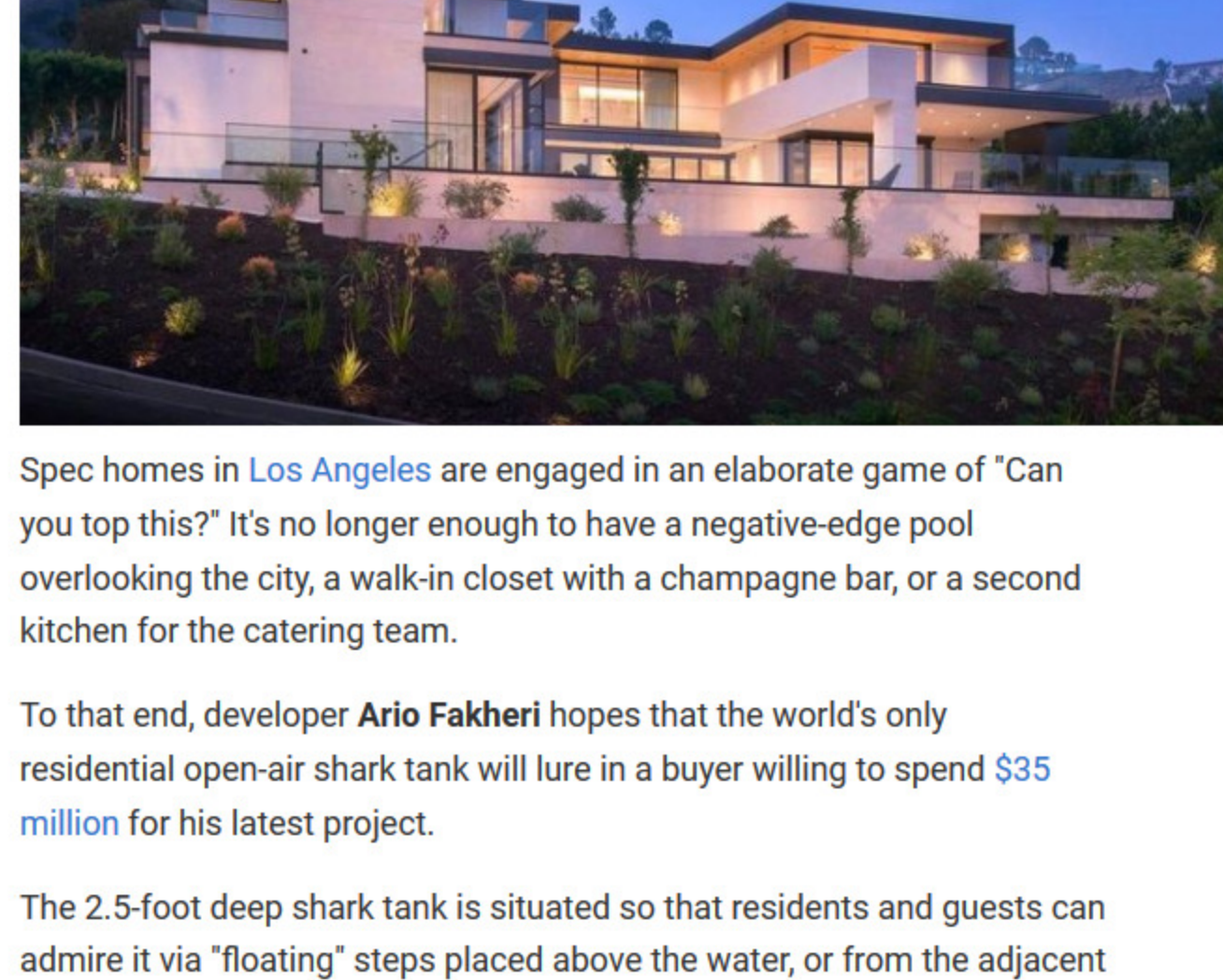


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L.A. Mansion Features Its Own Shark Tank—Will a Buyer Bite at \$35M?

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Spec homes in Los Angeles are engaged in an elaborate game of "Can you top this?" It's no longer enough to have a negative-edge pool overlooking the city, a walk-in closet with a champagne bar, or a second kitchen for the catering team.

