

Infinity House



LOCATION

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

SIZE

3,000 SF

COMPLETION

2024

CLIENT

Private

TEAM

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Infinity House, a private residence located on the shoreline of Lake Ontario, is intended to be a gathering place to bring together the family and friends of the owners—a couple entering retirement after substantial careers. Thoughtfully crafted at every level, this custom-designed home provides for an elegant lifestyle of comfort, while simultaneously accomplishing an unpretentious, modern design that respects the environment and architecturally celebrates the historically significant natural landscape of the Niagara region building site.

The name Infinity House is inherently inspired by the impressive panorama of the waterfront, existing as a humbling piece of artwork that is framed by the house, ultimately making all those inside present in the profound sensory experience. The house is sited to align parallel to the top of the bank of the lake at the northern edge of the property, taking in the full expanse of the spectacular view. The endlessly changing colours and lighting conditions of the outdoor environment animate the minimal palette of the house's interior in a beautiful and unique way. The long, low bungalow form is capped with an asymmetrical gable roof, a contemporary interpretation of the agrarian roofscapes present in the area.

The composition of the house, with regard to form, materiality, and layout, all come together to support the client's life passions. Furniture such as the bookshelf, sideboard, and stair-guard were designed as partner elements to the Canadian black granite kitchen, creating a consistent language of form echoing through a balanced expression of dark and light natural materials. The partnership of the elements resulted in a holistic, minimalist, and calming atmosphere consistent with the houses' detailing, while analogous to the inhabitants' academic and culinary interests.

Infinity House exemplifies sustainable living, balancing modern comforts with environmental stewardship and honouring the unique rural ecosystem of Niagara-on-the-Lake.