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editor's letter



From prime locations next to lakes, ravines, and golf course views to historic streets of timeless character, these builders capture what's best within homes and their communities. Each inspired interpretation of style showcases eye-catching features and distinctive finishes that are oftentimes surprising, and assuredly unique.

With the current trend still strong for home improvements at every size and budget, everyone can benefit with design ideas, great connections, and an especially strong showing of local suppliers who share their products and knowledge, letting us all know that they are here to help at every stage.

As always, there remains our pet friends who would like nothing more than to share your love. These local animal charities do their best to care for those who have no home and although adoption is the end goal, they still need us, and our support until that time. Here's to building pet care into budgets!

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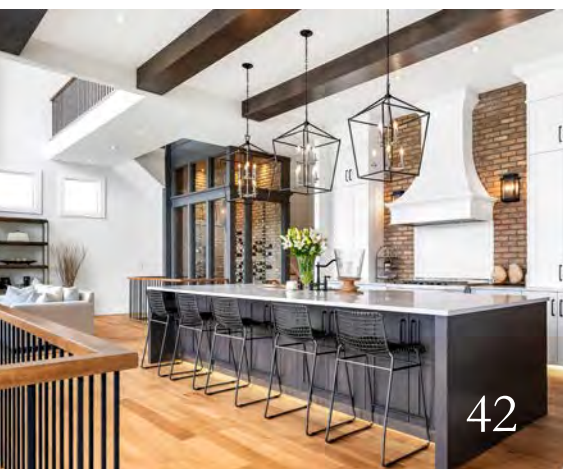
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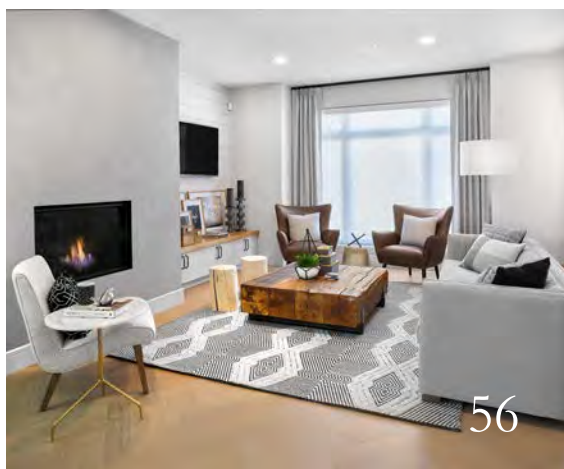
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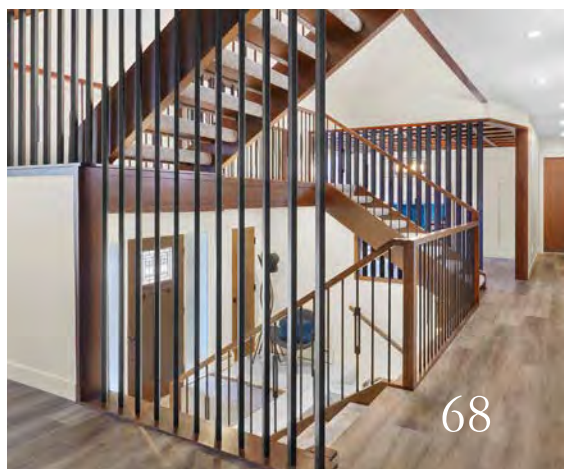
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A company of proven vision, longevity, and innovation, Formica Group has always positioned itself as a global supplier for your interior surface needs, but it's even more true today. "In Canada we can now provide exquisite and innovative options for all of the vertical and horizontal surfaces in your home," says Marketing Manager, Christelle Locat-Rainville. Since June 2020, Formica Canada has been producing, marketing, and distributing FENIX™ interior design materials that are manufactured in Quebec and readily accessible to all design professionals and homeowners in Canada.

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An Elegant Arrangement

A home of considerable scale, sweeping contours, and enviable function, exquisite features dominate a modern vision of warm sophistication. Nestled on a generous lot in Aspen Estates, this amenity-laden home has rescued one family from isolation with all-encompassing convenience, comfort, and entertainment.

Desiring the look of natural products with minimal maintenance, Italian porcelain tile in a muted, onyx-veined aesthetic, complements the square glass tile and quartz countertops of the kitchen. A solid maple staircase features tempered glass, offering clear views that extend above along the catwalk railing.



A spacious retreat of spa-inspired features, the master ensuite hosts warmed floors of consistent porcelain tile that reaches to the freestanding soaker bath with floor mounted chrome faucets. The sizable steam shower offers full bench seating amidst multi-showerhead function and curbless access next to the water closet with obscured glass door entry. Dual, floating vanities are enhanced by toe-kick lighting.

“This was a tremendous opportunity because not only was I the interior designer, I’m also the lady of the house,” admits Pooja Arora, who teamed with her husband to create a home of comprehensive attractions rooted in the familial wish list. “Having a 3/4-acre lot this close to downtown gave us a lot of design options that we really enjoyed exploring.”

Hosting a six-car garage of almost 1,600 square feet, the lot included natural green space and a ravine where twenty spruce trees were planted amidst groves of aspen. “We added our own putting green and a walking path in the backyard with a bridge over the creek bed,” she shares on the charms that a large, naturalized lot can offer.

One of the last architectural designs by Edwin Rohachuk of DreamWorks Design, the couple recalls with fondness his involvement, “He was old-school and did everything by hand, which we loved. In fact, he designed many of our homes and we shared a close and creative relationship,” recalls Pooja. Now ready to flip stylistic leanings, they decided to delve into clean-lined modern influences with warmth and eye-catching features. Thoughtful details included glimmers of pewter, stainless steel, and Swarovski crystals, adding sparkle and shine to a soothing, soft-toned palette.

Built by one of the best, Trademark Renovations was building the home next door when they became acquainted. “Blair is awesome! He is calm, accommodating, and a really good listener that always puts you at ease,” shares Pooja with a grin. “He becomes your trusted advisor and friend throughout the process and is willing to give his opinion. There are so many negative stories about builders, but we didn’t even have one bad experience with Blair—just praise.”

With over 30 years in business and decades of combined experience in the industry, Trademark Renovations brings a wealth of knowledge to every project. Locally owned and operated, they service clients in Calgary and the surrounding area with a confidence in their abilities that delivers on promises, quality assurance, and best price guarantees.

Mirrored stainless steel clad fixtures and automatic sliding doors of the elevator that includes rift oak finishes, leather upholstered wall panels, and oak hardwoods. Functionally, it features an ultra quiet and smooth hydraulic system and a remote monitoring system.



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Deciding to raise their game from 9,000 to almost 12,000 square feet over three levels, the owners sought multiple opportunities for in-home activities that would satisfy both family needs and their own entertaining nature. “We added a homework room, nanny suite, a large gym, and a dance floor area should the mood arise. We also have a large walk-in-closet in the master, a crowd-pleasing beverage centre off the kitchen, dual wine rooms and full-service bar, a sitting area in our main office, a games room for the kids, and a full size elevator,” she lists, adding, “One downfall with larger homes is that you can lose sight of what’s going on, so we did a catwalk that extends from one end of the house to the other with a great bird’s-eye view!”

Boasting a unique layout that caters to a broad spectrum of function, half of the home is formal and designated for guests and entertaining, while the other half fulfills the needs of family. “We wanted this separation so visitors could enjoy their privacy while the family remains connected,” explains Pooja. “It’s about feeling loved and lived-in with multi-functional spaces that can be readily interpreted as the need arises.”

