, Rinos, Alsa Flooring, to name just a handful.

DESIGN SPOTLIGHT

For years, The Flooring Show has attracted premium flooring brands, with Harrogate ranked the most exclusive place to live in Yorkshire and ranked in the top 25% most expensive cities in the world. Located in the newly accessed Hall Q, the Design Spotlight has been launched in response to the demand from architects, interior designers, property developers, and specifiers in search of the most unique, design-oriented residential and contract flooring solutions on the market.

Event Director, Alex Butler, says "The Design Spotlight is a feature we've wanted to introduce for

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a couple of years now, and the expansion into Hall Q allows us to do just that. We want architects and interior designers to know that The Flooring Show caters to them as much as it does to our contractors and fitters."





FITTER OF THE YEAR

This year NICF's 'Fitter Of The Year Competition' returns with a focus on carpet and the competition will take place over the Sunday and Monday of the show. The winner will be announced at 4pm on Monday 16th and receives a cheque for £2000, a trophy and some great prizes including a selection of tools, and one year's free NICF Master Fitter membership.

WOOL TRENDS CENTRE

The Wool Trends Centre returns this September. Located in Hall C, meet with brands that put wool carpet at the forefront, including Westex Carpets, Adam Carpets, British Wool, Cavalier Carpets, Brintons, Axminster Carpets, Brockway Carpets, Penthouse Carpets, and Ulster Carpets.

DEMO ZONE

As always, the Demo Zone, run by the Flooring Industry Training Association (FITA) and supported by the Contract Flooring Association (CFA) and National Institute of Carpet & Floorlayers (NICF) is back in Hall B to impart more wisdom on the

latest techniques and insights into working with the newest products on the market, via their live demonstrations across the three days of the show.

REGISTRATION

Registration for The Flooring Show is now open, meaning you can secure your COMPLIMENTARY passes by heading to www.theflooringshow.com and complete the short form. This pass will give you fast track access to the show and let you skip the queue on arrival.

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FOREST RETREAT

Large Family Cottage

Kariouk Architects presents its new project, Forest Retreat, a family retreat located in the heart of the Ontarian forest, designed to meet programmatic requirements while connecting to its environment.

This home's clients live abroad but sought a homestead for their large family and guests. During summer and winter holidays, the parents wanted their children immersed in an Ontario landscape like the one in which they were raised. They asked for a generous home to allow young teenagers, extended family (and large dogs) to be comfortable in a remote area for long stays, and that would encourage activities like hiking and snowshoeing.

Historically, the Canadian identity has been defined by our relationship to the land. Fulfilling the client's mandate, the home honours that emotional connection through visual and material harmonization with its surroundings, but moreover, through responsible material sourcing and site adaptation, as well as energy-saving systems.

A key contribution of the project to the area is that it preserves almost the entirety of the landscape that it occupies: an existing rocky area overlooking a wildflower meadow, which avoided cutting trees. Almost all of the natural habitat of the 100-acre property was preserved, including its wetlands.



UNDER ONE ROOF

A key objective of the design was to achieve a contemporary approach to warmth and the avoidance of modernist box-like forms. The continuous space of the home, with only bedrooms and bathrooms closed off, is a layout that supports the family's closeness. The family and parents' areas are on the main level. The kids' bedrooms form a single slate-clad volume, suspended 12 meters above the main floor by the ridge beam and accessed by a catwalk.

The most distinctive aspect of the design is the long, copper-clad, tent-like roof, which follows the site's topography. A primary technical challenge was the roof's structure, which, despite its 60-meter length, was designed and engineered to seem light. At the entry side of the house, the roof lifts like a bird's wing off the garage volume beneath, sheltering an outdoor terrace.

The roof and its oak-clad ridge beam choreograph the meandering circulation path through the home's interior, ultimately extending a view toward the forest.

A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH TO WARMTH AND CLOSENESS

This project enabled a benchmark for a finer, more considered level of craft and materiality. The development of this home's design reinterprets the client's mandate for "rusticity" by foregrounding the "mark of the hand" as opposed to contriving to mimic an aesthetic that emerges from a pre-machine era. Contemporary construction is very



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much entwined with heavy technology and mass-produced components, yet, this project shows how "human craft" can still be expressed.

