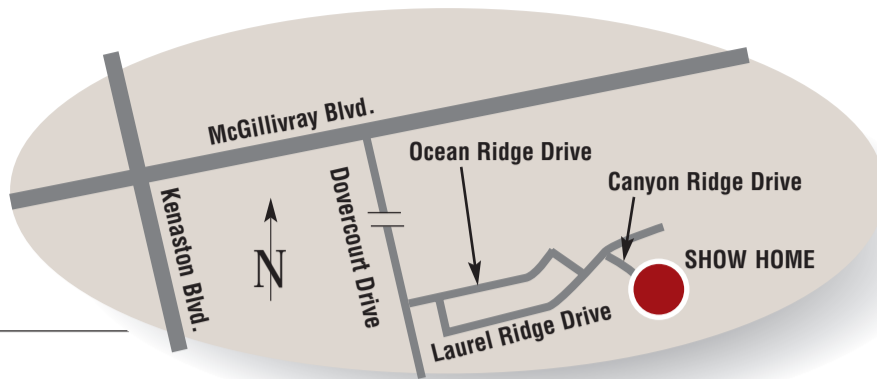


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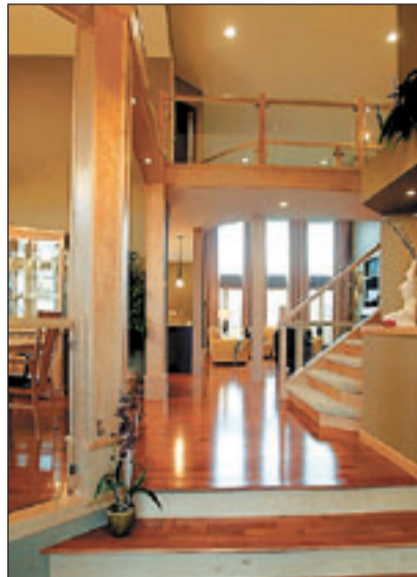


Details

Size: 2,627 sq. ft.
 Base price: \$375,000 incl. net GST
 Show home price: \$401,250, excl. lot.
 Lots available: will build on clients' lots.

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KDR Design Builder's show home features soaring windows, left, an unusual catwalk upstairs, centre and a gourmet kitchen open to the great room.

A vision realized

One builder's imagination shaped award-winning show home

By Gloria Taylor

DIEGO Vassallo obviously took his company's slogan, "Imagine it, Build it," to heart when he designed his two-storey home in Linden Ridge Estates.

The president of KDR Design Builders Inc. admits he is not an architect, but that didn't stop the one-time carpenter and businessman from exercising his own creativity when he designed a show home, a display home he liked so well that he moved into it himself.

The finished product? A house with a catwalk connecting the three bedrooms on the second storey, a glass-panelled stairwell to the second level, and a glass-sided catwalk to promote visibility.

On the main floor, visitors will find a built-in entertainment peninsula, or curved half-wall complete with a bar fridge and sink that runs along one side of the windowed two-storey great room, a double-sided fireplace complete with stainless steel mantle that opens onto the great room on one side and a four-seasons sunroom on the other, and a series of square maple wood pillars.

The main floor also has a laundry room with a sink and closet and a two-piece washroom. Flooring on this level is a combination of slate, tile and hardwood.

He said the peninsula provides convenience. "If you're entertaining, then you can isolate where your drinks are at... and at the same time if you're preparing hors d'oeuvres, you don't have to bother whoever is in the kitchen."

A concrete floor on the lower level is warmed with hot-water radiant floor heat.

In pursuit of a contemporary home, Vassallo designed the interior with definite lines. "We decided to delete the round corners and stick with really sharp hard lines," he says. The kitchen cabinets duplicate the clean spare lines. An island in the kitchen measures more than a metre wide and contains drawer and storage space.

In the foyer, etched glass in the front door is duplicated on a side door that leads to a front closet.