Loaded with features, its updated function in terms of performance and everyday use excels in both convenience and comfort. Dual mechanical rooms ensure an even distribution of all HVAC, plumbing, and power services with multi-boiler systems. “Each bedroom has its own temperature sensor and thermostat for individual comfort and

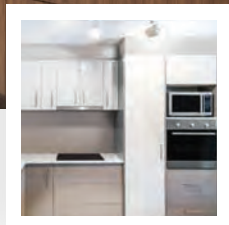
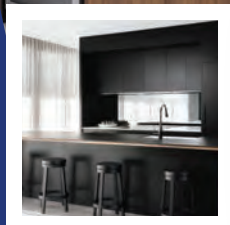


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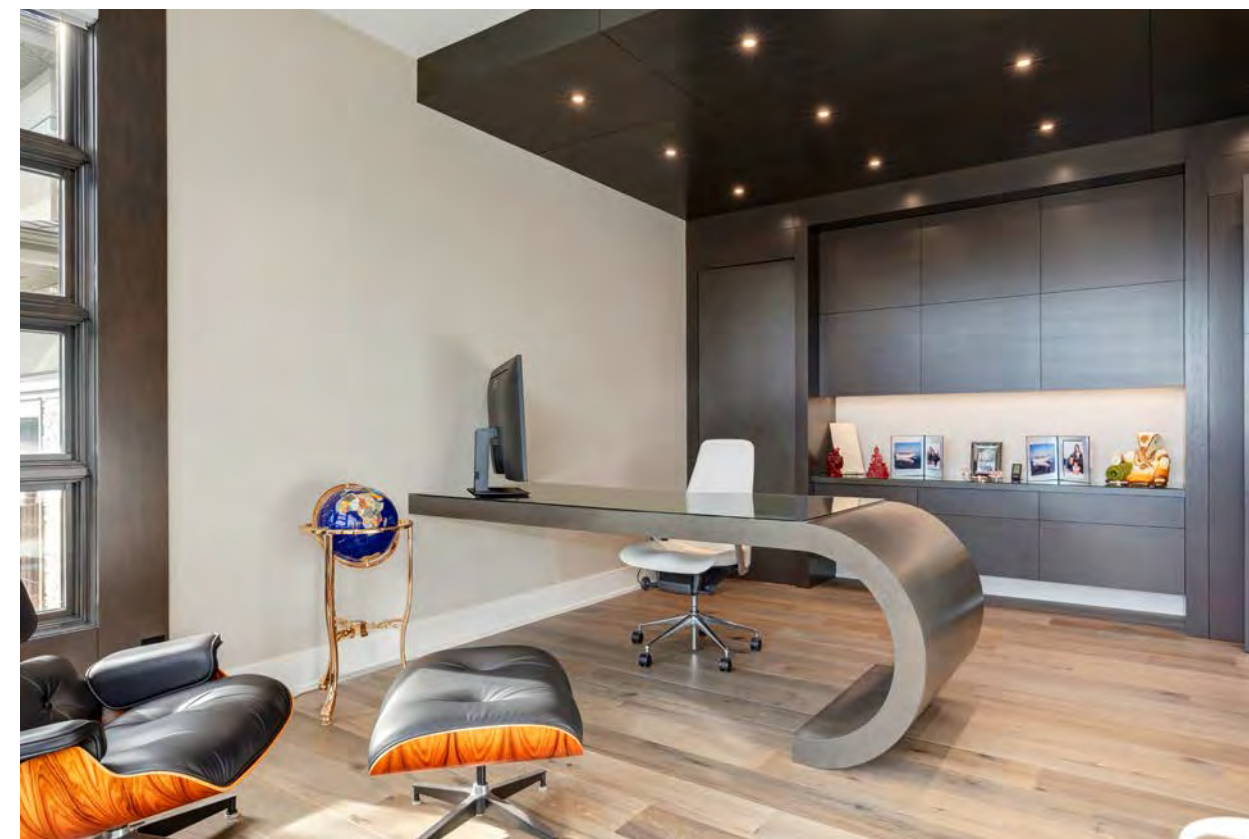




Built and finished onsite, the gourmet kitchen hosts multiple features of hospitable function. With doors, panels, appliance overlays, and gables crafted from quarter-sawn white oak in a custom walnut stain, Baltic birch boxes share BLUM hardware for soft close function and automated upper-cabinet doors. Built-in ovens and warming drawers further complement modern stainless steel handles and faucets. Cambria natural quartz captures countertops melding with large-format porcelain tile that anchors floors on the main level. A coffee station/wine bar offers its own invitation.

An oasis of casual pursuits, the downstairs lounge area is bright and spacious with consistent large-format porcelain floor tile and the fireplace clad to match the bar.

White oak, engineered hardwoods warm the great room where a decorative display of glass mosaic tile joins with a custom oak display tower wrapped in stainless steel. The floating oak hearth reveals a curved-edge design within its functional extension.



The den is masterfully crafted from quarter-sawn oak and features an adjoining bulkhead above seamless cabinetry surfaces. A matching, custom-made desk offers curve appeal with harmonious aplomb.





Quarter-sawn white oak continues its flat panel charms in the master walk-in. The island offers automated locks with jewelry pullouts in addition to a wide range of customized storage within its 600 square feet of vaulted heights.



Vivid, large-format porcelain wall tile dazzles the eye in the downstairs bar, flowing into the adjoining wine room with fluid motion. Continuous quarter-sawn white oak defines cabinet features with Cambria quartz countertops.



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Built for the family, it represents their Perfect Pandemic Home. “It’s been our good fortune to have two offices in the house for home schooling and working from home,” admits Pooja. And although their scale of entertaining has diminished in the last year, she rallies, “Our family loves the movie theatre and games room, which we use regularly.” The large gym, personal massage room, and steam shower also gave them their own at-home spa with the walking path providing a breath of fresh air.

“This is our dream home. I’m not saying forever home as things change over time,” concedes Pooja. “My parents got locked in with us for a few months and with our guest rooms on the formal side it gave both of us privacy. Plus the elevator is wonderful for seniors in the home.” Before the pandemic they admit that they didn’t really fully appreciate their home until they were forced to stop and work with what they had. “It made us really enjoy every aspect of it, which was fantastic.”

Loving light, with large scale massing of triple-pane windows, they further utilized nearly 1,000 LED energy-efficient pot lights. “Best of all is every light can be dimmed to perfection,” adds Pooja.



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Known for their renovations as the name infers, Trademark Renovations realize that on extremely large-scale renovation projects, cost feasibility must be taken into consideration before the planning stage. “Sometimes they can get way up there in price and it suddenly makes sense to build new on the existing lot, which is how we got started in new construction decades ago,” explains Blair, who provides a timeline, budget, and recommendations that reflect the scope of every project with each capturing their own unique needs and requirements.

In their efforts to offer the best value, Trademark Renovations is 100% committed to transparency in every project they do. “The client pays our seasoned trades and vendors directly through approved quotes, so there’s no surprises. Everything is up to the homeowner. They can have very little or a lot of involvement—whatever they choose,” concludes Blair.

Admitting that it was indeed hard to imagine how their 12,000-square-foot home would finally look, they were not surprised by the outcome. “We simply fell in love with it,” admits Pooja. “Wanting a big house and getting what you want do not necessarily go hand in hand. With Blair’s help we really believe we accomplished that as we enjoy our home more every day.”



Clean lines and complementary finishes define the façade where smooth acrylic, grey stucco enhances natural stone pillars and long board aluminum siding with a wood grain finish. Black metal-clad windows add definition amidst the low-sloped roof that extends front-to-back. The six-car side garage provides ample storage and room to play.

The grand entry exhibits over-sized features that include a multi-tiered chandelier, a wide custom front entry, and an oak divider accented with a translucent inlay of backlit onyx.

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A Historic Intervention

Engineered white oak hardwoods anchor the main level where the eye is naturally drawn to a bright display of kitchen style and function. Custom cabinetry features Shaker door styling in Balboa Mist that blends seamlessly with quartz countertops and farmer's sink features. Cabinetry offers a coffee station with retractable doors and pantry cabinets with motion sensor interior lighting. Maple dovetail drawers feature custom spice and cutlery inserts with touch latch cabinets on the front of the pie-shaped island for additional storage. Champagne Bronze handles complement quarter-sawn, white oak, floating shelves with integrated LED strip lighting. The marble backsplash displays a Herringbone pattern beneath the custom concrete-clad hood fan. Shiplap siding clads the vaulted ceiling that rises 17 feet at its peak.

The loft hosts a casual setting and the master ensuite that is accessed by a custom sliding barn door made of reclaimed barn wood in a vintage navy stain.

A bright blend of warmed porcelain tile surfaces extends to the steam shower with 10mm glass. Bevelled-edge, ceramic subway tile contrasts with black matte faucets, which are repeated on the quarter-sawn, white oak, dual vanity that features white quartz countertops.



Custom-built laundry cabinets host louvered doors for ventilation with consistent style in the laundry room. A Penny Round backsplash adds texture to the décor that enhances its fir countertop features.

Providing the calibre of service that one might expect from a boutique homebuilder, Creek Stone Fine Homes offers the level of concierge and hands-on service that delivers that one-of-a-kind build and experience. “It’s the attention to detail, we truly listen and form a creative relationship to ensure we capture all your needs,” honours owner Scott Lawrie.

“We are in it to win it for the long haul. Our builds are emotional in a very positive sense—we care and we treat everyone as if they were a family member because we want them to have what they want,” asserts Scott.

Scott’s own home and winner of CHBA’s Best Whole Home Renovation for Alberta in 2020, this Okotoks residence stands apart in how it represents its community and the uniquely individual needs of a young family. Adding a substantial addition, the home was razed to the studs. “It’s part of historical Elma Street and in our minds deserved a showcase that would respect its heritage and long-standing connections that resonate within Okotoks,” informs Scott.