The home celebrates the "mark of the hand" by incorporating a significant use of exposed steel fittings fabricated by local tradespeople, and custom-made panels for walls and ceilings by local woodworkers, including the echo of traditional slate roofing patterns – here used for walls. The intention here is not to avoid modern building methods as, for example, some heavy timber post-and-beam homes might do. The intention was to bring soulfulness to the home by thinking through and resolving details in person and by hand, and not merely on a computer screen.



SUSTAINABILITY

We've pursued sustainability on several fronts with this project.

One key approach is habitat preservation. The home was constructed on an already cleared hilltop site, overlooking 100 acres of forests, meadows, and wetlands. This not only avoids cutting down trees to build the house, but it makes the homeowners the custodians of extensive existing natural habitats that will shelter birds and other wildlife.

The second main approach to sustainability is to reduce the home's carbon footprint by maximizing its lifespan, primarily through the use of highly durable materials, robust construction methods, attractive custom craftsmanship, and beautiful yet practical design. Hopefully, the practical yet simple beauty of the home will ensure that it will be cherished for many years to come, even if it is sold. A few details that support this intention include exposed steel fittings fabricated by local tradespeople and custom-made panels for walls and ceilings by local woodworkers (some of which echo the slate tiles used on the exterior). If the home is ever remodelled or even demolished, many of these materials are worthy of being reused.

The other half of the lifespan equation is the use of durable materials that will preserve the envelope with minimal to no maintenance. Canadian slate and sustainably harvested Canadian white oak were the main materials used. (The fact that they are also local reduces the carbon footprint of transportation as well.)



The home also uses several techniques to reduce energy consumption. The roof is very well insulated, and the glass walls are triple-pane, which vastly reduces the energy loss. The deep overhang of the roof also reduces passive solar gain in summer. The home is heated and cooled using a geothermal heat pump. Because it is powered by electricity, a heat pump has a much lower carbon footprint than the most popular heating method of natural gas, a fossil fuel (Ontario's electrical grid is currently at about 90% GHG-free). Geothermal heat pumps can not only operate at much lower temperatures than air-source heat pumps but also use less electricity. The fixtures and septic system are high-efficiency, ensuring responsible use of water.

Forest Retreat fulfills the client's mandate by honouring their emotional connection to the land through visual and material harmonization with the surrounding landscape.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THERMALLY ISOLATING BUILDING ENVELOPES

In the UK, a staggering 45% of all carbon emissions stem from the building environment, with domestic buildings contributing 27% alone. In the pursuit of a more sustainable future, integrating energy efficient solutions into building structures is paramount.

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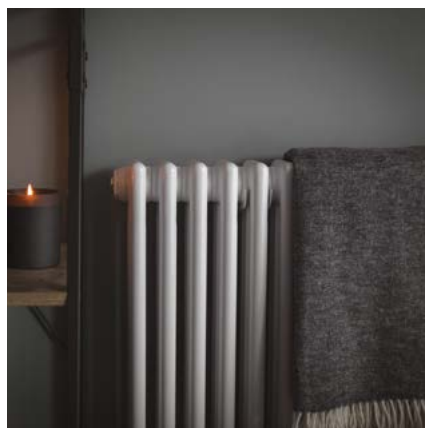
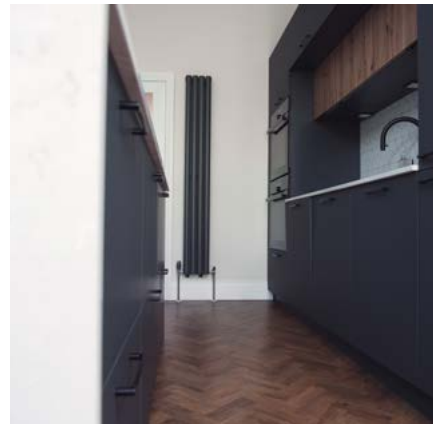
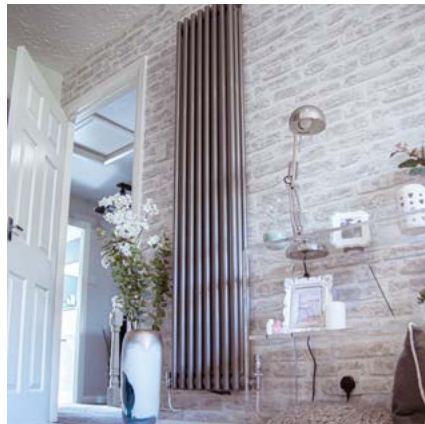
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MMA Projects is a multidisciplinary and multicultural architecture and design studio based in Milan. MMA Projects works internationally in multiple sectors, from residential to commercial,

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PASSION, FIRST AND FOREMOST!

