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It's midday and a pair of wild turkeys struts across Glenhurst Drive without a care in the world. They disappear into the woods of the Carson Ridge Estates in Midhurst, a small enclave of fine homes they have made their nesting grounds. This is the perfect habitat for wildlife. Spacious lots, quiet forested properties and only a short distance to farmer's fields means there's plenty of room to roam unprovoked. »



Proximity to nature is always a highly prized attribute for upscale neighbourhoods and the Springwater area has it in spades. Naturally, it would be a prime location for custom builders Dendor Fine Homes to erect their latest showpiece.

84 Glenhuron Drive sits on .86 of an acre in the prestigious Carson Ridge Estates. Behind the home, a thicket of mixed hardwood trees and evergreens edge the partially forested back yard. It's a verdant backdrop for outdoor dining from the spacious raised deck off the kitchen.

"All our homes are designed for the lot," says builder Mark Jackson. "You normally don't want to drown the property with the house, but at the end of the day the decision lies with the homeowner because each house is custom built to their needs."

This new residence stands out from the others on the ridge due to its distinctive tumbled red and black Hanson brick with flush mortar joints. Three cedar-shake dormers atop the dark shingled roof are trimmed in black and promise to age to a silver patina.

Inside, the home is clean and modern with occasional rustic flourishes that elevate the overall design. Awash in contemporary greys and whites with accents of barn board and raw beams, this executive bungalow possesses three spacious bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths and 2,461 finished square feet of sophisticated functionality.

Dendor Fine Homes is a fourth generational family company that is now into its second decade of constructing luxury estates in Simcoe County.



(The company bears the name of the late patriarch and matriarch of the clan, Denis and Doreen Jackson.)

All members of the close-knit Jackson family, from youngest to eldest, work together as a cohesive builder/design team with an eye towards functionality, beauty and comfort. "We build like we are building for ourselves," says eldest son Mark Jackson. "The quality is always the same. Consistent throughout. We're top-notch. A true custom builder who stands by their build."

Eight-foot high interior shaker doors that are a solid inch-and-three-quarters thick welcome you into the residence's roomy vestibule that divides the foyer from the main living area. Double closets on either side ensure space enough for both homeowners and guests' overcoats. These inner doors each have three windows that flood light into the spacious great room beyond. »

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2 pounds of Roma or cherry tomatoes rough chop
2 green bell peppers sliced
1 large red onion rough chop
3-4 garlic cloves
2 tbsp Baklouti Green Chilli Fused Olive Oil
1 tbsp Neapolitan Herb Balsamic
2 tbsp lime juice
Pinch sea salt

On large baking sheet lined with parchment paper
Add all veggies tossed in Baklouti Green Chili Fused Olive Oil and Neapolitan Herb Balsamic and sea salt
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There, your eyes land instantly on the first of the many dramatic focal points in the home – a barn wood fireplace surround that travels all the way to the nine-foot ceiling. A hefty barn beam acts as the hearth. Stretch out before the roaring fire on the suede sofa and your eyes are treated to the home's second fine detail, the elegant deep waffle tray ceiling with crown moulding and recessed embedded lighting.

"We're always looking to do something different – something distinctive," says Mark. "We take pride in everything we do."

From the vantage of the great room you can see through to the open concept kitchen and bistro dining area. The home's third interior detail – mighty rough-hewn barn beams – frame the entrance to the room. The kitchen is where you'll find the fourth of many more fine features in this home, the bas-relief three-toned staggered limestone backsplash, which although impressive in photographs, is ever more so in person. "It creates a shadow effect relief," says Mark. "The stones are all different lengths."

Below the backsplash rests gleaming grey and white Caesar stone kitchen counters that provide ample food prep space. This comfortable kitchen is designed for cooking with a 36-inch induction Ancona electric range and convection oven, a Panasonic inverter microwave and metal cooled Samsung Showcase refrigerator.

A Teco double sink with pullout faucet and roomy Samsung dishwasher reside inside the perfectly sized, eight-by-four foot walnut island, which also sports a breakfast bar on the opposite side. Contemporary leather chrome stools slip right under the overhang.

Astro kitchens did the custom woodwork here. The cabinetry reaches floor to ceiling, with a decorative vent hood, under valance countertop lighting, glass uppers, pot drawers and pantry with tray storage. "Drawers and doors are all soft close and there's a deep built-in liquor cabinet," says design associate Helen Jackson.



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Double pendulum lamps from the Glass Lighting Gallery, who provided lighting throughout the home, dangle over the island.

From the kitchen you have full view of the rear yard, and direct access to the raised 14-foot-square exterior deck (no stairs to climb down to access the BBQ.)