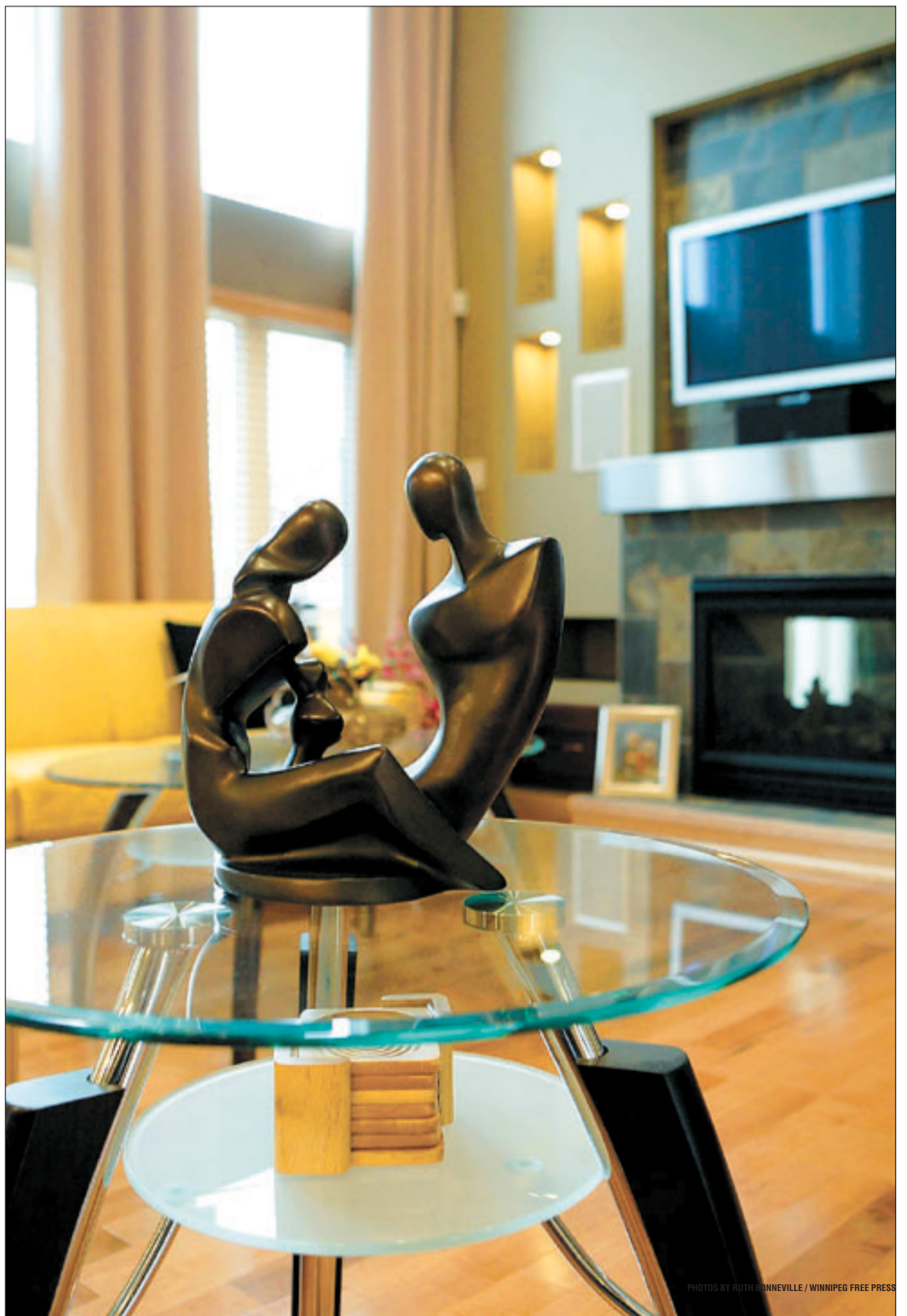
While some of the home's features, such as the catwalk, are not a common feature in show homes, judges in the Fall Parade of Homes, that ended Oct. 2, liked the house enough to award it a gold place standing in its price category.

With its four-car garage, Vassallo said the home could appeal to someone who has a boat to store, and because of its size, the house is suitable for a family.

The master bedroom contains a sitting area with a fireplace and an ensuite with a corner tub, multi-jetted shower and his-and-her sinks. The secondary bedrooms, meanwhile, both have walk-in closets.

Some of the other features in the home include central vacuum, central air-conditioning, a central exhaust system or HRV, stucco exterior with slate tile accents and two 60-gallon hot water tanks with recirculating pump for instant hot water.

Although Vassallo has already moved into the house, he will make it available for viewing. Anyone who wants more information can call the builder at 261-8728.



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