MMA Projects, a renowned international architecture and interior design studio, operates in various fields of design, including luxury residential projects. In their project portfolio, House MD stands out: the inclination for challenges and the knack for finding unique pieces have sparked imagination and created the emotion that gave birth to the idea of purchasing and renovating this apartment.





Located in a neoclassical villa from the 18th century, owned by the Brivio Counts, with a beautiful park of ancient trees that instantly captivated the owner: it was a place she wanted to live in for a long time...

Over two hundred and fifty square meters, spread across four levels and a loft, seamlessly blend minimalism in materials - wallpapers, wood paneling, designer furniture, and domestic intimacy - enhancing each other in a refined setting.

Two years of passionate dedication by the MMA Projects studio, alternating between design and realization, were devoted to this residence in a fascinating process.

An elegant and lively style in choices brought the various areas of the house to life. An example is the option of using oak parquet flooring in the kitchen, laid in a herringbone pattern in three different colors with brass inserts in contrast to the textured HD cement surface used throughout the rest of the house, but with different tones depending on the living or sleeping areas. This latter material is greatly loved and utilized in various other projects of the studio.

The staircase positioned at the center of the house sets the tone for the flooring on various levels. As you ascend the floors, you are accompanied by the color of the finish, changing depending on whether you are in the living area in light grey, the master bedroom in total white, or the attic floor in dark grey.

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The challenge in this project was to create space, utilizing every available centimeter. The attic floor was brought to life by lowering the entire first-floor ceiling by a meter, while the kitchen, originally on the ground floor, was positioned on the loft, allowing for an expansion of the living area and the creation of a guest bathroom on the same floor.

This was made possible by the room heights, a characteristic of the building, and the meticulously handmade workmanship realized with the utmost care to avoid causing damage to the ancient structure.



LIVING

The wood paneling makes a robust statement, reaching its zenith with a French frieze chosen for the five-meter-high wall; Adorned with cascading fabric scarves connecting the loft, where the kitchen is located, to the living space, the texture and hues of the fabric elegantly mirror the herringbone pattern of the parquet floor. When looking from the loft you will see the custom-made Verpan pendant chandelier that illuminates both the living space and the kitchen.

At the base of the wood paneling, a brass strip gracefully traverses the entire width of the room, defining the gypsum frames. This material is seamlessly integrated into the handle and plumbing fixture choices throughout the house.



Concealing the elevator and the guest bathroom, another segment of wood paneling, applied to pivot doors or flush with the wall, adds a touch of discreet sophistication.

GUEST BATHROOM

With a theatrical ambiance, the guest bathroom is adorned with English wallpaper from the esteemed "Divinesavage" company. The cylindrical sink and floor mosaic, crafted from black Marquinia marble, showcase a geometric design with three distinct finishes -glossy, matte, and micro-stripp. Expanding the spatial perception, a floor-to-ceiling mirror adds an illusion of depth. The burnished plumbing fixtures harmoniously align with the chromatic palette of the environment. A recurring detail found in all doors of the house is the brass handle, resembling a sleek line extending gracefully to the floor.

LOFT AREA/KITCHEN

The ethereal and sinuous staircase leads to a glimpse where character-rich parquet serves as a backdrop against the gypsum wood paneling frieze, visible through the glass railing designed to facilitate dialogue.

This space is conceived to be both functional and elegant. For the custom-made kitchen, precious textures and materials are employed: in crafting a tactile ensemble, black oil-stained cedar is used to maintain its natural fragrance and provide a natural sheen for the equipped wall. This wall can

either remain accessible or be concealed behind disappearing doors. Brushed brass, adding a tactile quality, is used for the entire verticality of the work and socializing island, as well as for the spotlights that illuminate it. Born from a bespoke inclination, one of the most successful ensembles emerges: oak parquet stained in three colors—chocolate, black, and gray—laid in a herringbone pattern and adorned with brass strips forming geometric designs. The Calacatta marble for the oval Saarinen table is complemented by the powder blue hue of the Platner chairs, all from Knoll.

