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**NORTH TORONTO  
REBUILD IN STEEL  
AND WOOD****20 x 66 ft.****detached residence,  
BLT Construction  
Services Inc.**

This rebuild of a midtown detached residence in North Toronto (it's also our cover shot) was meticulously executed by BLT Construction Services Inc., a firm which has done extensive work on many interior fit-outs, including the Trump International Hotel and the Air Canada Centre (renovating the Leafs' dressing room twice).

The final effect shows how "simplicity is the ultimate sophistication" (Leonardo da Vinci – and borrowed by Apple Computer). To fully open up this structure required ample structural steel married to traditional wood framing.

The asymmetrical floor plan affords maximum floor space. Look at that elegant cantilevered roof (far right) providing shade for the rooftop patio.

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"When you're building contemporary with half-inch reveals to keep things looking 'crisp', your structure and your finishing has to be super-precise," says BLT's director of construction, Robert Downey. "On traditional construction, moldings allow you a slight margin for error. Not so here."

The client homeowner was also the architect – and some of his finishings are, you'll agree, beyond exquisite. We've never seen a range hood that futuristically elegant, nor glass tile used to such perfect effect.

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**NORTH TORONTO  
RENOVATION WITH  
'GENTLEMAN'S DEN,'  
AND WINE CELLAR**

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Just look at this exquisite work, including a gentleman's den and theatre with acoustical sound separation. In our middle (inset) photograph, you'll see a glazed wine cellar complete with its own chilling condenser.

Just look at that floor: it is a radiant-heated hickory-finished engineered hardwood. The marriage of the amber-toned millwork with the man-made cultured stone and the sumptuous coffered ceiling upstairs, make this a design-build project for any renovator to dream about.

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