

HOW DO YOU BRING THE OUTDOORS IN? If you're designer Nigel Parish of Splyce Design, you wrap a house around a stand of bamboo on three sides, creating a contemporary adaptation of the classic courtyard garden.

The bamboo garden is a standout feature in a two-storey new home in the Edgemont neigbourhood that Parish designed. Walled off by glass on two sides and open to the elements at one end, the garden juts halfway into the living space, separating the living room from the kitchen-dining area. Floor-to-ceiling windows allow the homeowners to feel as if the garden is part of their interior decor and to look through its foliage to the rooms beyond.



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> kitchen-dining and living areas," says Parish. That "opportunity" was a zoning bylaw that restricted the square footage of living space on the lot where a former house had stood. Rather than building a great room to unite the dining designs. "It's so cool," says Alix. "At night we and living functions, he created a separation using a garden. The result is an eye-catching ate some interesting use of space," says Parish. dollhouse effect on the ground and upper floors.

> "There was an opportunity to create separate Homeowners Alix and Anthony Findlay, whose former house on this site was demolished to make way for the new construction, moved in last year. For them, the garden was an original feature that they appreciated in the initial can dim the lights and the bamboo is all lit up."

> Because the house is turned sideways on the slice of nature. "It was born out of the realities lot, the rear of the structure is located on the of zoning but it gave us the opportunity to cre- lot's side. Large windows give the home an open

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den on three sides. To accommodate the plants divided between the basement, and ground as they grow, Parish carved space out of the upper storey. A glassed-in bridge divides the master bedroom's walk-in closet and the ensuite bathroom. Here, the tops of the fast-growing bamboo plants are visible through the windows. A pale, neutral colour palette in the kitchen

In addition to bringing the garden in, keeps the space serene. Parish gave the family, which had been accustomed to a cramped rancher, a spacious modern home that accommodates their active lives.

The back of the house flanks the bamboo gar- The 3,700 square feet of living space is now and upper floors, which is a far cry from the one-storey, 1,400-square-foot home the family of four used to occupy. 🖙



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The house wraps around a bamboo garden. The floor-to-ceiling windows allow the home's residents to look through the foliage to the rooms beyond. A glassed-in bridge on the second storey connects the master bedroom and walk-in closet.

Alix laughs at the state of their old house, esbathrooms, a powder room, a study and a rec pecially its one bathroom. "You couldn't open the door if someone was brushing their teeth," old home, according to Alix. she says. "It was tight."

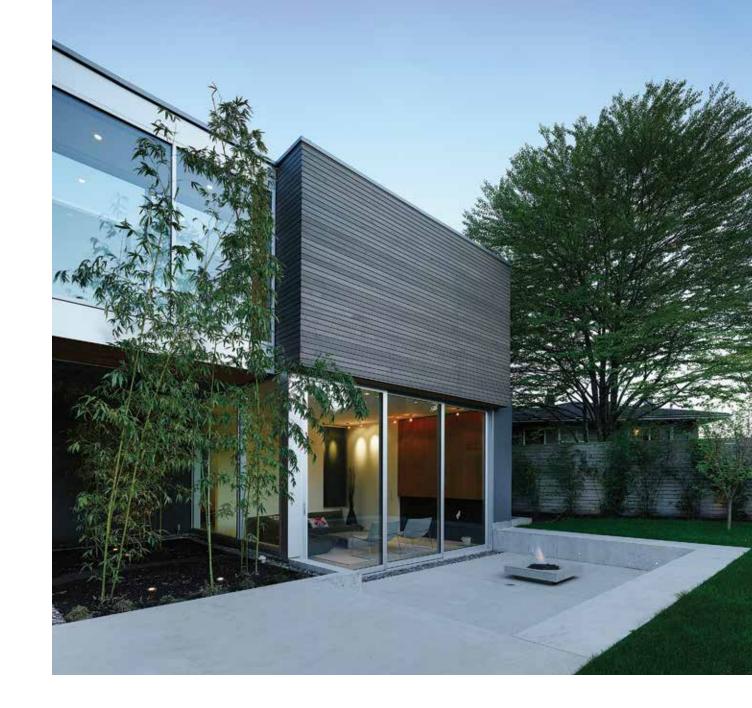
room and had no storage."

ness & Physiotherapy, train professional athain and go right into the kitchen," he says. letes, some of whom come from out-of-town and are accommodated in the family's home.

The new house, which has four bedrooms (one of them a guest bedroom), three

room represents "a really big jump" from the

Parish learned what the sports-oriented "We had converted our garage into a bed-family needed, which inspired a layout that includes a mudroom between the garage and She and Anthony, who run Level 10 Fit- the rest of the house. "They can drop their gear



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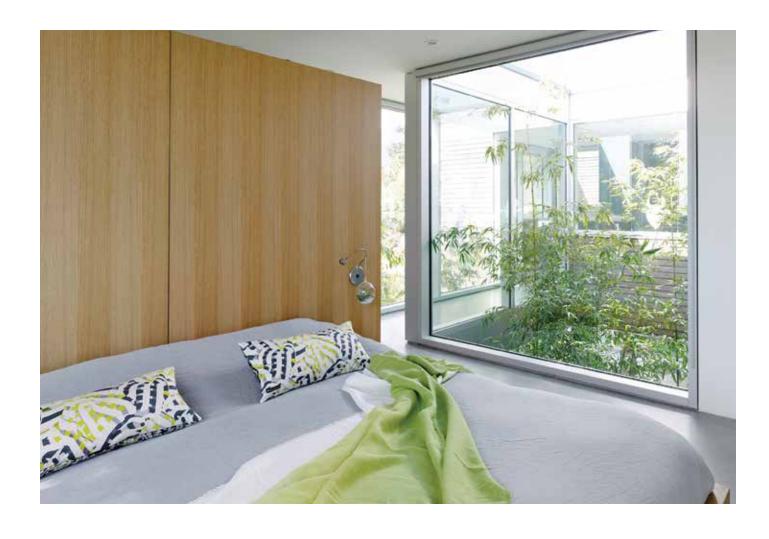






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be seen through the windows of the second-storey bedroom and

The fast-growing bamboo can He played basketball with Anthony 25 years ago He says the house was designed around his cliin high school and was a grade ahead of Alix, ents' needs. "I won't go so far as to say that form which brought a familiarity to the relationship. follows function," he says, but adds he's satisfied He is still active, doing some mountain biking with the unique look of the home that sits sidehave made things easier. "Having gear myself, I need places for things," he says, adding: "I can appreciate the tons of shoes." He created a shoe nook for the many Findlay family running shoes.

> Parish says he's happy with the circulation in the home, in which there are no dead ends. "You can literally do laps around the home."

and skiing and says having similar lifestyles may ways on this lot, has an open look at the back and boasts a garden that appears to be indoors. 🜤

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