A reuse and recycle builder that desired to reclaim the best of its features, Creek Stone also maximized efficiencies and current building codes within a Farmhouse design. “The original home was from the ‘50s and we wanted to uphold the integrity of that period,” shares Scott. “To sustain the nostalgia of that era, we opted not to build a two-storey home with a front facing garage, and instead adopted a single storey home with a loft to keep rooflines low so as not to overpower the existing natural landscape.”

Knowing what they wanted, or more specifically, didn’t want, they took this rare opportunity to explore their

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Modern Farmhouse flair resonates with the front facade that features fir structural pillars and post and beam rafters. Steel rooflines complement the vertical board and baton, engineered, wood cladding in Snow White.

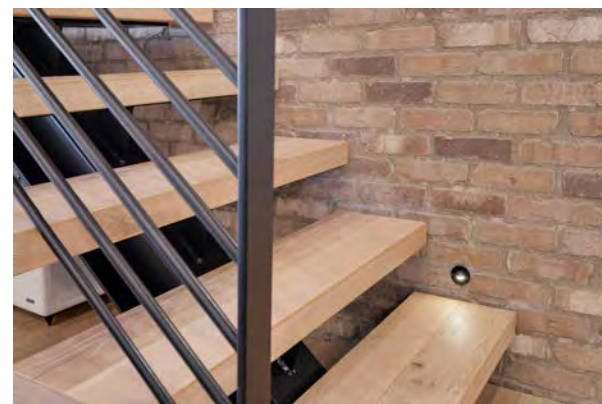
lifestyle within an established street that was rich in character and endorsed self-expression in a manner that only older districts can successfully achieve. “We didn’t want to live in new suburbia and we wanted a farmhouse style. This is who we are. As a family our tastes run to the eclectic and it naturally opened us up to connect with this type of build,” says Scott. “We wanted the authenticity that we could draw from this setting.”

Originally a 1,000-square-foot bungalow, the layout was expanded to 1,700 square feet with the loft level capturing a bonus room and the master ensuite. Being well traveled they both enjoy the homes of the southern states, infused with nostalgia and charm. “We took advantage

Dove White shiplap siding surfaces the ceiling and fireplace chase above a custom concrete surround. Reclaimed fir captures mantle features and adjoining shelving units. The front entry features solid fir construction with clear glass inserts.

of vaulted heights in the kitchen to make spaces appear larger and used extended overhangs at the front of the home to create a more intimate setting,” describes Scott, who provided the design, working equally well with clients existing plans for both new builds and renovations.

“In a sense, we wanted to battle against conformity and our process give our clients the freedom to express who they are,” says Scott. Desiring to share their vision and an organic sensibility that defies cookie-cutter convention, a timeless and well-utilized home was the goal. “We’re not just building a home, it’s a theme, a vibe—to generate positive energy. The outside needs to flow inside and together integrate with the look and flow of the property.”



A wall of veneer brick displays an over grout finish with rustic charm, aligning the the mono-rail staircase with steel beam support, oak treads, and a powder coated, horizontal metal railing.





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Danver designs and manufactures an extensive line of stainless steel cabinetry exclusively for outdoor kitchens. With cabinets that host an array of exclusive designer colors and door styles they afford fully functional, signature outdoor kitchens. “We use powder-coated finishes to bring colour to the decor where before there were few options for customization. Our finishes offer choice for doors and panel systems so the homeowner can express their personal style or complement their interior decor from traditional to transitional, and contemporary. We allow people to tap into the design sense of their home,” explains Shaun.

When it comes to an outdoor living area, having a luxurious outdoor kitchen is the best way to showcase your creativity and design style. “We add colour but also offer graphics to the doors to make it look like wood. It’s called sublimation and we infuse the graphic into the powder coat, much like longboard,” describes Shaun.

Featuring frameless European styling, Danver’s cabinetry can be tailored to match any lifestyle or design. “Our cabinetry is built to order, ensuring that the style, design, and colour are specific to each project and meet individual specifications for fit and finish.”

Designed to accommodate even the most creative layouts, Danver is customized to enhance any manufacturer’s grill along with a multitude of other outdoor kitchen appliances and bar accessories to complete the outdoor space. “Outdoor kitchens bring together food and entertaining while expanding your living space outdoors, which could become your new favourite dining area,” concludes Shaun.

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Engineered, walnut hardwoods sweep the main level at entry where a curved walnut staircase with wrought iron spindles flows elegantly to basement charms. The kitchen extends seamlessly into the front dining room and adjacent great room with views of the outdoor living space beyond.



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An alluring ensemble of style and function, the gourmet kitchen invites gatherings and multiple cooks with large dual islands that host storage on all sides to maximize capacities. The awning window ensures natural light, adding to prolific pot lighting and an eye-catching light fixture over the island. The stainless steel hood fan brings shine to glistening surfaces of granite countertops that complement the full height glass arabesque mosaic tile backsplash.

A folding Tesoro patio door allows for a seamless flow of traffic between the great room and outdoors, making it an integrated extension of the home. Cherry wood shelves are anchored to the Chicago brick wall above a Cambria Black quartz hearth.



THE INS & OUTS *of Home*





A spacious display of casual comforts defines the basement where the full service bar hosts cherry millwork and quartz countertops. Central shelving slides open to reveal the music room. Ledge stone accents the fireplace, bar, and pillars with comprehensive appeal.



The stately front façade was achieved by replacing the dated brick with new Mountain Ash ledge stone and Kayu exotic wood elements that capture battens, soffits, and retaining wall features. Raising the roof adjusted rooflines for a significantly larger presence.

A classic wood burning fireplace and built-in barbeque with accessories is encased in brick from the existing front façade.

When renovations are all you do, you make the best of it. And it's this sentiment turned commitment that has driven Ultimate Renovations into a super achiever. The only 11-time winner of Renovator of the Year, they have been busy beautifying Alberta homes for over 40 years with operations in Calgary and Edmonton.

With a passion for expression and an eye for detail, Ultimate Renovations has consistently shown a dedication to excellence, professionalism, and quality service. Backed by numerous awards and certifications, they instill peace of mind in their customers, establishing themselves as a trustworthy partner in each project they commit to.

Willow Park in Calgary is a community well loved for large lots, golf course views, and distinctive architecture. Also a popular pocket for renovation, Ultimate is no stranger to its appeal, having renovated many of the homes to award-winning standards—and this one is no exception.



Built from character-rich Kayu exotic hardwood, the deck, walls and roof make the entire outdoor living space feel warm and welcoming. Dual, ten-foot ceiling mounted, gas heaters keeps the space well heated, providing year-round use.



Enjoying success as a multiple award winner at the Canadian Housing Awards for Best Renovated Space (basement), and Best Renovated Exterior, as well as Best Renovation with Addition in the Calgary region, every detail was designed to meet the goals of the homeowner. With each room hosting unique features, the primary focus was to maximize views of the golf course, which was accomplished through a fresh new floor plan and a large rear addition that extends culinary delights.

Capturing distinctive curb appeal, a full Mountain Ash ledge stone exterior was enhanced with Kayu exotic hardwood that offsets the stonework with natural flair. “The homeowner didn’t want the dated brick front façade and wanted to dramatically enhance the exterior and create a year-round outdoor living area that would take full advantage of golf course views,” shares Danny Ritchie, President of Ultimate Renovations.

With astonishing ingenuity and presence, the double decker car lift drops from the garage into the basement that includes a workshop. Continuous walnut hardwoods warm decors that host a rich palette of texture and colour.





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“No one can deny that luxury vinyl plank and tile is the biggest and fastest growing flooring category out there,” says Morley of the durable, well-priced product line. “Yet making a huge comeback is waterproof laminate. It’s a bit more durable than vinyl plank and now offers seamless installation with no transition strips between rooms, allowing for a more fluid and comprehensive floor covering finish.

Riding the wave of minimalist design, Scandinavian look hardwoods in a matte finish have made their presence known. Earth influences and natural products are also very on-trend and entering the home, given the popularity of Farmhouse styles with consistent barn door, shiplap, and wide plank, open grain floor finishes.

Soft broadlooms have also achieved a new status. “Course nylons are no longer as appealing and more soft nylons are emerging to take advantage of that preference. “Softer selections have improved, but the shorter, tighter weaves wear better. That said, for a multi-pet household we would not fully recommend a soft carpet option,” suggests Morley. Other trends worth repeating are fully tiled dog-wash stations and a resurgence of patterned and hexagon floor tile.

“It’s been 50 years... that type of longevity doesn’t happen often,” considers Morley. “With an average of 21 years of experience per team member, we are more than just sales and design—when you add it all up, it’s impressive. People should know us from years past and if they don’t, they should.”