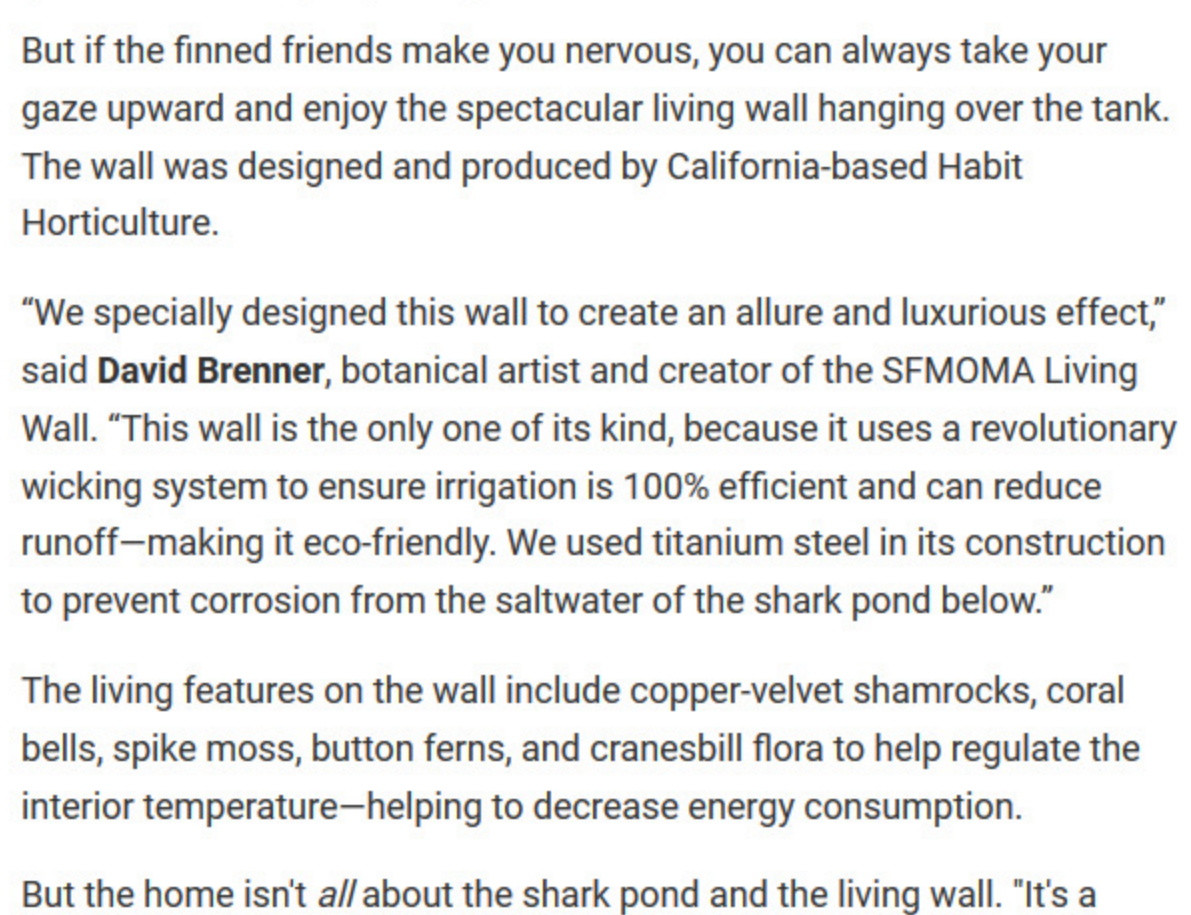
To that end, developer **Ario Fakhri** hopes that the world's only residential open-air shark tank will lure in a buyer willing to spend \$35 million for his latest project.

The 2.5-foot-deep shark tank is situated so that residents and guests can admire it via "floating" steps placed above the water, or from the adjacent walk-in humidifier featuring floor-to-ceiling glass windows.

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Don't worry—no one is in danger of Jaws leaping up to chomp off a leg. Aquatic life in the open-air tank currently includes seven stingrays, one horned-back stingray, three round sharks, one remora shark, one horn shark, one cat shark, one starfish, and three yellow tangs. No great whites or hammerheads to speak of.