FIRST FLOOR Master Bedroom

The staircase circuit emphasizes the shift in color from light grey to white, leading us to the master bedroom area. This ethereal and refreshing space is accentuated by the brass handles and Jacquard fabric upholstery, where the foliage motif in bronze and grey colors is intricately woven directly into the fabric, intertwining warp and weft to form canopies reminiscent of the ancient trees in the external park. This level includes the master bedroom with an ensuite bathroom and an additional bedroom.

Upon entering the master bedroom, the deliberate choice of total white is evident in the walls, floor, bed fabric, and nightstands. Only for the wardrobe crafted by Epole, a thoughtful combination of materials and shades was chosen to enhance the environment. The brass structure, leather coverings in celadon and white, bronzed glass, and mirrors.

The wardrobe's uniqueness lies in the use of heavy sage green curtain fabric adorned with ton-sur-ton trim, chosen to replace traditional doors, adding character and movement with the fabric's folds.

A sliding partition that separates the bedroom from the bathroom is distinctive for its brushed brass handle. When opened, it reveals a full-height mirror that enlarges the space.

Master Bathroom

The total white theme continues in the bathroom with cement surface enveloping the shower walls. The custom-designed bathroom furniture by Alimonti is a parallelepiped in Bianco Thassos marble, resting on a satin brass structure engineered to bear its weight. A mirrored wall serves as a backdrop, reflecting the entire ensemble.

The cross-wall adjacent to the mirror is a selection from the Alimonti Showroom—an expanse of Grigio Bardiglio marble with veins forming an almost perfect diamond. This slab, transitioning from dusty white to sugary blue, embodies the perfection of nature, inspiring the designer and providing energy for design ideas.

The Agape bathtub in solid white stone is positioned in front of the Bardiglio wall, artfully illuminated, creating a picturesque scene. The relaxed atmosphere, complete with candles and oversized collector's perfume bottles, is complemented by a Liberty-style chandelier with adjustable lighting.

ATTIC FLOOR

Reaching the third level involves ascending the white staircase, which halfway up changes color once again to dark grey. This masculine tone is intended for the flooring of the attic floor dedicated to the twenty-year-old son of the homeowners. The Gervasoni bed in Blue Jeans fabric and the Zanotta Sacco in red serve as essential furnishings for the room. The 3-meter desk is crafted in a Perfect Combination white finish from HD Surface.



"The 3-meter desk is crafted in a Perfect Combination white finish from HD Surface."



Upon ascending the stairs, you face the room visually divided into two blocks by the bed's headboard. Like a horizon line, it separates the entirely white and luminous upper part, thanks to skylights covering almost the entire ceiling, from the lower part in shades of deep blue and grey.

The flooring from the bedroom extends into the bathroom, where the dynamic color cuts define the design peculiarity of the space. Slices of Azzurro, Blue Jeans, Dark Grey, and Light Grey, created with Cover, a product by HD Surface, clad the shower walls, part of the floor, and one wall. In this environment, it was crucial to balance the tones and dimensions of the design to create a playful yet elegant dialogue. The anthracite-colored bathroom furniture from Cielo complements the choice of plumbing fixtures, while the round-shaped mirror breaks the play of straight lines dominated by the prevailing color.

In the basement, the terracotta bricks forming the original barrel vault ceiling are strategically illuminated by a subtle strip of LED light, emphasizing their structure and enhancing the chromatic contrast with the cement floor. This harmoniously blends the historical values of the house with modernity.