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A generous outdoor living space was built that ties in seamlessly to the main floor with a wide, folding Tesoro patio door inviting the outdoors in. The entire backyard was also excavated to create a lower concrete patio area, which connects the main outdoor living space to the private hot tub deck of the master ensuite, bringing an abundance of natural light into the large basement windows.

Desiring their kitchen to be completely open and the main focal point of the home upon entry, the main floor was drastically reconfigured to create the dream kitchen the client was looking for. The previous kitchen was much too small and now is nearly four times as large with two big islands hosting capacities and function.

Featuring an awning window that opens up at the bar sink, the countertop extends outside to create bar seating. “The massive 14-foot folding patio door and 8-foot awning window when open makes the kitchen appear perfectly integrated with the outdoor living space,” observes Danny.

A very important part of the renovation was a spa-like master ensuite with views of the golf course. “We relocated the master



Engineered, walnut hardwoods sweep the basement level where a curved walnut staircase with wrought iron spindles flows elegantly to its base.

ensuite to the back of the home so that they could have access to their private covered hot tub deck,” shares Danny. “It’s an oasis of comforts and is strongly connected to the lot’s best features.”

The biggest challenge was fulfilling the homeowners’ vision of parking their Ferrari in the basement as a showpiece,” says Danny. “Extensive planning went into turning this dream into a reality.” The garage roof was raised, allowing for a full height mezzanine space above the cars for storage, with the main feature being the double decker car lift that lowers into the basement.

“The basement was very under utilized with a lot of wasted space in the mechanical and storage rooms. By minimizing these areas we were able to add over 500 square feet of lifestyle flows,” adds Danny. Yet another exquisite feature is the full service bar that includes sliding shelving to reveal a hidden, fully insulated music room. A full-stone wine room, lounge area, glass walled exercise room, with bedrooms and bathrooms transition this previously unused basement into a handsome getaway.

“The lot was perfect, the views incredible. All that was needed was a full renovation inside and out. Give us a fair start and we’ll finish with amazing,” concludes Danny.



Large-format, polished ceramic tile floors host in-floor heat and anchor the ensuite that contains a freestanding bath with a floor-mounted bath filler and a shift hand shower in polished nickel. A huge window above the tub and sliding door access to the covered hot tub deck made of Kayu exotic hardwood, provides abundant natural light.


The ensuite hosts a luxurious, curbless steam shower with 10mm glass on three sides and privacy glazing. Multiple, polished nickel, wall mounted fixtures and a Pacific Beach pebble mosaic floor in Obsidian Black, add texture and shine.

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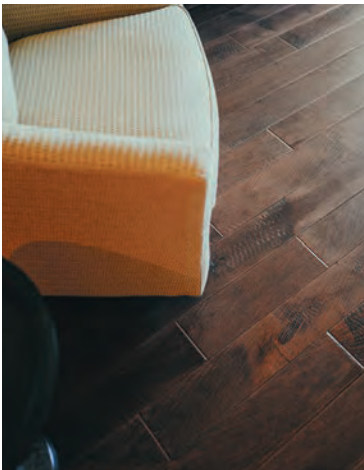
With their new location at #109, 1135 – 64th Ave SE that includes a 3,100-square-foot showroom plus a 17,500-square-foot clearance warehouse, After Eight has shifted their focus to retail walk-in and the DIY. Given the increasing trend in home improvement, many have opted to put their money where their home is.

For almost thirty years, their primary focus has been residential flooring, including hardwood, tile, carpet, laminate, natural stone, and luxury vinyl tile. “It’s a change from our old location of 4,000 square feet of showroom space, but we still make our environment inviting with good coffee and a clean, easy to access warehouse setting,” adds Moore, who deals with most of the major manufacturers to provide the best flooring options for their customers.

“We buy a huge variety of product from all over the world, which allows us to fully explore innovations in the industry. Our years of experience has allowed us to identify market trends and support these choices through our huge inventory,” shares Moore.

One of the biggest trends in flooring today is Luxury Vinyl Plank (LVP). “It’s not hardwoods anymore. LVP and laminates have taken over due to low maintenance features that is all part of the lifestyle goal of ease and convenience,” says Moore. There has also been a shift to larger format tiles popular with both floor and wall applications with soft goods being relegated to the upstairs and bedrooms with main floors and common areas hosting a single solid surface.

Yet with all these changes, one thing remains the same. “We are dedicated to getting the job done and done right. Making sure the customer is happy is what we spend a lot of time, money, and energy on. We look after our customers—it’s who we are.”



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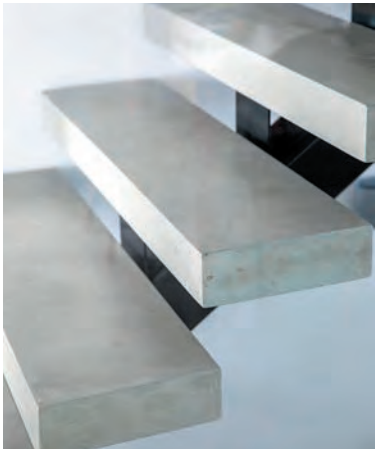
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"Our precast offerings include fireplace and range hood surrounds, interior and exterior cladding, and custom creations for both residential and commercial projects," notes Chad Keating, who together with his wife Tanya, lead this family-owned business that commits to integrity and a job done right.

Since 2002, Sculptural Design has been fulfilling the visions of architects, interior designers, and homebuilders with innovative options and one-off features. Their extensive expertise in custom concrete design, production, and installation ensures product excellence across the board. "Our architectural concrete is ultra-light, durable, stylish, and produced to the highest of quality standards. We offer a custom range of colours and can help you design a precast product to perfectly suit your space, style, and budget," shares Tanya.

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Engineered white oak hardwoods feature an oiled finish, anchoring main floor layouts beneath a wood-clad beamed ceiling. Dovetail drawers host soft close function with a maple Charcoal island and perimeter cabinets in Cloud White all built on site. A tumbled brick Iron Works veneer clads backsplash features with mounted wall sconces for period charm. The stainless steel farmer's sink features matte black faucets that match handles. Adjacent, a railing edges another opening that invites views of the family room below.



Vinyl flooring hosts an oak aesthetic in the basement area that was chosen for its durability and easy maintenance given the lake access. Charcoal stained cabinets host a Shaker door style with flat black metal handles and brick wall features. White quartz countertops add smooth contrast beneath the cut away above with views to the upper floors.

The corner gym in the basement hosts rubberized flooring next to the home theatre. A 21-foot window rises to the main floor level, afforded captivating views of the lake from the kitchen.

Dual wine rooms host identical styling with the main floor feature displaying cutouts above and below with eye-catching ingenuity. The maple railing with slender wrought iron spindles is stained to match the oak hardwood, which is repeated on the wine room ceiling. Stainless steel, wall mounted wine racks complement the comprehensive tumbled brick finish.



Always on the edge with their uniquely engaging designs that explore flourish and flair, Baywood Estate Homes is extremely comfortable colouring outside the box. For over a decade they have been recognized for their creative risks, raising the bar with impeccable form and exemplary function.

“Every Baywood Estate Homes design is born from a set of imaginative ideas that are created under the meticulous direction of our design and management teams,” shares master builder Jim Groenewoud, whose close working relationships with clients, suppliers, and trades allows them to capture and embrace the extraordinary.

“We begin with the lot and land and our designs take advantage of its best features. That’s our focus,” explains Jim. An in-house design developed by himself and co-designer Ian Cassley, The Oxford boasts a French Chateau aesthetic with a modern twist. Hosting an inner courtyard with gated charm, its memorable façade invites lingering looks and second glances.

“One of our challenges was that many of the sister lakefront lots are lottery show homes. We wanted to come up with something unique and stand-out to compete,” admits Jim of The Oxford that started as spec home with show home aspirations. Building upon castle-like character, they landed on curved exterior rooflines and re-created old-world features and finishes. “We oriented the floor plan towards views of the lake, which all the common rooms share.”



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A full-height, 24-foot gas fireplace chase enhances the great room where viewscale mullioned windows overlook the lake and beach club beyond. Clerestory windows and a period-style chandelier lend additional light.

Brick columns with flattering wall sconces accentuate the home theatre room that hosts three tiers of comfortable theatre-style seating and a dual entrance. The 129-inch projection screen affords cinema scale entertainment with full soundproofing.



Given its lakeside setting, generously scaled windows were cleverly arranged at the rear of the home with rear deck and walkout patio areas maximized to capture the lake, beach club attractions, and its own private dock.

An exceptional and original layout, The Oxford hosts 5,400 square feet of seamless integration and fluid flows. Through the use of ceiling transitions, it distinguishes common rooms with singular appeal. “We used brick in the kitchen, wine rooms, and the home theatre. It was a style-appropriate finish and ties the home together,” cites Jim.

