

OKANAGAN HOME

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MODERN ELEGANCE ON LAKE OKANAGAN'S SHORE

WHEN THE OWNERS WERE DREAMING UP THE TYPE OF HOME TO BUILD ON THEIR LAKEFRONT PROPERTY IN SHEERWATER, THEY DECIDED ON A MODERN EUROPEAN ELEGANT DESIGN. THE FINISHES WERE KEPT MINIMALIST WITH ALUMINUM, GLASS AND CONCRETE AND THE HOME BASED ON SIMPLICITY OF DESIGN, ALLOWING THE ARCHITECTURE TO SPEAK FOR ITSELF.

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The home was truly a team effort with Carl Scholl designing the home's concept before bringing in Kim Larson and Stephan Ams of All Elements Design.Manage.Build to bring this incredible contemporary design to fruition.

Before construction commenced, the homeowners and All Elements agreed to a dynamic collaboration between the 4 of them in order to not only build this home, but to create their own sculptural landmark. The homeowners were very involved in the day-to-day activities and in the overall design concept from the inside out.

"This is the most incredible project we have ever worked on," says Larson. "The home was intended to be gallery style contemporary. The monochromatic backdrop allows the architecture to stand out on its own, which also puts emphasis on the feature design pieces throughout." She adds, "It's been an honour to have been selected to help create a project of this calibre. Even after the years of daily work at this site, not a single day goes by that I am not floored by the beauty of this home."

This home is a true reflection of the professionalism of all trades, suppliers, engineering professionals and City officials involved in the project. Despite its sheer size, this home is as welcoming as the owners. With multiple lounging and entertaining areas, inside and out, this home creates a warm, social atmosphere for all to enjoy. 

BEDROOMS	5 PLUS GUEST SUITE
BATHROOMS	7 & 2 HALF
SQUARE FOOTAGE	11,613 PLUS DETACHED GUEST SUITE
LAUNDRY ROOMS	4
HOME OFFICES	2
FIREPLACES	5
OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES	6
NATURAL GAS FIREPITS	4
AMENITIES	20' X 40' 3-SIDED INFINITY EDGE POOL, HOT TUB, GYM & SPA, MEDIA ROOM, ZEN GARDEN, WINE CELLAR





OUTDOOR LIVING

Water surrounds the home; evident here by the infinity edge pool. The direction of the pool reflects the rooflines and appears to fall off the edge into the lake. A walkway into the pool was designed to allow guests to walk to the infinity edge to take full advantage of the lake view, as well as the stunning home.



FAMILY ROOM

TOP: Expansive floor to ceiling windows make it feel as though the outdoors are within arms reach. The selection of finishing ensures a seamless transition from inside out.

KITCHEN

ABOVE: The monochromatic colour scheme of the cabinetry and countertop surfaces contrast the black accent cabinetry and furniture pieces. The Gaggenau oven, steam oven and warming drawer with glass fronts project a liquid look from the reflection of the adjacent lake. The liquid crystal cooktop and downdraft ventilation are by Thermador.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- » The roof design of this home with extreme overhangs was created to ensure energy efficiency, taking advantage of the sun's path.
- » Environmental considerations were also taken seriously within the home, where very little went to waste. Stephan Ams of All Elements took the remaining off cuts of structural Parallam posts used to build the home and re-purposed them into a beautiful contemporary take on a wine cellar. Glulam beams were also re-created as custom handmade furniture for the office desk and dining room table.
- » The home has 3 levels; the lower is adorned with polished concrete floors, while the main and upper levels shimmer with polished porcelain Italian tiles.
- » The master suite is situated on two levels and is wrapped around a 4-tonne basalt rock water feature, surrounded by polished pebbles.
- » The roofline shape referred to as a 'knife-edge' is featured throughout the home with subtle repetition around the fireplace surrounds and again accented in the countertops and floating ceiling details.
- » The open concept feel was critical to the design and flow of the home. The minimal use of interior doors helps to accomplish this, along with the use of barn doors for a streamlined design.
- » The front of the home features a reflection pool with a floating concrete bridge, making for a dramatic entrance.

