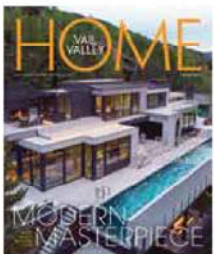




A private spa is but one of the luxurious details that make 165 Forest Road a special house. See story page 76.



ON THE COVER

Though the house is filled with incredible details, perhaps the most stunning is the glass-bottom pool that looks suspended in mid-air. See story page 76 for more information, or contact listing agent Alitza Vagenknechtova at Ron Byrne & Associates Real Estate at alitza@ronbyrne.com.

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As the days get longer and brighter, we crave a cleaning out and opening up. Not just spring cleaning, but doing whatever it takes to let the sunshine in: tossing out the clutter, adding reflective surfaces, reimagining walls as windows.

In this issue of Vail Valley HOME we welcome the season. Discover some new, unusual mirrors as well as home décor from the Snowsports Museum in Vail. See what's happening in Avon, including a new pod-style hotel that's brightened up an old restaurant space in Chapel Square. And for the piece de resistance, spend a little time with our feature story on the contemporary masterpiece at 165 Forest Road in Vail. With wall-sized windows and clean lines, the home is a refreshing celebration of its mountain setting.

Enjoy the sunshine,

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MODERN TO THE MAX

LUXURY LISTING ON FOREST ROAD REDEFINES WHAT'S POSSIBLE

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A new modern masterpiece, distinguished by enormous walls of glass, sits in one of the most exclusive neighborhoods in Vail, on Forest Road, and it's currently for sale.

"It's the most talked about home because it's spectacular and one of a kind," says Alitza Vagenknechtova, listing agent at Ron Byrne & Associates. "People haven't seen anything like it."

The 8,801-square-foot home took a year to plan and four years to build, because of the fine level of detail and quality. It was finished in late 2019.

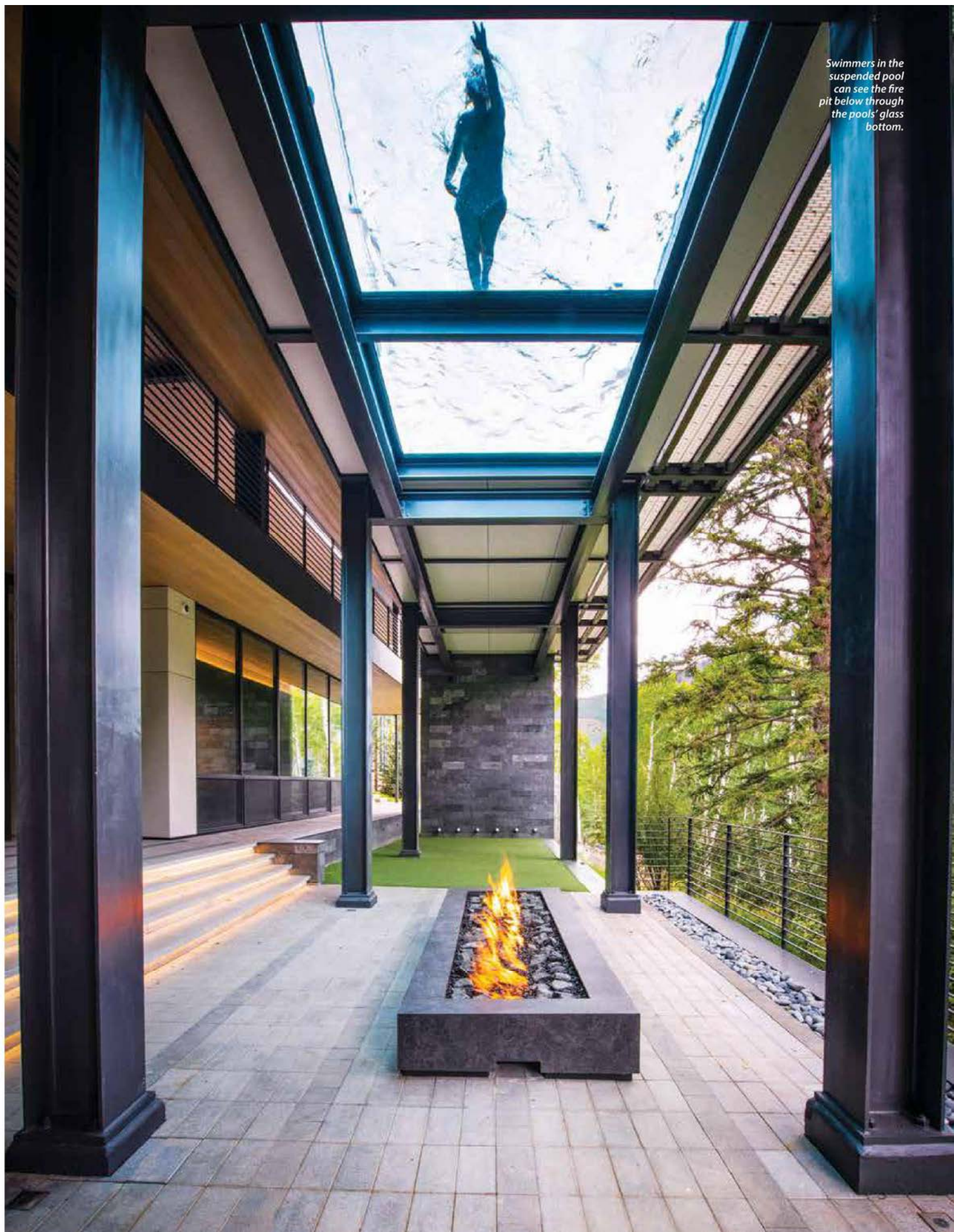
DIVING IN

The four-story, five-bedroom home encourages indoor/outdoor living with its more than 6,500-square-feet of heated decks and terraces and more than 7,000-square-feet of glass windows

and doors, which rise from floor to ceiling. Builders installed thermally broken triple pane steel windows by the Italian company E Bromble, considered the best glass worldwide. And, rather than installing folding Nana walls, the owners opted for a cleaner looking system, in which huge panes of glass seamlessly slide into each other.