Displaying astounding open spaces in front of the stacked wine rooms, funneled light spills onto all three levels, for a riveting, one-of-a-kind feature. “When you are at the second floor wine room you can see clear through to the basement and the bar below,” notes Jim. The open, executive-style kitchen reveals a butler’s pantry behind an inviting display of millwork where opposite, the 24-foot fireplace exhibits Chateau-esque style with subtle flair.

For a home of impressive scale, energy-efficiency was equally regarded in the build. “We used extensive use of spray foam insulation and low-e, argon-filled windows. The boiler system further heats surfaces in the garage and basement with electric heat warming the upper floor tiled surfaces,” states Jim. The exterior foundation was wrapped with two-inch rigid insulation to prevent heat loss through basement walls for comprehensive efficiency.

“In Mahogany we have three different architectural styles to choose from and chose the French Chateau style because it gave us a lot of design flexibility that advanced the innovations we were looking to achieve,” offers Jim, who wanted to capture a special look for that special lot.

A strong set of values and professionalism form the foundation of Baywood Estate Homes. “We are committed to improving the quality of life of our clients through a strong commitment to design, craftsmanship, innovation, and imagination,” asserts Jim, who upholds the values of honesty and integrity in every aspect of his builds.

Purchased on Christmas Eve, the clients were able to make some personal finish selections. “We were looking for a lake property with an open concept layout, viewscale windows, and high ceilings throughout,” share the homeowners. “It had one-of-a-kind features we did not expect and liked how the mix of traditional finishes—brick and beams—took on a modern look reminiscent of industrial loft designs. People stop to admire our home with many thinking that it’s a new lottery home.”

Admitting that they didn’t have too much to change, as the finishes selected were so beautiful, they add. “Jim allowed us to pick our fixtures, paint, and flooring and felt very grateful that he afforded us the opportunity. He is awesome and so his is wife,” commends the lady of the house. “We really love it here.”



The main level hosts a captivating overview of open concept charms, stacked wine rooms, and a decorative display of ceiling transitions. The overlook acts a bridge between the staircase and the hallway that leads to bedroom access.

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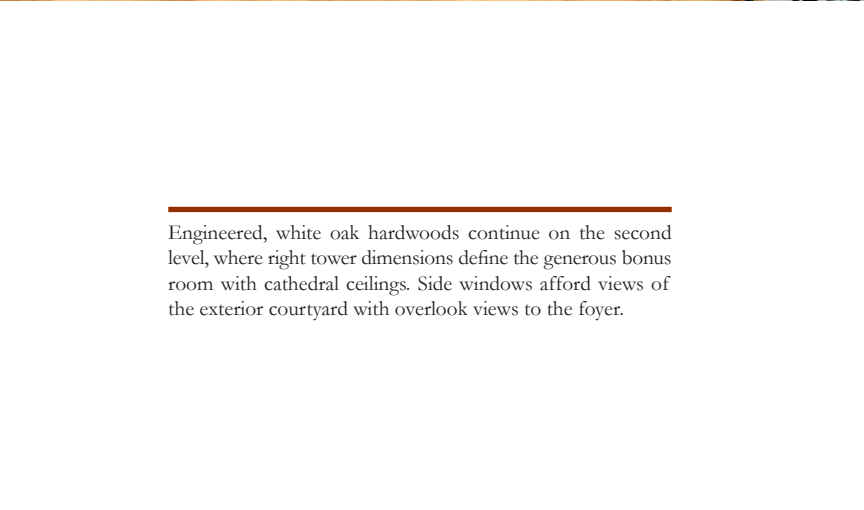


An inspired façade that features French Chateau appeal, whimsical, old-world elements include curved lines and steep roof pitches that feature architectural shingles in Dual Black. Crystal Lake natural stone veneer is dry stacked and offset with smooth acrylic stucco in White Tail. Cedar gables and custom garage doors add style impact alongside the gated entry to the courtyard.





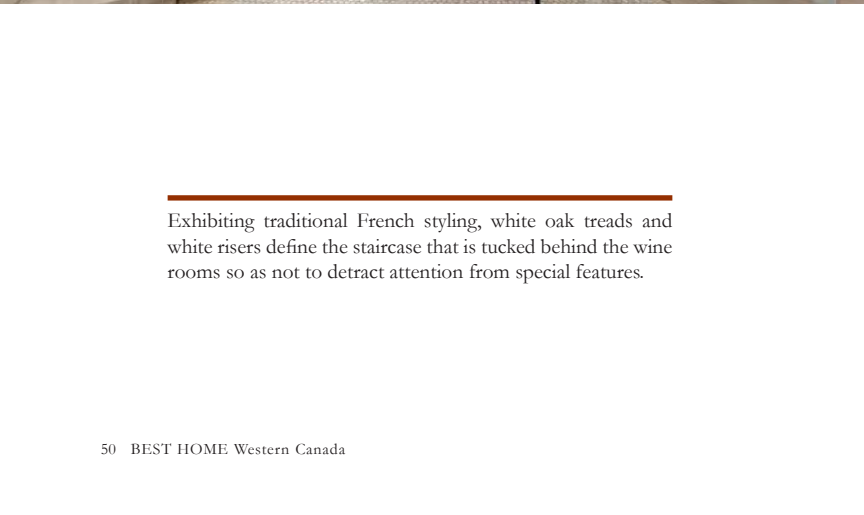
A charcoal wall feature hosts 4-inch trim details in a modular design, providing a warm intimate setting in the dining room that complements island features.



Engineered, white oak hardwoods continue on the second level, where right tower dimensions define the generous bonus room with cathedral ceilings. Side windows afford views of the exterior courtyard with overlook views to the foyer.



Wood-grain, marble plank, tile surfaces the master ensuite and climbs walls in the walk-through, doorless shower, adjacent to the freestanding bath with continuous chrome fixtures.



Exhibiting traditional French styling, white oak treads and white risers define the staircase that is tucked behind the wine rooms so as not to detract attention from special features.



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Nestled just outside of Grande Prairie, this large-scale timber frame residence was constructed by reputable custom homebuilder, Stonebuilt Homes. “The client has a large family and desired a home that would unify everyone in the kitchen where one can sit on both sides of the twenty-foot-long island,” explains Leona, noting that the adjacent workstation provides convenience and family function.



Equipped with a full butler’s pantry to facilitate a desire to cook and entertain at home, the gourmet-style kitchen can amply accommodate a full roster of kitchen helpers and consultants. Displaying an eye-catching collection of distressed alder cabinets with matte black pulls, metal posts and brackets enhance the ensemble throughout the design. “We included several recycling centres and spice pullouts and basically made sure that everything had its own place,” shares Leona.

Rich natural stone aligns the stove, supporting a fir beam mantle amidst Cambria quartz on the island and perimeter countertops of Rugged Concrete by Caesarstone with a chiseled-edge finish. Contributing to this warm setting, dropped pendant lights above

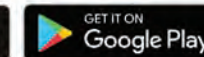
the Silver Maple clad island hosts a vintage finish that is anchored to a tongue-and-groove fir ceiling with handsome beam details.

“Currently, there is a trend towards Modern Farmhouse and Rustic-Industrial looks much like this one,” suggests Leona with Lafleur Cabinets capturing more colour, matte finishes, texture, and storage, minimizing dead space. “We have been in the industry for 44 years and every cabinet is built from scratch,” she asserts, musing, “Our original motto was ‘if you can dream it we can build it’ and it still stands true today.”

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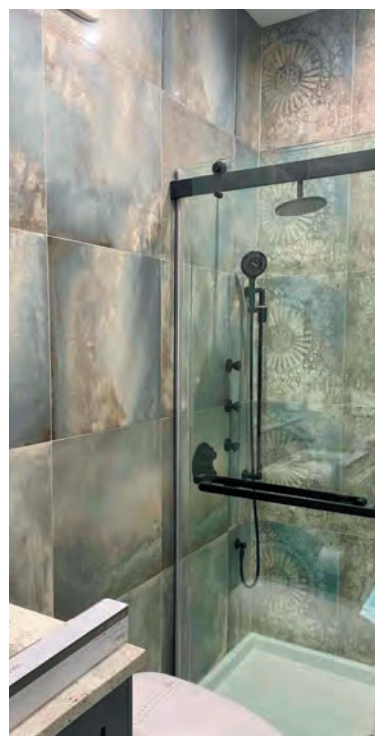
Operating a 72,000-square-foot facility at 4120 – 98th Street NW in Edmonton, they are a direct importer that carries carpet, hardwood, laminate, vinyl, tiles, stone, mosaics, rugs, and artificial grass at low wholesale prices. “We offer in-store inventory, same week delivery, as well as free onsite measurements and quotes with our professional installation services,” he adds.