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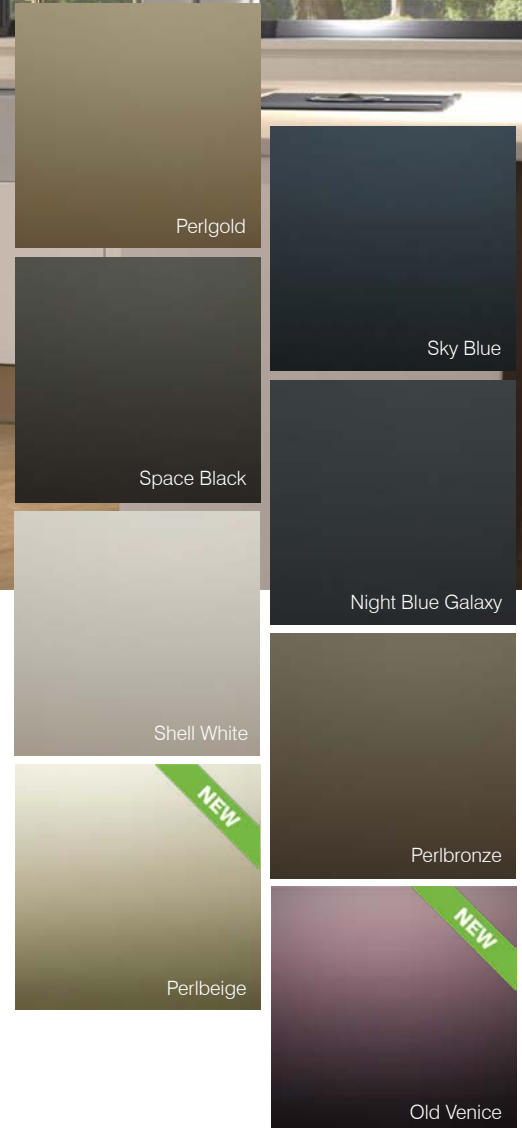


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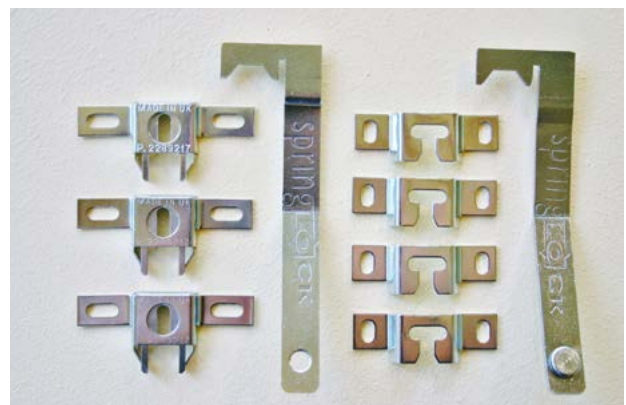
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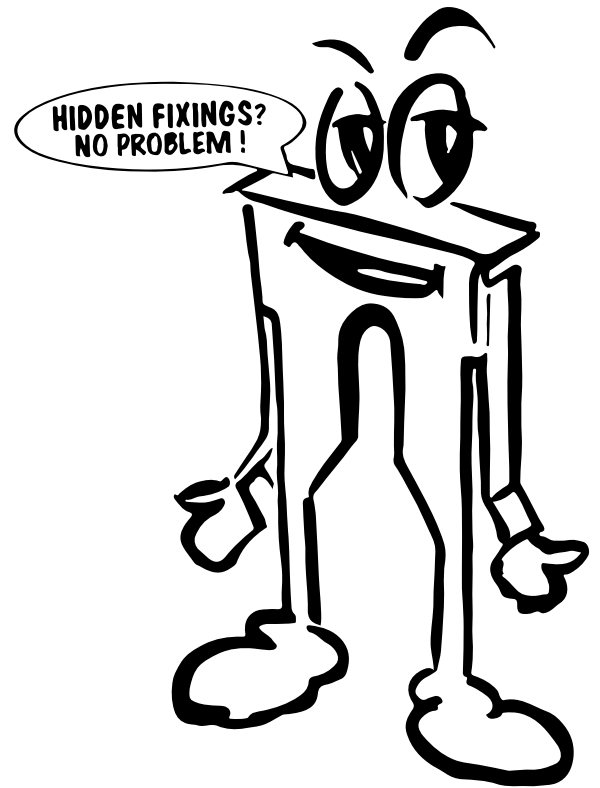
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A push and pull of interior volumes manifests in an exterior form that offers the occupants a meaningful relationship with the outdoors.

