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Project: Skybox

Architect: Krown Lab, krownlab.com

Location: Portland, Oregon

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Stefan and Nicole Andrén moved from Milan, Italy, to Portland, Oregon, in the middle of Stumptown's housing boom. The timing translated into lots of lofts in newly developed neighborhoods directly abutting downtown accompanied by jaw-dropping price tags. So instead, the couple took to the hills—just minutes from the much

ballyhooed Pearl District—and built the Skybox. The wooded site let them design soaring 16-foot-high curtainless windows, which open to the west as the steep slope drops below, without having to worry about nosy neighbors or peeping passersby. Best of all, their custom-built creation came in under budget.