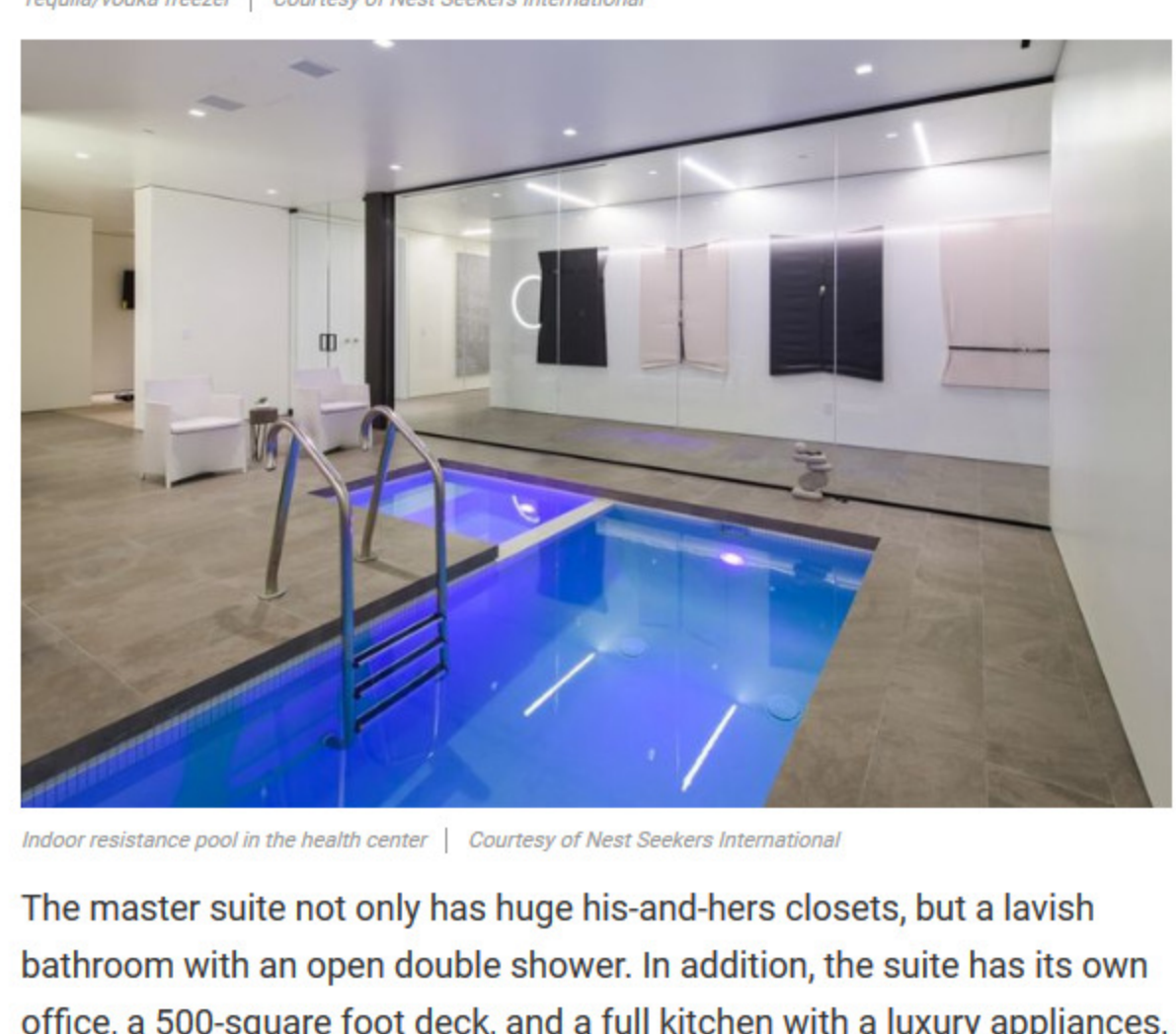
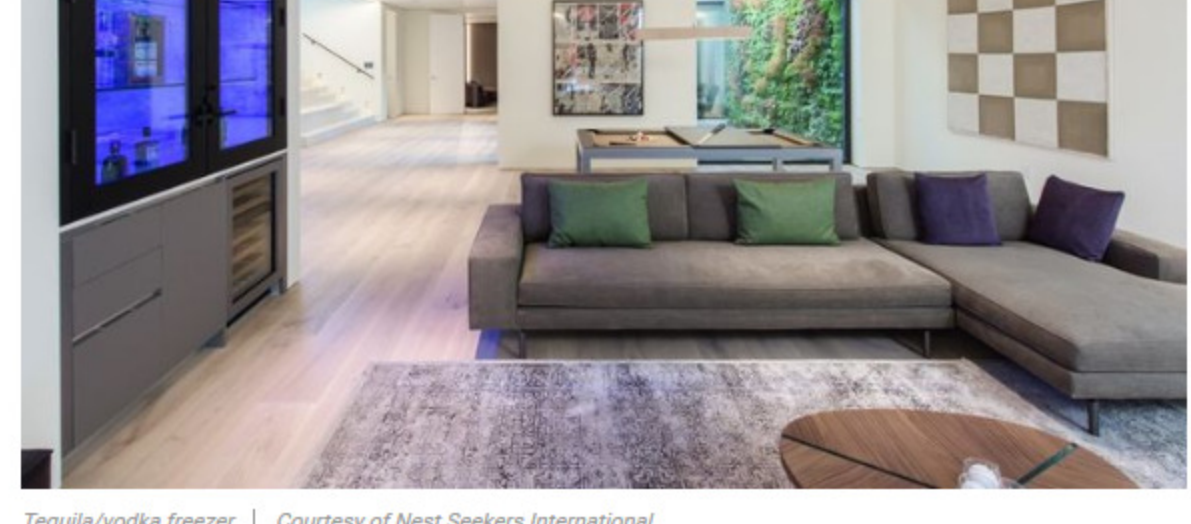
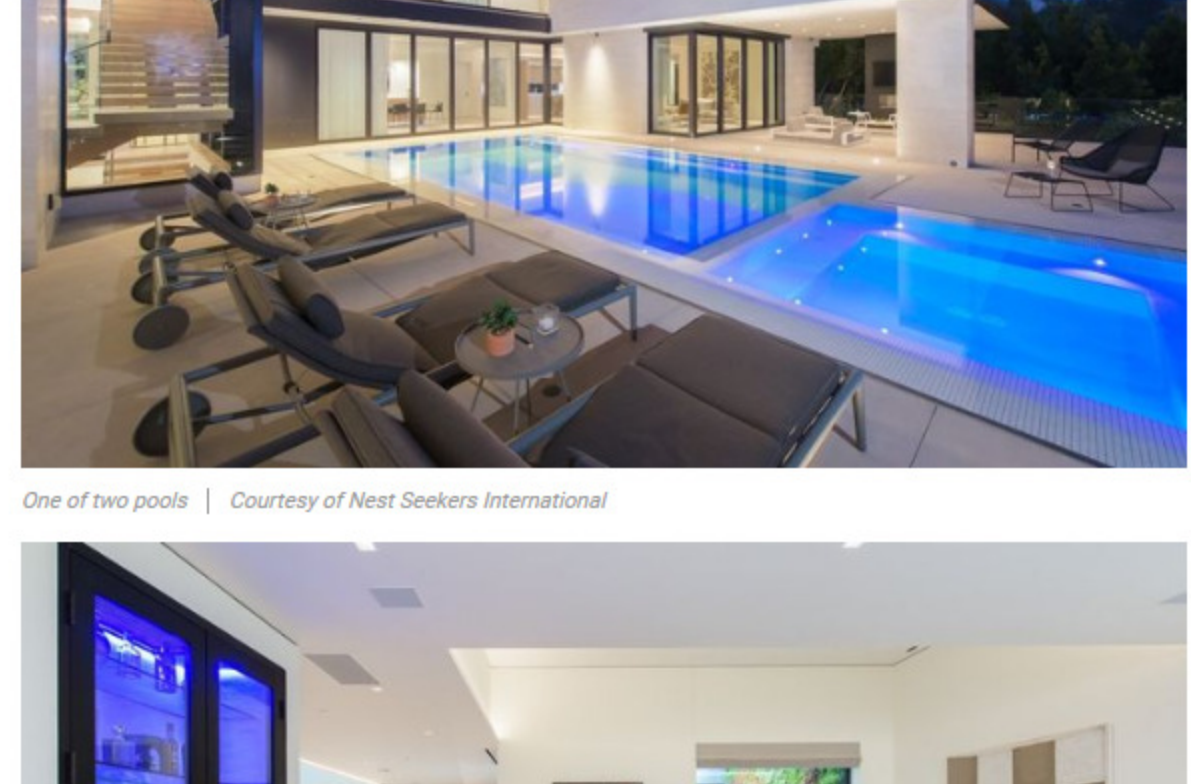
But if the fanned friends make you nervous, you can always take your gaze upward and enjoy the spectacular living wall hanging over the tank. The wall was designed and produced by California-based Habit Horticulture.