In an industry where trends run deep and are forever fluid, one of the newest to emerge is SPC, or stone poliver composite. “SPC is made of vinyl and stone and is a great DIY product as it offers a click system with the floor floating atop the sub floor. Easy to install, oftentimes there is no need to remove what you have,” says Ganit. With 100% waterproof features it comes in many colours and can look like tile, stone, or hardwood.

“Options are endless. It’s also very affordable and is a 15 to 20 year product. Scratch resistant, it’s become the all-encompassing flooring product,” he says. A good option for the Alberta climate because of its stone composition, it won’t expand or contract like hardwood, nor is humidity a factor. “In stock we have over 25 options of SPC alone.”

Importing 200 containers each year, Touchtone brings in tiles from Spain and Italy. “We carry a lot of options from there and the designs are unbelievable. Large-format porcelain is quickly becoming the norm with 24x48-inch slabs that create beautiful feature walls and an immense wow factor,” notes Ganit, adding that it’s great for bathrooms with standout style features. “The innovations in the hard surface market make for some very compelling choices.”

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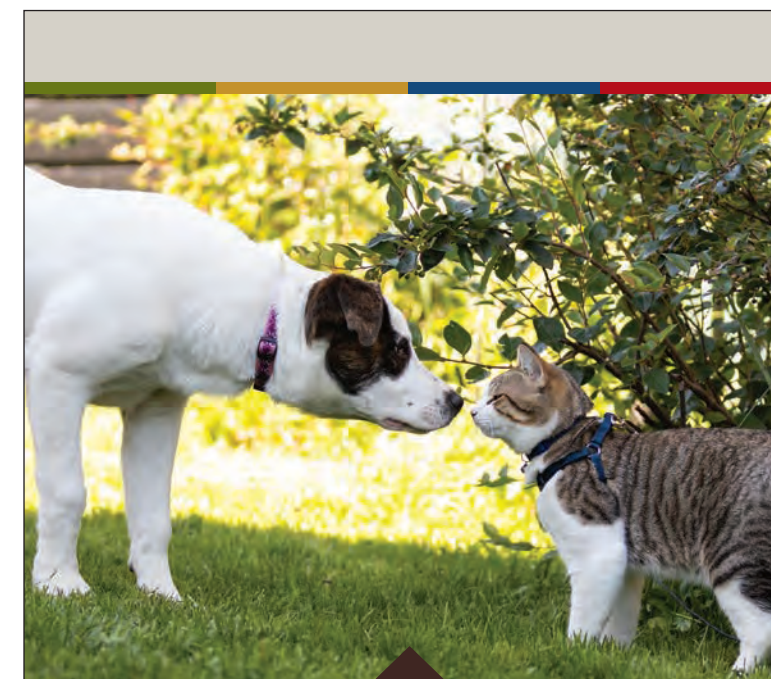
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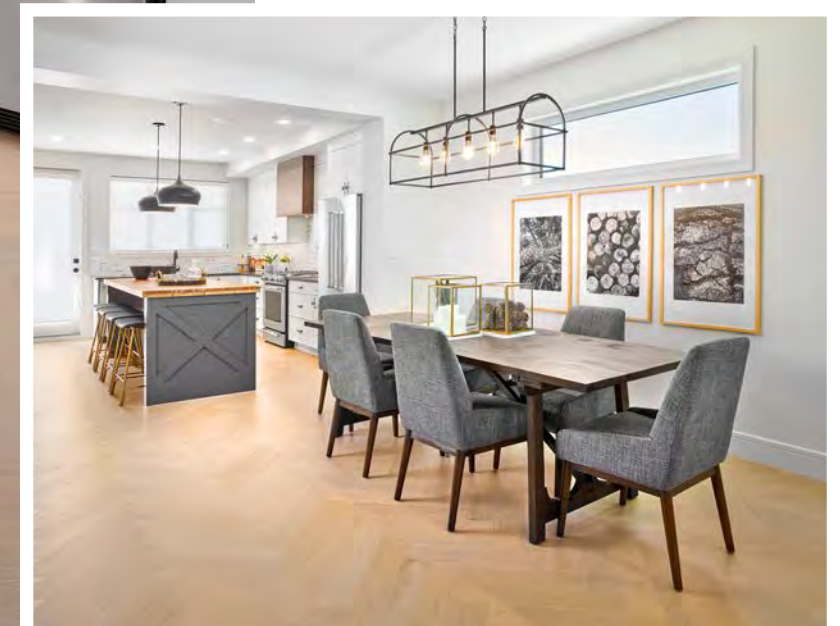


Urban Edge



An incredible opportunity exists for those whose proximity to nature lays intertwined with stylish comfort. Cranford Rise is the newest phase of Creekwood Collections at Chappelle—a place where multiple amenities abide next to window views of Whitemud Creek Ravine.

A bright and stylish kitchen features slim Shaker style, soft close cabinetry with dark grey island millwork that hosts cross beam details and a locally sourced reclaimed butcher-block countertop. Glazed ceramic backsplash tile and contrasting quartz countertops match the custom hood fan finish.



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Nestled in the west of Creekwood Collections and bordering Whitemud Creek Ravine, natural vistas of mature trees edge Creekwood Collections' newest phase. Not your typical community, a specialty offering of all-laned homes characterizes Crawford Rise. Hosting thirty lots surrounded by green space and the ravine on its north and west sides, homes face onto the environmental reserve for a spectacular front-row seat of natural splendour.

Developer representative Jennifer Brown says, "Chappelle will have nearly ten kilometres of walking and bike trails that tie into the ravine and at Crawford Rise we have shortened the distance with nature at your doorstep."

North Pointe Homes builds within Crawford Rise, applying their own distinctive talents with Modern, Farmhouse, Prairie, and Contemporary architectural styles selected to enhance the allure of this setting. Beyond pride in their team and talented tradespeople who were chosen for their skill and attention to detail, it's their commitment to build beyond expectations that prompts President Darcy Fett to affirm, "We don't compromise on quality. We strive to create timeless designs that offer a unique take on what's new and fresh without falling into predictable trends—edgy, but not irrelevant."

Affording transparent, cost-plus pricing and a quality home of uncompromising attractions, client satisfaction is the key that opens the door to lifestyle aspirations. With over 75 years of construction experience on their team, there is little that a creative spirit can't overcome.

The Aurora at Crawford Rise expressively explores this dynamic. "Our vision was to host a modern Farmhouse style within an innovative, three-storey design," explains Sales & Marketing Manager, Lindsey Coleman. "The third level deck is aesthetically pleasing and its west-facing views capture the ravine and sunsets." Featuring homes that start at \$700,000, The Aurora showcases nearly 2,700 square feet on three levels. "The third level flex space is the real bonus and can multi-task as a studio, lounge, crafts room, or a private retreat," adds Lindsey.



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A plaster fireplace surround borders the gas fireplace next to shiplap siding in the great room; a staple in modern Farmhouse design. Stained white oak bench seating with cabinets below complements the herringbone white oak hardwood flooring.



Twin Naval Port mirrors in the master ensuite are mounted on the full height backsplash clad in herringbone hardwood. A freestanding soaker bath displays matte black, floor-mounted faucets next to the corner shower where stepped ceramic subway tile blends with a plastered wall finish. The dual sink vanity in dark grey features motion-activated toe kick lighting.



The main floor den hosts a sliding barn door entry, revealing consistent millwork with a built-in desk and drawers.

Uniquely defined by steep roof pitches, the third level flex room offers a bright invitation to a wide range of activities.



Brass, wall-mounted faucets enhance Nautical Blue shiplap siding in the powder room that features a reclaimed butcher-block counter and a raised vessel sink set on top of a custom designed steel base.

Soft wall feature hosts 4-inch details in a linear design, providing a warm and intimate setting in the master bedroom that hosts view of Whitemud Creek Ravine.



Built for everyone with the option to work from home, the main floor hosts a large office with sliding barn door access. It also has a spacious rear kitchen, large pantry, and a central dining room that adjoins the great room with its unobstructed views of the ravine. Designed with rear lane garages, the main floor remains spacious and unobstructed with over-sized windows that capture natural light.

Featuring triple-pane, energy efficient windows and above industry standard insulation with premium air vapour barriers, and a high efficiency furnace, the system further provides zoned heat. “All of our homes are tested for air tightness and are significantly more energy efficient than industry standard reference models,” shares Darcy with all homes in Crawford Rise constructed ‘solar ready’ for future installation of solar panels.

“We are extremely pleased and proud to announce that The Aurora won best Single Detached Production Home between 2,401 and 2,800 square feet at the 2021 CHBA National Awards for Housing Excellence, “ says Darcy, and it seems that the rest of the country agrees.

