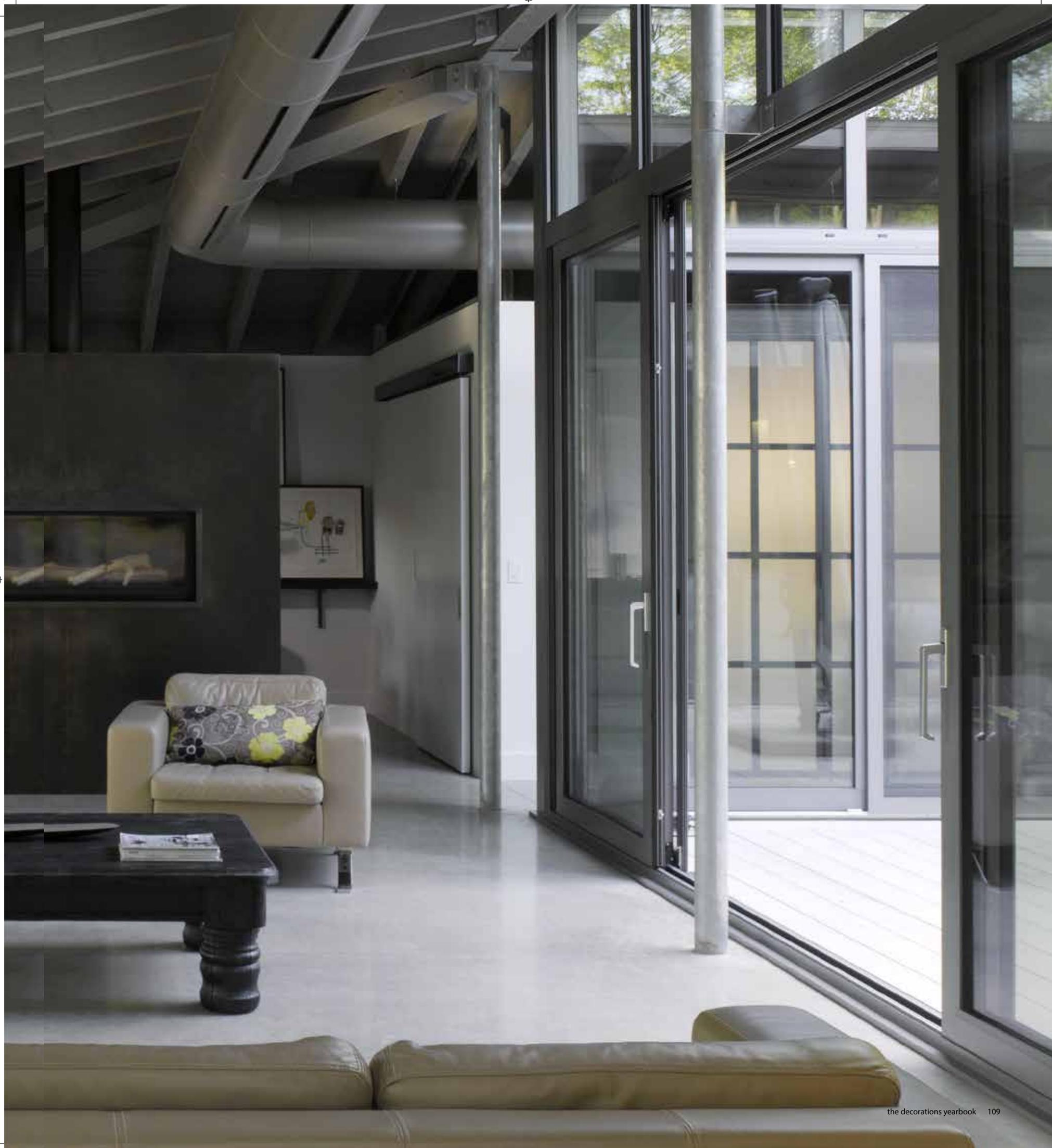


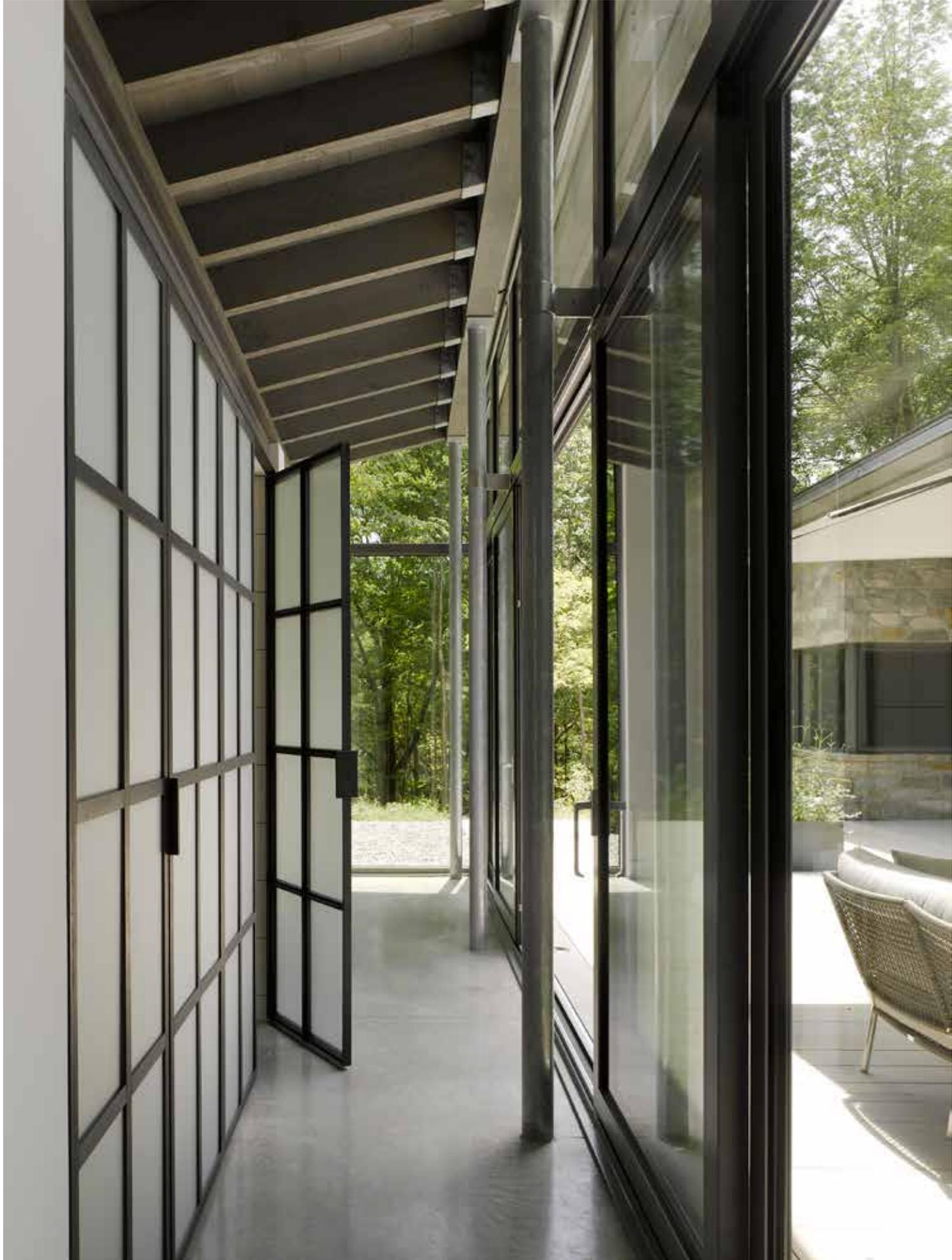
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RUSTIC LIVING MODERNISED

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① An extremely well fenestrated holiday home, one that encourages the influx of natural lighting- varying seasons allow tonal and hue changes inside the house as a result of exterior surroundings.





➤ **FACING PAGE:** Modern-rustic vibes present in the bath space- a clean lined, sleekly fitted private space made from natural resources, overlooking the great outdoors.

Rustic living does not always have to involve a cabin and barn scenario. Proving otherwise, this residential sequestered by luscious greenery by Paul Bernier Architecte serves as a weekend getaway for a couple from Montreal. Taking full advantage of the natural landscape, Paul Bernier and his team set out to create a serene, light-filled timeless space, merging the outdoors in a seamless fashion.

Using materials and construction methods considered traditionally rustic, the holiday home consists of natural stone, a Douglas fir timber frame and a sloping standing seam roof. However, the form of the home is unique, determined by the terrain as well as the relationship among the structure's various functions. An infusion of distinct modern features is present, including clean lines, the usage of large windows, and an open concept among other details.

Equipped with a modern-rustic approach, the firm focused on raw natural materials, intending to create a house as solid as its surrounding environment. Its exterior is formulated with stone walls and steel for the columns and roof- solid and durable selections. Inside, the tone is set via white, grey and black materials- a concrete floor upholds a galvanized steel structure, filled with large opaque stone walls and generous glass surfaces, finished with a grey-stained wood ceiling.