"We specially designed this wall to create an allure and luxurious effect," said **David Brenner**, botanical artist and creator of the SFMOMA Living Wall. "This wall is the only one of its kind, because it uses a revolutionary wiring system to ensure irrigation is 100% efficient and can reduce runoff—making it eco-friendly. We used titanium steel in its construction to prevent corrosion from the saltwater of the shark pond below."

The living features on the wall include copper-velvet shamrocks, coral bells, spike moss, button ferns, and cranesbill flora to help regulate the interior temperature—helping to decrease energy consumption.

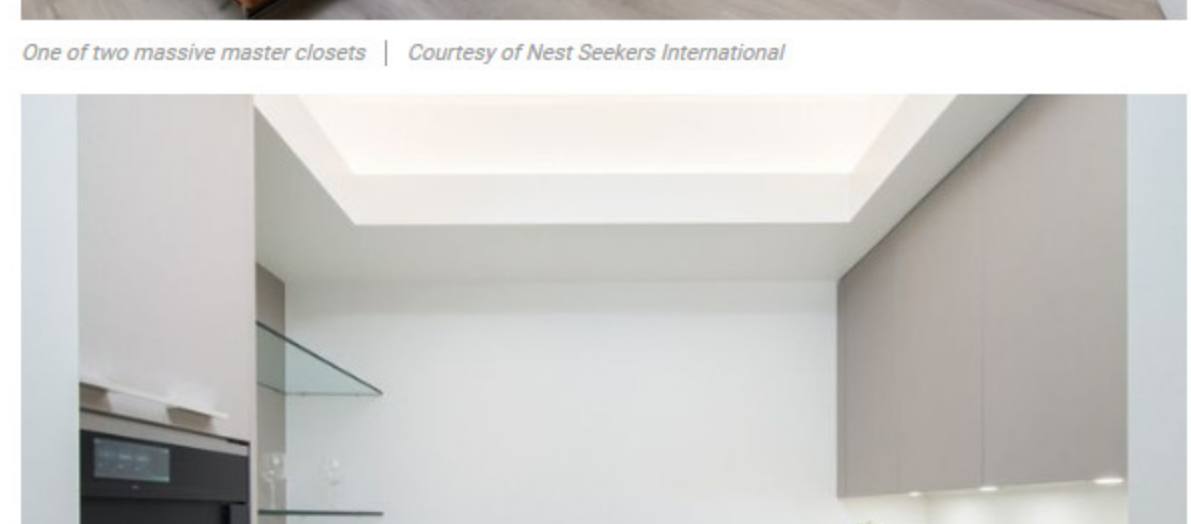
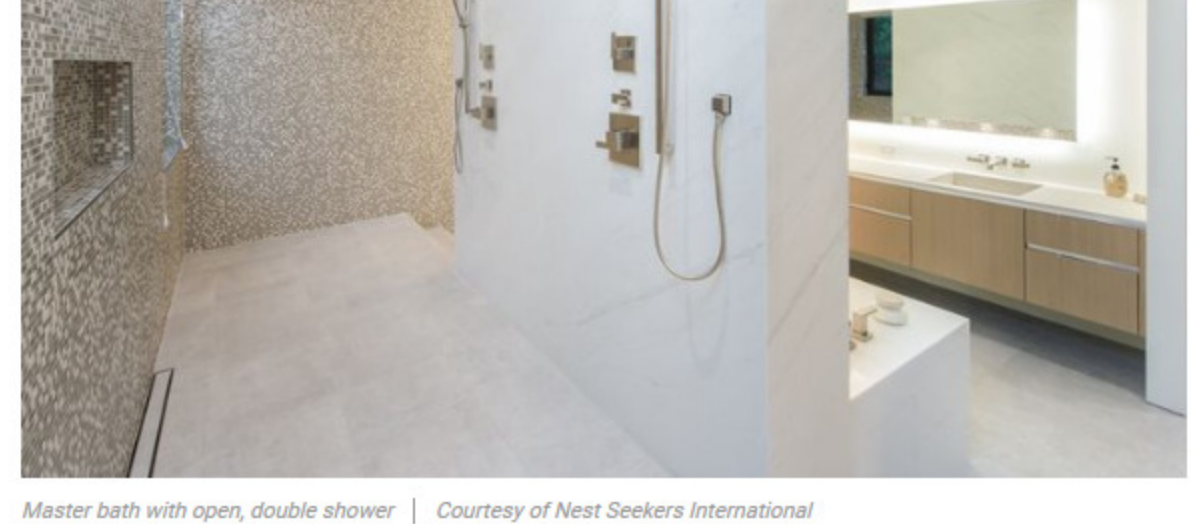
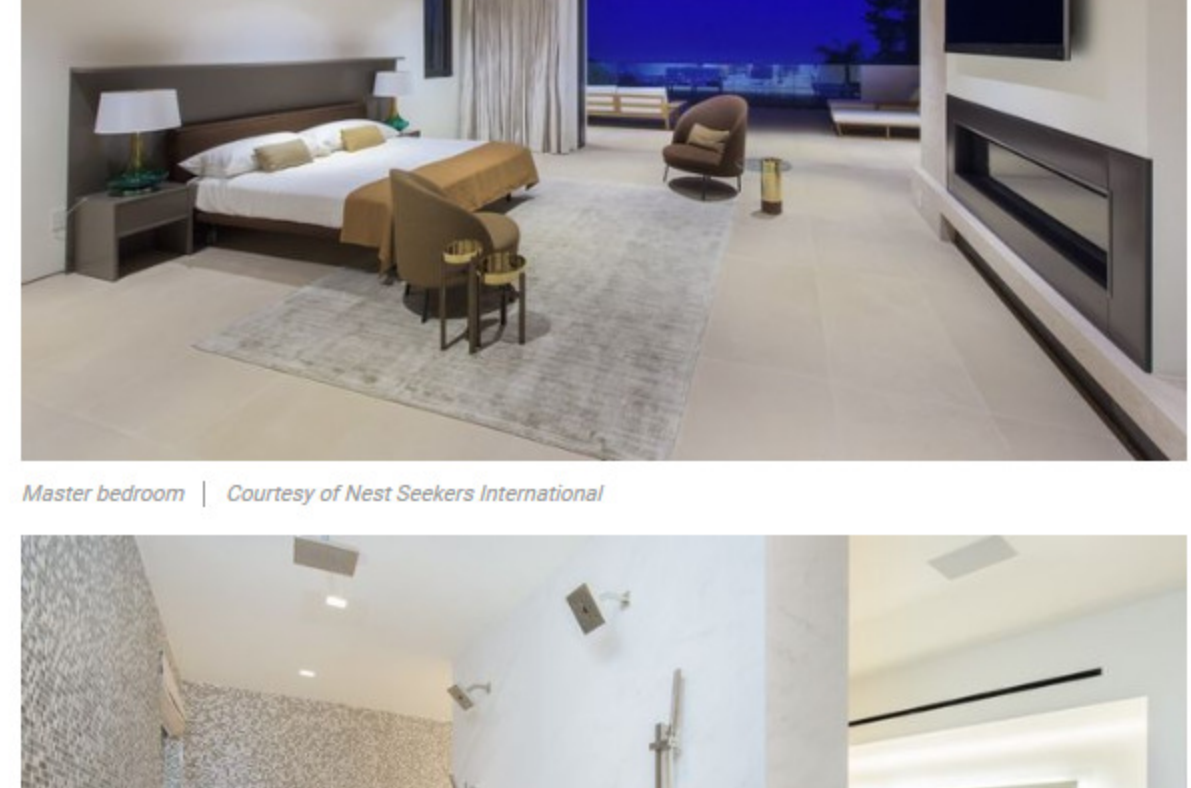
But the home isn't all about the shark pond and the living wall. "It's a pretty insane house," says listing agent **Sam Real** of Nest Seekers International. "It has more amenities than any other house I've seen of in L.A."

