



While every home is unique and beautiful in its own way, there's no denying that some homes simply stand out more than others. And that's certainly the case with this completely singular New England home. At 16,000 square feet, this mammoth of a house was built as a personal art gallery for a successful artist. Now it is being sold, and the owners hired Leia Ward and LTW Design to stage the home.

Originally built by world-renowned architect Rafael Viñoly in 1997, this ultramodern home stands in stark contrast to the more traditional homes

of New England. With its solid concrete structure, floor-to-ceiling glass walls and 33-step staircase leading to the front door, it presented a unique challenge to the designers.

"The biggest challenge for this home was that it is uber-modern and not the typical wood-shingle or clapboard New England-style home," Leia explains. "So, instead of trying to create a warm and cozy feeling inside, we chose to embrace this element and design a superchic, modern art gallery vibe." And because it was hired to stage the house to sell, LTW Design enjoyed complete creative control over the entire design.

"We knew it was key to use furnishings that showcased all the bones of the home and highlighted the endless treetop and valley views," Leia continues. "With its floor-to-ceiling windows, it literally feels like you are outside while sitting on the living room sofa. To incorporate a biophilic design, we brought in furnishings that were natural in texture, such as an oversized oak wood dining table, and contrasted them with black wood and leather chairs, keeping with the uber-modern and chic aesthetic. Clean lines, neutral colors and layering different natural elements were important for this project."

As a nod to the home's initial purpose as a personal art gallery, LTW De-

sign's in-house artist created original pieces to hang throughout the residence. These oversized paintings serve as an anchor in the vast spaces of the house, and their bold, neutral palette continues the modern aesthetic the designers have created.

This distinctive property is incredible, not only for its size and the architect behind it, but for the dialogue it creates between the stark colors and modern structure of the home and the nature that surrounds it. It stands in its natural surroundings and among other New England homes, and after LTW Design's exceptional staging, it is ready for its next very lucky owner.