Off the kitchen on the east side is the quiet dining room, with coffered ceiling surprisingly inlaid with hardwood that replicates the engineered hickory hardwood floor in the room. A barn board accent wall and bright transom-topped Dashwood windows, installed throughout the home, finish the room.

Swing back through to the kitchen and off to south wing and you'll find the airy master bedroom with coffered ceiling. It looks onto the raised deck and also contains sidelight windows on either side of the upholstered headboard. The home's grey colour scheme carries through to paisley linens here and even to the immense faux fur dog bed in the corner.

The stunning adjacent master bath en suite is wood panelled, with Regal series heated porcelain flooring that has been inlaid with striking seashell mosaic detailing. "They're real seashells," says Helen. Dual vessel sinks sit above the stone-topped custom vanity, which has space for towel storage beneath. A freestanding post-minimalist MAAX soaker tub (Jazz F model) surrounded by oversized windows on two sides invites residents to turn down the lights, fire up the scented candles and luxuriate in a midnight bath while gazing up at the sparkling stars. The shower stall is separate, with rain head, pebble floor and mother of pearl mosaic detailing, accomplishing the total spa experience.

Continue down the hall and you will find the powder room with its twinkling diamond lighting fixture, then a handy mid-hall mud room with cubbies, hooks and bench (and direct access to the drywalled three-car garage.) Then, onward to the laundry room, supplied with folding table, dry rod and more cabinetry.

The north wing, off the great room, is the location of two more generous bedrooms with grey shag carpeting. These two bedrooms share a lovely bath with Mirolin tub and rain head shower and very blingy crystal-embedded accents in the tiling. »



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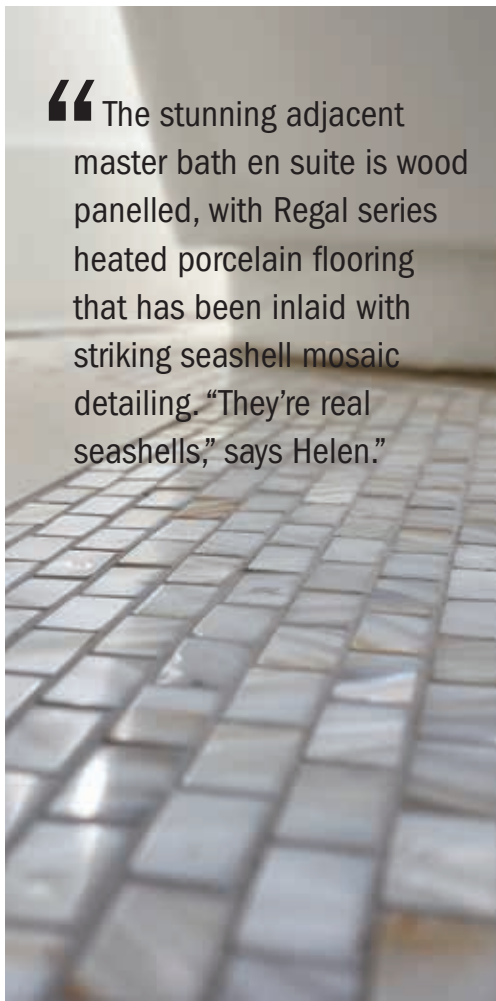
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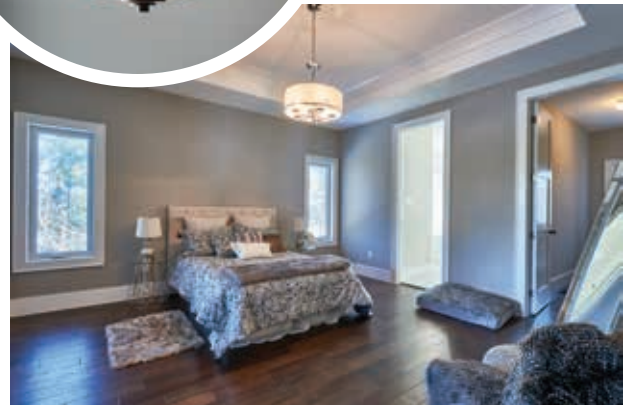
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The lower level of the residence is above grade but remains unfinished, awaiting the new owner's decisions. Sliding glass doors here lead out to a landscaped yard and covered eating area. This level is already roughed in for a bar and games room and contains space enough for two large bedrooms with standard-sized windows: the perfect spot to house those rambunctious teenagers.

With ski hills, golf courses and shopping amenities so close by, this very livable home has ticked all the boxes on the Dendur Fine Homes quality meter. "I have to be able to sleep at night," says Mark. "So I want to make sure it's right." ❧

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