Outside, a 75-foot long, 3 ½- to 5-foot deep elevated pool with brim-filled

Swimmers in the
suspended pool
can see the fire
pit below through
the pool's glass
bottom.





appearance runs parallel to the home. One end showcases all glass. In the middle of the pool, a glass bottom reveals a large rectangular firepit on the terrace below. An electronic cover keeps the heat in on cold winter days.

While a hot tub sits adjacent to the pool, the spa room offers an interior alternative. The spa suggests a European approach, with its steam room and sauna, as well as hot tub and cold plunge. Stone columns greet visitors upon entry, and a long waterfall reflects off of a long bronze mirror, surrounded by DaVinci marble. Cushy chairs await luxurious lounging and meditating upon the streams of water, and a massage table stands ready for a visit from a personal masseuse.

A WALK THROUGH

As guests walk up to the front door, they pass professional landscaped ornamental grasses and summer blooms contained in large metal boxes, as well as a stately metal sculpture called “Cloud 9.” The enormous bronze door operates on a pivot system and opens to floor-to-ceiling glass walls, which overlook evergreens. Owners use a state-of-the-art biometric entry system to unlock the door. The home also features an automated electronic Creston system and the latest Lutron technology.

Inside, the open floor plan seems to flow into the outdoor terraces with frameless glass “railings.” Floor-to-

ceiling glass corridors further open the interior to the mountain environment.

The dining room table accommodates 10 and features glass walls on one end of the home. It flows out of the living room, furnished with oversized sofas. Just like in the dining room, floor-to-ceiling glass brings plenty of bright sunshine into the area. While the home might sound too open to neighbors peering in, it actually has a unique privacy, with plenty of trees on two sides of the home, and, of course, electronic shades.

The main level sits almost halfway up the tall, surrounding evergreens, so that “you feel like you’re in a treehouse,” Vagenknechtova says.

Long, rectangular DaVinci marble fireplaces add to the warm atmosphere in the living room, master suite and game room. And, speaking of adding light to a home, the owners were very detailed in their choices, from modern, artistic hanging fixtures to LED lighting in each room, as well as in 90% of the cabinetry in bathrooms, closets and the kitchen, which illuminate when anyone opens the drawer or door.

The kitchen showcases sleek cabinets, an island and Sub-Zero appliances.

Glass walls are the only things separating the main level master suite from its expansive, heated deck, making waking up in the mornings all the sweeter. The master bathroom overlooks the pool, evergreens and the



Gore Range and offers his and her toilets. The home’s seven other bathrooms mirror the master, with their artistically placed slabs of white marble walls.

“It creates a beautiful painting,” Vagenknechtova says of the well-thought-out marble slab placement.

The family room is ready for groups to play board games, cards or watch television. Its high ceilings and convenient access to the outdoor fire pit gives it a breezy, open feeling. The soundproof media room comes complete with a wet bar, and the large exercise room provides an area to do yoga, a cutting-edge gym and a full bathroom.

The main level library acts as an office where two people can comfortably work. The tinted windows, which look onto Forest Road, provide privacy; residents can look out, but outsiders can’t see in.

Throughout the home, polished, oversized porcelain tiles with tight grouting provide a clean, sleek look, while hemlock wood ceilings add

The sculpture “Cloud 9” sits just outside the front door; DaVinci marble is a recurring element found throughout the home.



The open floor plan flows seamlessly between interior and exterior spaces.

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warmth. Dry-stacked stone columns and a natural gray stone wall, which rises from the first floor to the fourth, bring in even more texture and aesthetics.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Hans Berglund, of Berglund Architects, designed the \$45 million home. His firm is one of the leading luxury firms in the Vail Valley and is known for blending local architectural characteristics with natural materials and contemporary influences. The builder, Shaeffer Hyde Construction, has been constructing high-end mountain homes in Colorado for more than 35 years. World-renowned and award-winning interior designer Steven G. imported furnishings from Italy and tastefully filled the home with custom-made sofas, beds, tables and artistic décor.



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"It's sleek, high-quality, contemporary and modern, yet it is warm," Vagenknechtova says of the home and its interior design. "It actually gives a cozy feeling — because some of the contemporary houses can be like a museum — cold."

With tight parking situations on Forest Road, this home offers ample spots, with a four-car garage and four additional covered spaces. A drive-through car rinse takes vehicles through a 7-minute cycle to clean off highway dirt and magnesium chloride. There's also a dog shower to keep Fido clean. A hydraulic

system operates the garage doors, so there are no unsightly metal rails hanging overhead.

The mechanical room is triple insulated, and the home is wrapped in an energy-efficient envelope. A 40-kilowatt backup generator and two Tesla charger batteries provide flexibility, and a humidification system keeps residents comfortable year-round. The home also has air-conditioning — a rare feature in mountain homes.

An ultramodern, freestanding elevator with a glass ceiling that rises to blue sky (or white, on a

powder day) lifts residents and guests up to each level, including the rooftop entertaining deck. With a fireplace, a kitchenette and a wet bar, the roof is the perfect place to enjoy cocktails and take in the 360-degree views of the Gore Range, Golden Peak and its ski slopes and Red Mountain. All of the other decks provide mountain or river views, as well.

Of course, the home is located just a short walk to restaurants and shops in Vail Village and Vail's ski terrain, making it the perfect mountain estate.