With 12,000 square feet of living space, the Shark House features two pools, seven bedrooms, and 11 bathrooms. There's a tequila and vodka freezer inspired by the Vodka in Nic's Martini Bar in Beverly Hills, as well as a full-on health center to work off any empty calories.

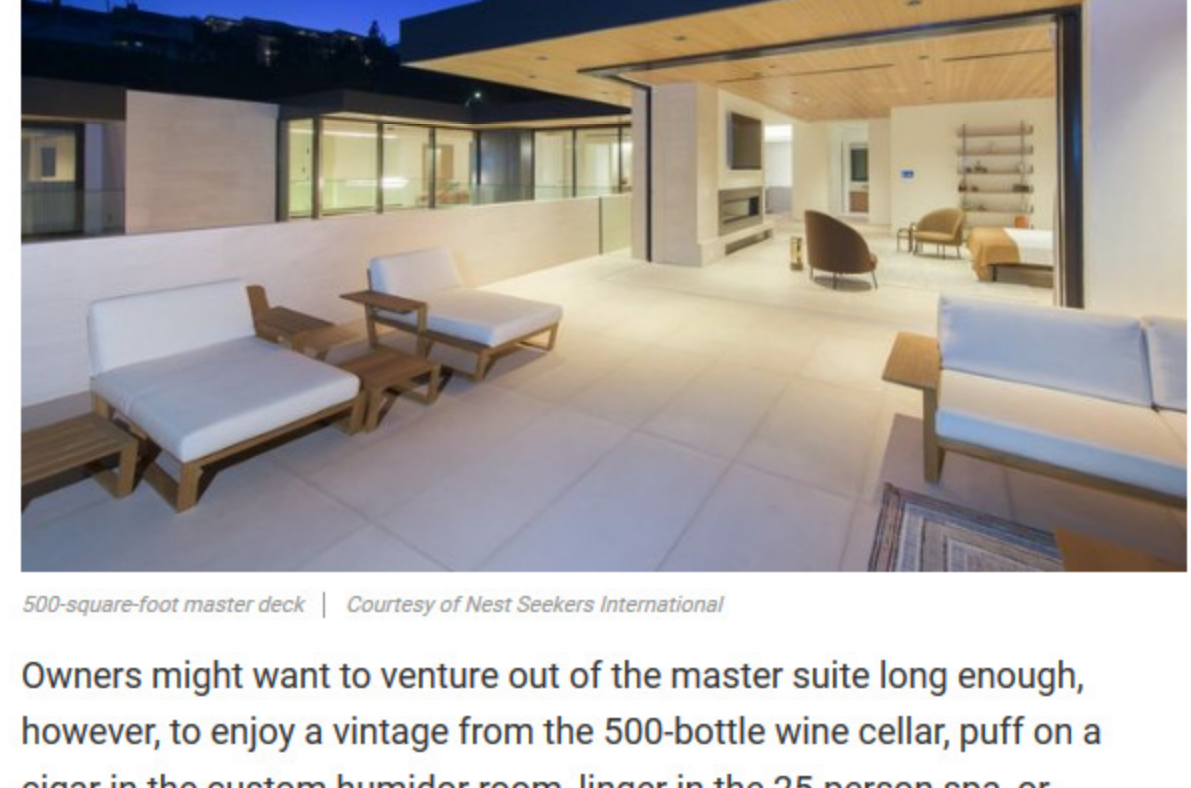


The master suite not only has huge his-and-hers closets, but a lavish bathroom with an open double shower. In addition, the suite has its own office, a 500-square-foot deck, and a full kitchen with a luxury appliance, including a wine refrigerator and a built-in espresso machine.

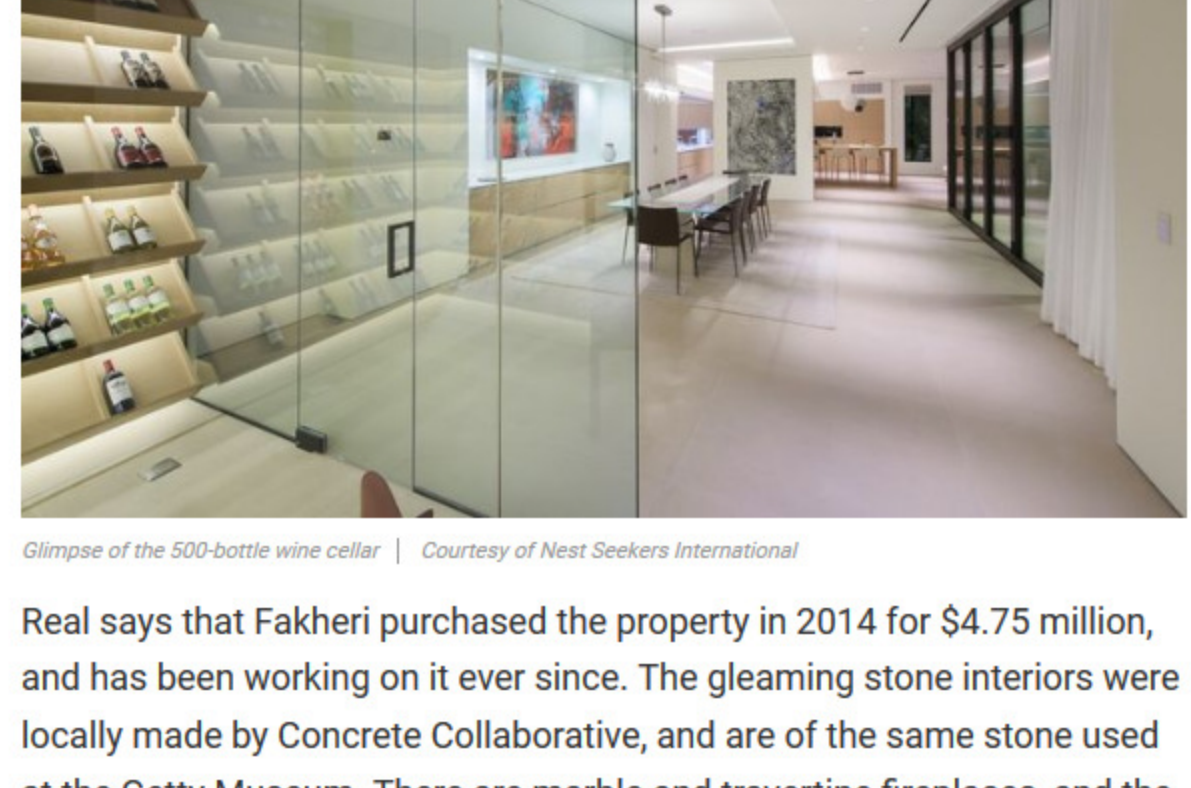
"People walk in and say, 'I'd never have to leave this bedroom,'" Real laughs.