In Toronto's postwar neighbourhoods, modest bungalows are being replaced by faux-historical mansions. Standing in bold contrast is Shift

House by Dubbeldam Architecture + Design. An unapologetically modern insertion, Shift House features a stepped façade defined by projecting and retracting volumes, highlighted by contrasting cladding to emphasize the volumetric gestures. Western red cedar fills the void left by retracted volumes, providing a striking foil to the charcoal gray exterior. Meanwhile, the gently sloping roof extends from front to back, maintaining a low datum line on the street as it forms a comparatively horizontal expression.

Shift House's 300-square-meters are spread over two storeys and, through strategic spatial arrangements, respond to the family's desire for a meaningful connection with the outdoors. The layout of the house consists of an interior grid of six staggered volumes, shifted in and out to shape the exterior envelope. The resulting sculpted façade with its interplay of solids and voids creates opportunities for greater light transmission, additional views, and access to outdoor space at multiple levels through corner windows, generous roof overhangs, green roofs, and balconies on the second floor.





"Permeability and openness are dominant design themes throughout the house."



Permeability and openness are dominant design themes throughout the house. The porosity of the front façade is a friendly gesture to the street, and a glazed rear elevation connects the family to the surrounding environment, blurring the boundary between interior and exterior space. The rear facade's protruding and extending volumes form sheltered and covered zones, delineating outdoor areas with differing character. A wide deck across the back of the house effectively doubles the living/dining area in temperate months, becoming a generous outdoor room for dining, reading and relaxation.

On the interior adjacent to the backyard, a double-height atrium with a fully-glazed wall provides an expansive view of the neighbourhood's mature trees, inviting natural light deep into the interior and magnifying the grandeur of this - in truth - modest space. Central to the atrium is a sculptural staircase defined by a solid balustrade of white oak and Baltic birch. "The stair's scissor configuration forms a compelling and dynamic three-dimensional geometric composition, animated by the procession of figures as they ascend and descend between the different levels of the house," explains principal Heather Dubbeldam. "We wanted the design of the stair to impart a sense of craftsmanship, while also evoking a feeling of movement and energy. This is achieved through a distinct wood grain on a diagonal, and the monolithic nature of the stair guard."

Overlap and the blurring of boundaries continues throughout the interior. Just as the varied planes on the exterior hint at different internal functions, the interior's volumetric shifts are emphasized by changes in ceiling height, materials, and colours at the transitions. These intentional changes create a heightened awareness of the spatial shifts within the house. In the double height space, projecting second storey bedrooms create recessed areas for the kitchen and living room below, while a wood-clad ceiling treatment extends from the staircase to the foyer, defining the edge of one of the internal volumes. Walls painted in shades of grey-blue serve as further defining elements against the white walls and oak flooring.

The house employs many sustainable systems. Strategically placed operable windows maximize passive cooling and natural ventilation, while a small pump powers the radiant in-floor heating system. Photovoltaic panels on the roof provide an additional source of electricity while LED light fixtures and an efficient high-velocity cooling system reduce electricity demand. Green roofs and robust landscaping minimize rainwater run-off, and triple glazing and low-E coatings reduce both heat gain and loss. Visually impactful, Shift House is also environmentally responsible.