GREAT ROOM

BOTTOM: The flow of the floor plan is evident the moment you step into the home. Despite the large space, the furniture grouping coupled with amazing views make this part of the home warm and inviting – a reflection of the welcoming personalities of the homeowners who love to entertain.

ROOFTOP DECK

BELOW: Living amongst the rooflines of the home, this rooftop deck is as beautiful as it is functional. The butterfly roof of the family and living rooms provide protection from the elements on a windy evening. With the synthetic turf under your toes and a fire to surround, this space is a tucked away paradise to spend the night watching the stars.





WINE ROOM

LEFT: The homeowners gave Stephan Ams of All Elements complete design control of the wine room. With that he created a contemporary take on traditional wine bottle racking. By re-purposing off-cuts of the structural Parallam posts, Stephan spent countless hours with the rough wood material, turning them into beautiful finished pieces. Each piece was strategically drilled to expose the label of each bottle for easy searching. The racks were then mounted with structural redi-rod to achieve a floating display. Horizontal redi-rod was also doweled into the sides of the timbers, connecting each one. This design acts as more shelving for the horizontal placement of additional bottles.

MASTER SUITE

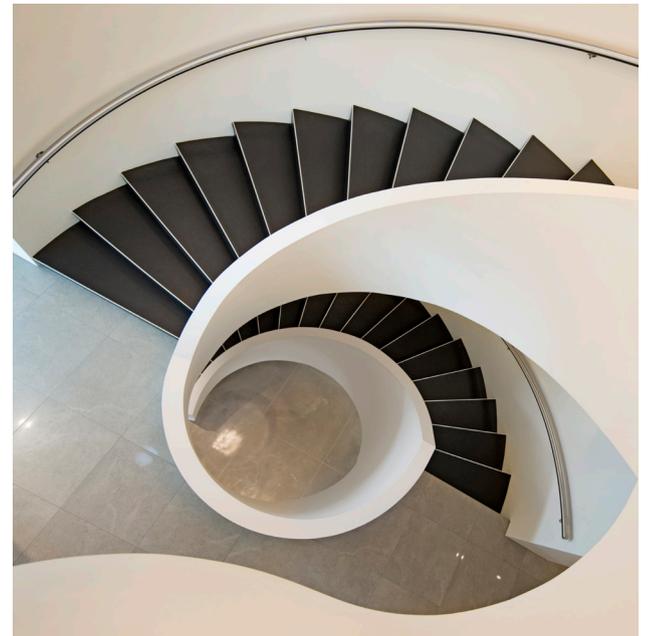
BOTTOM LEFT: The two-storey master suite was designed to take advantage of the panoramic views with wall to wall, floor to ceiling windows. The architectural butterfly roof provides a dramatic ceiling shape, while the fireplace maintains a warm environment.

GYM

BOTTOM RIGHT: Much thought went into choosing the location for this full service gym. The homeowners are very active in fitness and felt it crucial to optimize their workouts with the inspiration of breathtaking views.

STAIRCASE

BELOW: The striking oculus staircase is the centre point of the home. Using unconventional framing methods to build this breathtaking feature, the radius was handmade using layer upon layer of laminated wood to ensure structural integrity. The crocodile leather composite covering the stairs are a sharp contrast to the stark wall finishes and provide texture within an otherwise sleek environment.





POWDER ROOM

LEFT: A floating circular mirror serves as the central feature of the main floor formal powder room. At 6-feet in diameter; this mirror had to be installed during the framing stage in order to be structurally supported and it is the background for the floating mosaic glass and marble wrapped vanity.

LOUNGE

MIDDLE: The flexible layout of the lounge area accentuates the feature 8-foot by 8-foot custom-built Bengal tiger wood barn doors. Natural wool and sheepskin rugs soften the space and provide a welcome contrast to the polished concrete floors.

SPA

BOTTOM: It is difficult not to relax within the master suite spa. With features such as a professional pedicure chair; manicure station, luxurious steam room and double-sided fireplace, this room also enjoys direct access to the pool, hot tub and outdoor concrete shower through an expansive 15-foot wide door.



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