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editor's letter



One thing I love about this job is seeing these homes up close and personal, and that's what I'm sharing with you today. Personal because these homes are about as far from cookie-cutter as you are going to get, and involve a level of detail that will astound you.

Featuring several interpretations of farmhouse design, each has its own style and merits that captures the lifestyle we desire. Filled to the brim with features and function to make our lives that much more comfortable, convenient, and quite frankly, exciting, the options within these pages say a lot about the quality of builders available and what a collaborative effort can achieve. Showcasing amazing examples of city, country, and resort living, one will be hard pressed to find a favourite, but it's fun to try!

If you have read Best Home before you know that I have a special place in my heart for animals and if you do as well, please do what you can for the animal charities featured. There are a lot more options out there than adoption. It can be as simple as sharing your time and your heart.

All the Best,

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LIVING LARGE

Inspired by their travels, this creative couple did not appear impeded by boundaries when conceiving their latest show home. Known for creating exceptional living spaces with extraordinary function, they raise the bar in luxury and all that comes with it, hosting features, finishes, and those little extras that give the term 'living large' a whole new meaning.

Custom metal panels edge a Cambria quartz-clad fireplace with vertical, gold metal channels. Above, hand-painted wallpaper hosts a stone aesthetic in the two-story great room that is separated from the kitchen by a pillar clad in red oak stained panels with the look of ledge stone.

Imported, large-format, ceramic tiles feature a marble aesthetic and anchor main floor flows where the gourmet kitchen hosts a blend of Cambria Skara Brac quartz on the dual islands and Artemis Lincoln white quartz on perimeter cabinets. Full height, flat panel millwork features dual tones of Ultra Matte Black and Milk Chocolate wood grain veneers that reveal Champagne bronze channel pulls. Pantry pullouts reside next to a hidden door that lead to a full spice kitchen. The paneled Sub-Zero fridge/freezer and dishwasher in the island displays seamless integration.





A crisp, white cultured stone base anchors a well-contrasted combination of Lux Architectural Panels, metal channels, and a white and charcoal smooth stucco blend on the stately and modern façade. Fibreglass garage doors feature a wood panel finish with complementary flair with powder-coated aluminum and glass railings on the second levels for unobstructed views.

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Sunny and Seema Sahni make it look all look so easy, yet each home they craft is a carefully planned and coordinated production that brings form, substance, and elevated function to Edmonton. "Our passion comes from knowing that we've added value to a home, which is one's most important financial and personal possession," says Sunny, adding that every project is an inspiration for future homes and every client a future friend for life. "Our projects know no limitations."

Platinum Signature Homes creates the extraordinary by building and designing lifestyles in its construction of exquisite homes of exceptional quality. "Clients wish to have a stress free experience with home building and we take it a step further to offer them the complete package. This means that each custom home comes with all the extras—window coverings, wall features, furnishings, accessories, plants, wallpaper... you name it," explains Sunny who has been involved in new home construction since 2004. Offering superior customer service at every step of the build, they consistently source the finest construction techniques,



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Bringing the outdoors in, the Green Room lifts the spirits on cold winter days and every other day of the week. This refuge hosts artificial turf surfaces with pebble stone edging for a spa-like feel. A decorative wood-clad wall adds interest beneath four skylights.

Circular in shape, the powder room displays a series of black panel mirrors that angle around its contours creating an infinity image effect. The mirrored sink hosts LED lighting inside the bowl beneath hand-painted wallpaper in a stone aesthetic. The door features a dual laminated image and brushed aluminum door pulls.

A dropped, decorative bulkhead defines the bar area where reclaimed hickory adorns the bar top and sides of consistent mill-work finishes. A full service wet bar, it contains a beverage and wine fridge, dishwasher, microwave and icemaker. Four flat screens can either host a big picture event or four separate channels. Adjacent, the gym is revealed behind 10ml. glass doors.



materials, and craftsmanship with every detail executed with their client's wishes in mind.

This luxurious, European-inspired, modern show home located at 23 Windermere Drive SW in Windermere Ridge enjoys the views and the executive distinction of the community. Its rooftop advantage overlooks the River Ridge Golf Course and North Saskatchewan River, with front-facing balconies further indulging an outdoor lifestyle. Displaying 10,692 square feet of lifestyle living in the basement, main, and second levels, the rooftop features an additional 1,050 square feet to satisfy a host of outdoor inclinations.

Designed in-house with the assistance of architect Orest Kuszka, the 'Sainaya' reflects the architectural styles and finishes that



they discovered in Italy. "The luxury homes there largely revealed clean, classic lines with black, gold, and mirrored finishes, and these elements inspired us," recalls Seema, who is the owner of Flaunt Interiors and was instrumental in the homes design, as well as providing the finishes, furniture, and décor. "All of the furniture is from Italy because a home of this caliber deserves that level of décor," shares Seema.

Utilizing the principles of feng shui, Flaunt Interiors provides innovative interior design solutions that are inspirational, decorative, and functional, satisfying the personality of its homeowners and the desires of today's lifestyle. "My company is a one-stop-shop for high-end custom homes and I am available to create a concept that is uniquely tasteful, fluid, and on theme," says Seema. To that end, the design was created for flow and to keep that energy harmonious with no disconnects.

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Considering the large floor plan, the home exhibits a charm, warmth, and intimacy with various ceiling heights and architectural dividers defining room flows on the main level. “The home was designed for entertaining large groups of friends or the needs of large, extended families,” cites Seema. Hosting four bedrooms upstairs, and two fully suited bedrooms in the lower level, it also features an elevator that rises to the rooftop, fulfilling the needs of a spacious domain with an embracing array of function.

Given the success of their last show home located next door, which was the largest show home of its time in 2016, the home reveals the same elegance and open-concept appeal that proved extremely popular. “This home is quite modern, yet its curb appeal exudes a warmth that offsets the coolness of contemporary design,” explains Seema. “The width of the lot also allowed us a six-car garage and we creatively contained the massing that although maximized, appears intentional and appropriate for both the lot and style.”

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“It’s our attention to details that makes us stand out in the industry,” notes Sunny. “We travel extensively to find ideas and bring them to the market. Ultimately, it’s outside the box concepts that get people excited and so we tweak and implement where we can.”

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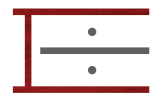


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Supported by a red oak mono stringer for a floating staircase effect, solid red oak treads with integrated landings provide an exceptional feature. Frameless 12ml. glass displays stainless steel, side-mounted handrails and standoffs.



The spacious master ensuite features an open concept with a corner closet in Milk Chocolate veneer with Ultra Matte Black rear panels. Consistent millwork hosts Artemis Calacatta Venetian Nuvo quartz with Champagne Bronze edge pulls. The shower features a laminated glass design with bench seating next to the soaker bath with a chrome, floor-mounted tub filler.



Red oak cladding, a mirrored rear wall, and a ceramic tiled floor captures elevator interiors that rise four levels from the basement to the rooftop, allowing residents to age in place in their own home.

Versace tiles frame the indoor water feature that displays a pebble stone trough base with 10ml. glass at its centre.



An assortment of motorized leather and casual seating services the home theatre where a circular bulkhead adds interest amidst LED-lit movie posters. The 135-inch projection screen couples with a JVC 4K projector with built-in towers and subs behind the screen for a genuine theatre experience.



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