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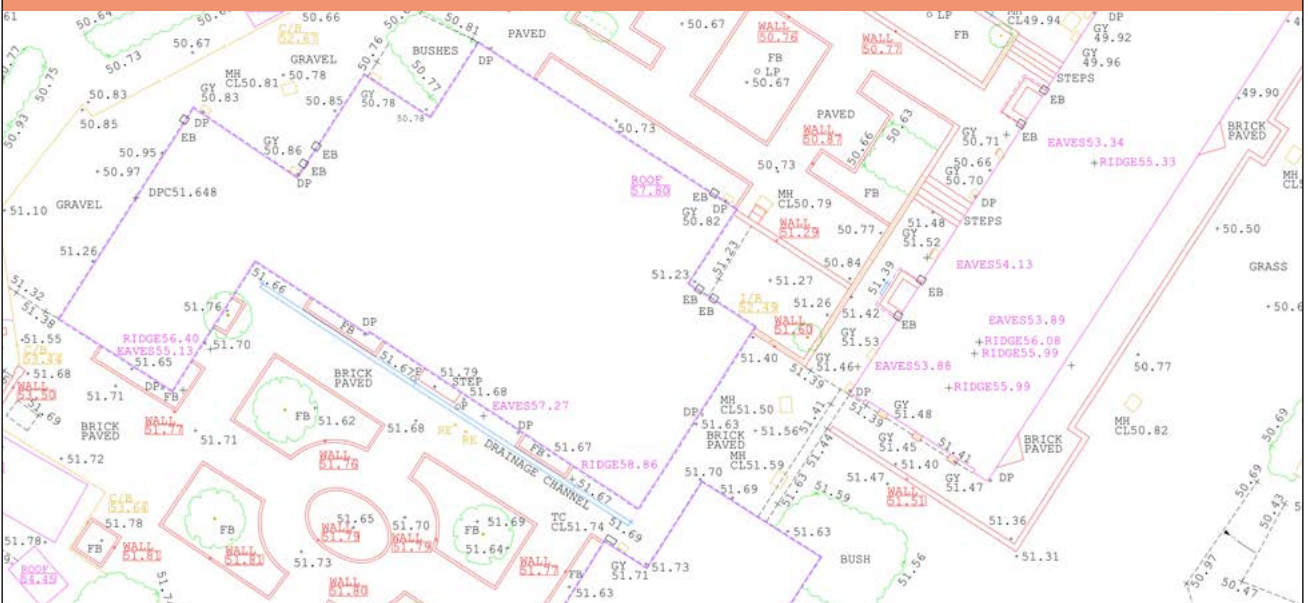
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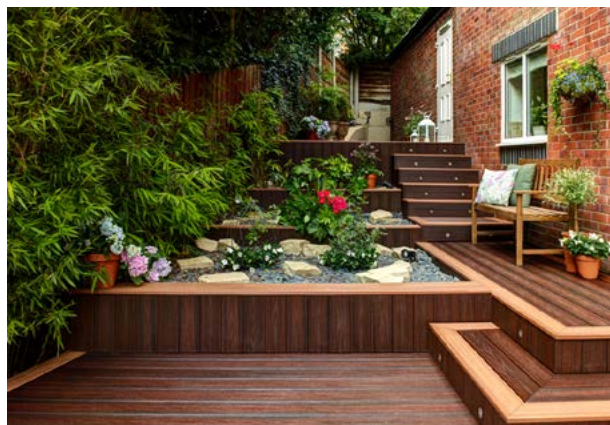
1. SURVEY THE SLOPE.

Water must drain away from a deck structure. Set the deck framing at a pitch of 1% to 2% to slope away from the building site. If you plan to install an under-deck drainage system, decide where the water will discharge. Consider adding a French drain (a.k.a. an engineered trench), reservoir or other means to redirect the water or collect it for use in watering a garden or planting area.



2. PROTECT THE SUBSTRUCTURE.

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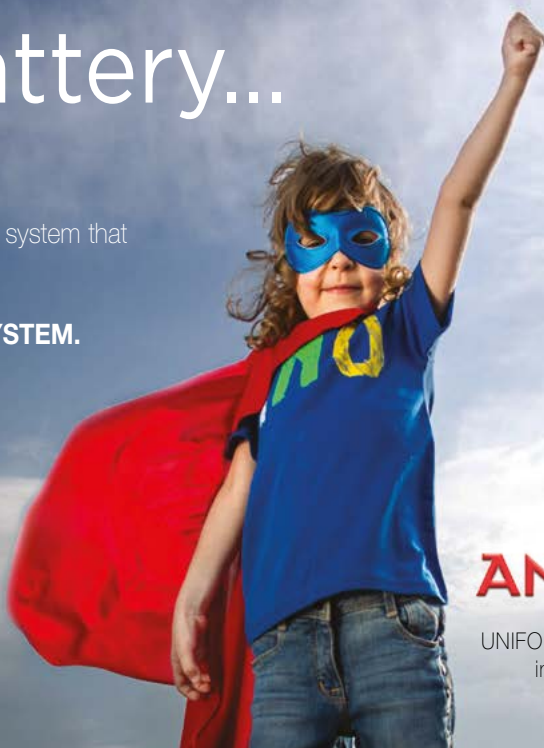
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