Interestingly, the home itself is made up of two volumes, a Day Block and a Night Block. U-shaped and set atop a plateau, the Day Block houses common spaces, including the living room, kitchen, dining room and a cosy reading nook tucked behind the fireplace. Floor to ceiling windows line the interior of the U-shaped Day Block, defining a sheltered inner courtyard, which serves as an outdoor room come summer.



① The decidedly modern-influenced common spaces are located in the Day Block.







➡ **FROM LEFT:** The U-shaped day block's interior forms an open perimeter around the inner courtyard. | White high gloss plastic laminates and quartz counters make for a seamless-looking modern kitchen, along with the backsplash consisting of an extra clear glass painted white to accentuate the selected palette. | Modern-rustic vibes present in the bath space- a clean lined, sleekly fitted private space made from natural resources, overlooking the great outdoors.





- The Night Block is dedicated to a more personal space, acting as an open concept master suite.

Across a connecting veranda and a fully glazed passageway, the Night Block is home to the master bedroom, a 2-storey stone block that extends over the slope. Like its daytime partner, openings have been oriented and generously sized to accommodate the path of sunlight. A generous window wraps around the southeast corner, affording a stunning diagonal view over the woods.

Despite the two blocks, the interior fosters a sense of a single volume, reinforced by its open spatial concept- no partition extends to full height. Rooms that require privacy, such as the Day Block's bathroom, are capped by low ceilings, while its wall is a pivoting screen of frosted glass and steel that faces the inner courtyard. Not only does this ensure optimal usage of natural light, but it reinforces the notion of a fluid relationship between spaces.



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