Dealing with architectural controls that are strict while encouraging originality and expression, Crawford Rise will be home to two-storey designs with the option for third level development. Darcy explains, “The option for a third level is undertaken to ensure that the space does not overwhelm the structure. This may be achieved by integrating the third floor development into the roof mass with the inclusion of dormers. Lower fascia, gradual transition, articulation, and extended horizontal details will assist in balancing this presentation.”

The detached garage is also built concurrent with the home with style, finishes, and color consistent with the dwelling. Nanny suites are further optional above the garage. “Our homes are far from cookie-cutter and very different from what you would normally find in a rear-detached home. We also have the ability to attach the garage to the home through a breezeway,” adds Darcy.

Whitemud Creek Ravine is a nature reserve complete with old-growth forest, over 150 species of birds, and several species of wildlife. It’s a great place to distance yourself from the bustle of the city, bird watch, and of course, enjoy the trails.

“Visitors to The Aurora often are surprised and comment that the home is far more spacious than it appears from outside. They also say it’s not like anything they have seen before,” Darcy admits with a grin. “All of our designs are beautiful, unique, and innovative expressions of what people are now looking for in form and function.”

Jennifer Brown has heard from several residents as to the attractions of Crawford Rise. “When people come out here there is something that just feels right. It’s like coming home.” Easily accessible, the community is close to 41st Avenue SW, five minutes from Highway 2, and is only twenty minutes to downtown. “Whether you want to walk your kids to the brand new Donald R. Getty K-9 public school, stroll along the ravine, or enjoy a backyard barbeque with friends, Crawford Rise can be part of the future you’ve always dreamed of.”

A tranquil retreat with aluminum, wood grain soffits, the third floor deck exhibits dual skylights and vinyl decking with a birds-eye-view of the ravine.



A delightful combination of linen Allura cementitious fibreboard siding and red brick displays a compelling façade of modern Farmhouse style enhanced with architectural brown metal clad windows. Wood grain aluminum soffits and a frameless glass railing on the third level patio offer an optimum vantage point of ravine valley views.



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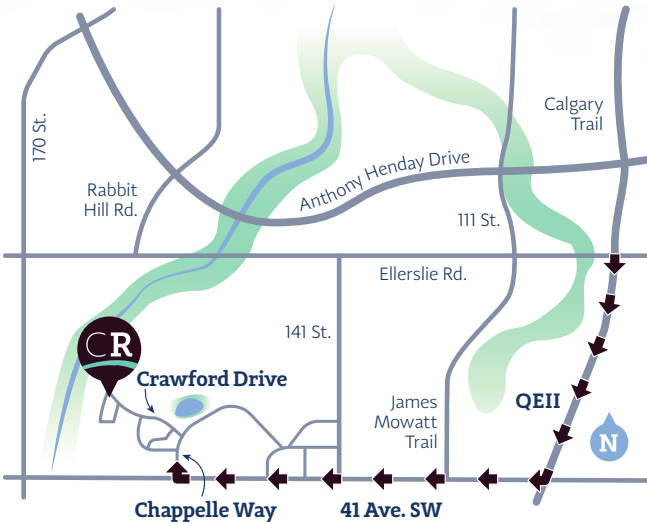
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Family owned and operated, The Garage Store in Calgary pride themselves on being the premiere choice for garage interiors. “Our knowledgeable team is committed to providing the complete package of premium products, service, and installation that range from the simple to the extraordinary, and every budget in between,” says Don.

While forced to spend more time indoors, homeowners are exploring new ways to maximize their often under-utilized garage space. “People are looking at their homes differently now, and wanting an indoor/outdoor space with multiple uses makes a lot of sense,” shares Don.

Part of a whole home renovation, this garage was intended to be shared, with dad’s cars and the kid’s bikes. Hosting two lifts, one captures a steel box containing bikes, while the other keeps dad’s ride high and dry, opening up play space below. With custom cabinets in 16-gauge steel, they display powder-coated finishes with multiple storage capacities for functional diversity. “We use walls and ceilings in new and different ways with the garage doors matching the colour theme,” adds Don.

Above the stainless steel counter top a Dwight Lockhart design features a car-themed artwork on Lexan, backlit with LED lighting. Anchored by a durable and attractive floor surface, the decorative polyaspartic polyurea concrete coating resists stains and promotes lasting allure, coordinating beautifully with the design scheme.

“As part of the process, we create 3D renderings of your garage design using interactive software that allows the client to experience the space. “That’s part of our customer service—people can visualize the concept,” adds Don

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“Trevi has been manufacturing their own line of pools and spas in Montreal since 1972,” shares Jesse Piteau, co-owner of the Trevi location in Calgary. With large volumes in Canada allowing them to offer very competitive prices, Jesse notes, “It’s about fit, finish, and price, and we deliver on all fronts.”

Like most things, pools have undergone their own evolution of change within the home market. “In the past we have seen many different shapes and free-form pools, but people are now returning to the basics,” observes Jesse. It appears homeowners are more interested in convenience and practical, useable space with rectangular and lap pools back in fashion. “These pools afford a motorized retractable cover due to straight tracks. You can walk right across them and they’re very durable.”

“Having these covers mean that you don’t require any special fencing as they have locking mechanisms. In many communities such

as Elbow Valley, there is no fencing allowed and a fully sealed cover provides both maintenance and safety features for children and pets,” admits Jesse. Acidic rain affects PH levels, which now can pool on the cover before it is pumped away. Providing peace of mind, savings on chemicals and natural gas on heating, innovative accessories have emerged with a myriad of improvements in cost-effectiveness and function.

Other notable changes include more customized staircases and sun ledges that have replaced the ladder for comfortable cool downs. Swim or exercise jets create a current of resistance, allowing tighter spaces and budgets to afford a lap pool experience. “At Trevi we don’t subcontract with both owners working on site. It’s our client relationships and their satisfaction that makes a big difference.”



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Climbing three levels, the elegant open-riser staircase features all new maple railings with custom wrought iron spindles. At its centre, the fountain reveals basalt stones in a river rock base.



Displaying innovative room transitions, black matte wrought iron spindles are set at a 45-degree angle, bordering dining room charms where a dropped grid, oak ceiling is stained to match staircase features.

The handsome front entry features a captivating contrast of warm woods and tile features with a fibreglass front door hosting stained glass and a wood grain finish. Bronze fixtures and pebble glass sidelights offer period appropriate finishes amidst polished porcelain, large-format tile that edges fountain flows.

This collaborative collection of handsome wood details reveal innovative twists that capture the eye and the imagination. A large-scale renovation by Cambellton Homes, this residence balances a comprehensive flow of millwork and unique features that blends stylish comfort with timeless character.

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Towering eighteen-foot ceilings define the great room where tall, vertical windows and a fir-clad beam ceiling open to welcoming kitchen views. Custom maple panels define the chase of the gas fireplace that hosts an Aria quartzite surround.



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Launched in 2006, as a result of a less than successful experience with their own builder, Kelly and Wendy Meier started Cambellton Homes in an effort to make a high-stakes experience trouble-free and ultimately, satisfying. "We want to build each home as if it were our own. When it's the biggest purchase of your life, there should be no issues. People need to be happy without having to spend excessively," states Wendy Meier, the design side of the team and owner of Wendy Lee Interiors.

Building a limited number of homes each year, Cambellton meticulously manages every aspect involved in building your new home. "Our focused approach ensures a calibre of quality in which you can 'feel' the attention that has gone into every detail," says Wendy. Active in Edmonton's bustling infill and custom home market, Cambellton Home's recent venture into renovations has proved to be a successful extension of their talents. Showcasing original features and stylishly provocative refurbishments, they escalate both form and function to a rare standard.

This home in Old Riverbend had never been renovated and was in its original state. "The client



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already had some designs they dusted off, and we worked together to create something quite extraordinary,” admits Wendy.

This retired couple was ready to make a change. “We thought we might buy a condo, but found that they were incredibly expensive with condo fees and decided the money would be better spent updating our home,” admit the homeowners, who love their neighbourhood and wanted to remain in the home where they raised their children. Dually impressed by Cambellton Home’s infills, they committed to being open to some fresh ideas.

“Wendy designed the rails and it was her idea to have them installed at an angle, which created a lot of movement and turned out beautifully,” admits the lady of the house. Wanting to update their look but still keep their home within its traditional boundaries, a recycle and reuse strategy was readily adopted.

The home had beautiful bones but hadn’t been renovated in forty years. “It was very dark but we kept that wood feel that they loved, switching out dated cedar for oak and maple finishes,” explains Wendy who together with Kelly brightened the décor and escalated the style from tired traditional to mid century modern.