Owners might want to venture out of the master suite long enough, however, to enjoy a vintage from the 500-bottle wine cellar, puff on a cigar in the custom humidifier room, linger in the 25-person spa, or perhaps watch a film in the theater that seats up to 30 people.

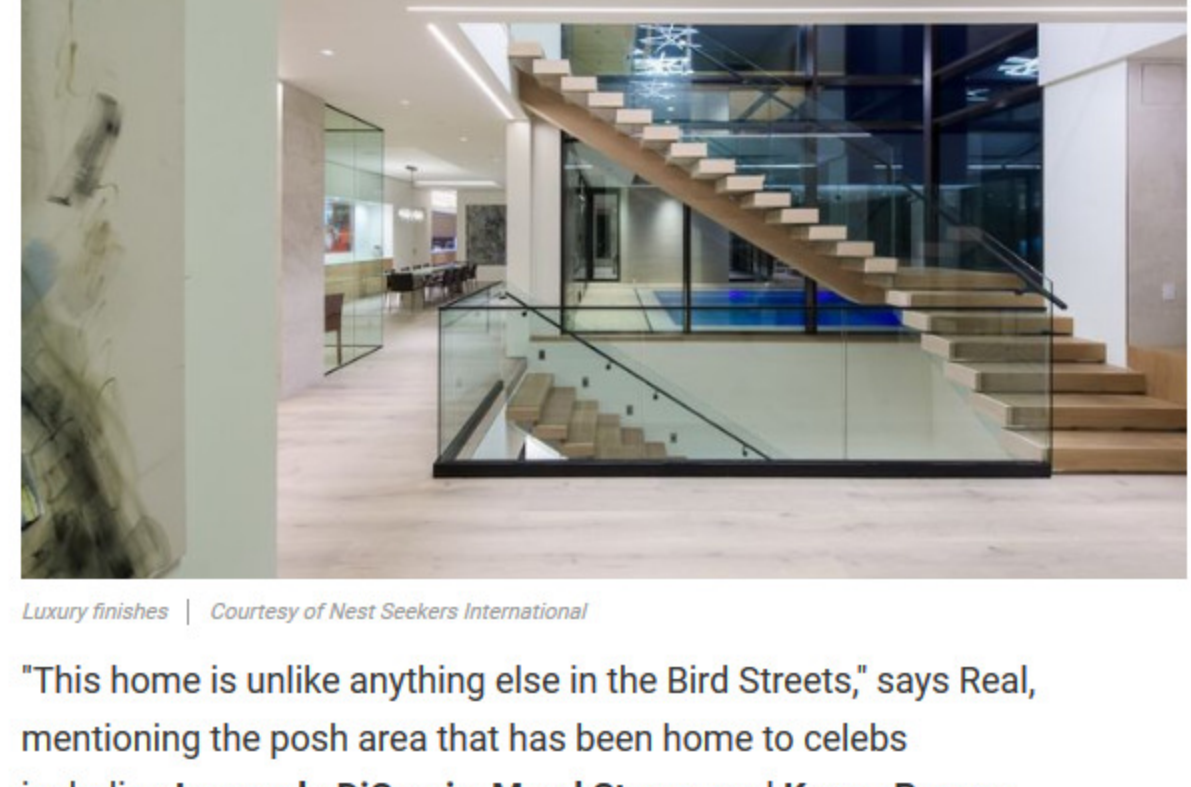


Real says that Fakhri purchased the property in 2014 for \$4.75 million, and has been working on it ever since. The gleaming stone interiors were locally made by Concrete Collaborative, and are of the same stone used at the Getty Museum. There are marble and travertine fireplaces, and the cabinetry was custom-made by Aran Cucine, an exclusive Italian cabinet manufacturer.



"This house is unlike anything else in the Bird Streets," says Real, mentioning the posh area that has been home to celebs including **Leonardo DiCaprio**, **Meryl Streep**, and **Keanu Reeves**.

And if you fall in love with the furniture in the place, fear not: All furnishings are included in the \$35 million price tag.



"Ario and I are extremely proud of this property—we strategically took our time in construction to ensure that we can rightfully claim it as the most unique," says Real.

"Every aspect of this house—from the freezer-of-the-line finishes to the full spa and gym, wine cellar, and tequila freezer—exudes the luxury that Nest Seekers' clientele have come to expect. Unique features like the shark pond, humidifier room, and living wall, however, capture the future of innovation and design."

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