An open concept design was chosen to brighten interiors and engage family and friends with walls removed and spaces reconfigured. “We created additional storage space, closed up the rear



Vinyl plank flooring in Kiln Dried Oak, sweeps the kitchen that captures an eye-catching contrast of Chantilly White Shaker-style cabinets with a rift-cut oak built-in hutch and island in a bronze stain. Quartz countertops and matte black handles add distinction amidst porcelain mosaic tile.



The butler’s pantry features ample storage and consistent kitchen millwork that offers a study nook with welcome natural light.

A warm and receptive setting, the den features a pony wall overlooking the great room next to the limestone fireplace with consistent maple panel features. The stained glass French door offers its own obscured glass sidelight.

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Artistic Stairs

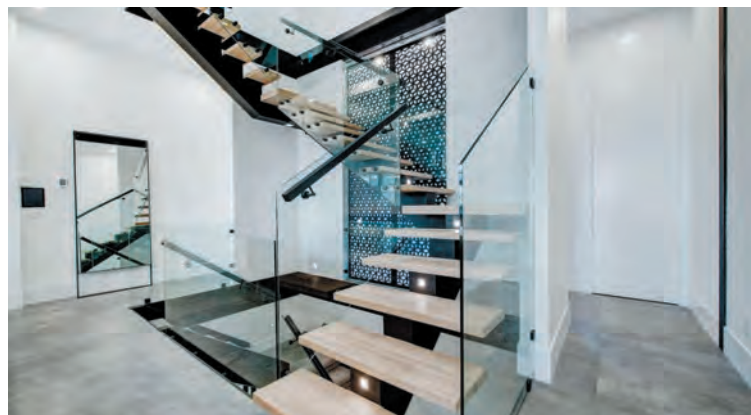


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“From inspiration to installation, our team works closely with architects, designers, builders, and homeowners to bring visions to life,” shares Bill. “Whether a client is seeking inspiration or has a specific style in mind, our award-winning design team will create a staircase that fits the aesthetic and functional needs of each home.”

“We have had people who have started and finished their careers with us,” notes Marc Picton, Vice-President of Business Development. Sourcing local products, Artistic Stairs manufactures all of the wood products that they install at their Edmonton and Calgary plants and showrooms.

An industry that hosts prolific interpretations in both style and structure, current trends are strongly based on innovation. “Horizontal railings are very popular right now as are steel and wood combinations as it fits into a lot of architectural themes, including industrial, modern, transitional, and even old school traditional,” states Marc.



In the ‘80s and ‘90s curved stairs and wood spindles were the norm and Artistic was one of the first to bring metal spindles to the market, which is now by far the most popular option. “Today, we have straight staircase, L-shaped and U-shaped. Curved, metal stringer stairs are very much in demand. It’s difficult to do and we are one of the few companies who can build that in house,” cites Marc.

A review of on trend staircase features would not be complete without mentioning mono or central stringer staircases. “Here we have a real mix of elements such as lightweight concrete, metal, wood, and glass. Glass has been a staple in the industry, but now we are seeing laser-cut metal panels and welded pieces as well,” says Marc. “The interpretation and combination of styles and finishes is now endless.”

staircase, moved the laundry, and created a butler’s pantry from the old laundry room. The home now serves a higher function and facilitates the joy of cooking,” quips Wendy.

Hosting 2,900 square feet, the split-level features re-furnished interior doors, reuses some of the original light fixtures, and displays a fresh fountain at the front entry, creating considerable attractions with original flair. Also providing the home’s humidity, the fountain was re-imagined as an in home water feature that accents the refurbished staircase. “The humidity is incredible and a necessity with all of our wood finishes, which is a nice change from the cedar.”

A collaborative experience that all agree was enjoyable, Kelly Meier continues, “With renovations there is always some surprises. At times we felt like we were on a HGTV show. We would get all excited about our plans then open the walls, and you know the rest. We all worked together to move forward on all issues. Our clients made the final calls and hand-in-hand we would find the right solution.”

Taking just over a year to complete given global challenges, the homeowners were delighted with both their home and Cambellton Homes. “Wendy and Kelly were just wonderful to work with,” they agree. “Wendy and I started looking at finishes, but then we had to go away and they finished it themselves.”

With a long-term reputation of quality construction and customer satisfaction, Cambellton Homes considers themselves fortunate to work with some of the best vendors and craftsmen in the industry. “Sure, there were challenges,” nods Kelly, “but the home from where it started to how it ended up went from a 3 to a 9... or 10.

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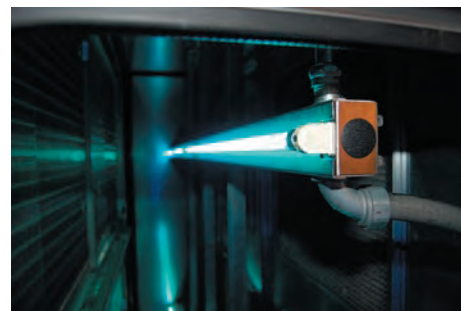
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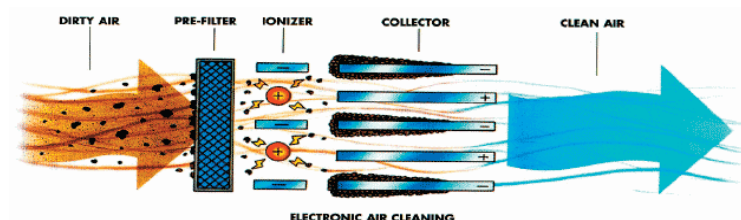
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A seasoned provider of highly skilled workmanship with over 30 years in the industry, Bigstone services Edmonton, Leduc, Millet and the surrounding areas, catering to those in search of custom cabinetry designs for both residential and commercial projects.

“We believe that where there is teamwork and collaboration, we can achieve amazing and beautiful results,” says Monica on the Bigstone experience that tenders competitive pricing alongside their precision craft and customized experience.

This partnership drives a personalized experience where vision and style take shape. A new build of transitional style in Millet, the homeowners



sought out a bright and inviting kitchen with eye-catching details.

The kitchen features white lacquered perimeter cabinetry with complementary contrasts found in the custom-built maple hood fan and wood-clad beamed ceiling. Gunmetal stain was added for a matchless charm that extends to the island and adjoining coffee bar. Quartz countertops, an apron-front sink, and chrome faucets complete a balanced palette of colour. “Additionally, we used soft-close BLUM drawers and the design affords generous storage,” says Monica.

“This is the third kitchen we have built for this client. In fact, our repeat clientele makes up nearly 50%



of our projects,” she states. “The biggest change in the cabinet industry is the number of choices available. At Bigstone Custom Cabinets, we routinely pull options together from different sources as clients continue to explore a combination of colour and materials.”

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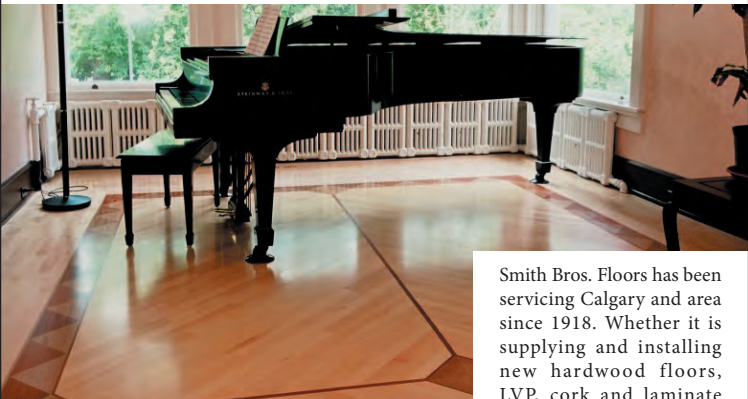
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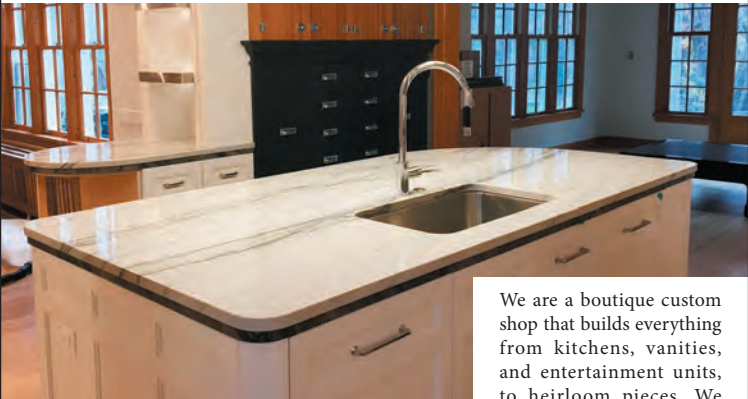
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