



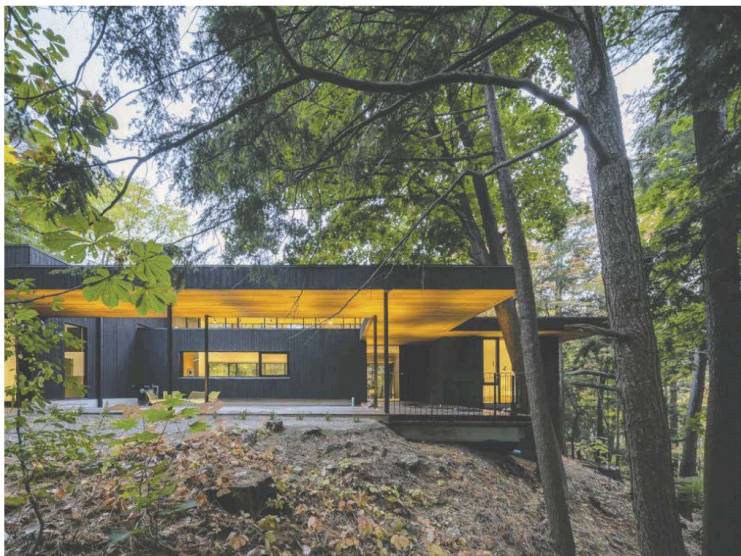
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PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT
AT ORANGEINK



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Cantilevered out over the slope on one side, the house’s visual weight is reduced by windows that align to show glimpses of the ravine behind.



The walls of the great room end at the one-storey level, adding human scale, even though the loft-like ceiling rises a good 20 feet or more.

A MIDCENTURY REFUGE, HEAVY ON THE MODERN

This Lorne Park stunner was updated to celebrate great location and contemporary ideas about comfort

MARTHA UNIACKE BREEN

ALorne Park house built in the late 1960s and overhauled by Orangeink Design — a project that won the firm a 2025 Architizer A+ Award — is a perfect illustration of how ideas about modern design evolve over time.

The leafy Mississauga enclave of Lorne Park is dotted with a number of similarly remarkable MCM houses. Blessed with wide and deep mainly ravine-edge lots, some have been sensitively updated, and others torn down and replaced.

“Personally, I think it’s a shame when lovely old houses like this are knocked down,” says Orangeink prin-

cipal architect Tony Diodati about the property; it was originally shown to him as a real estate listing by the client, a good friend in a design-adjacent industry with great taste. “So we looked at how we could work with the bones to update it, while respecting the original context.”

In its day, the house had clearly been designed with care. It had a spacious ranch-

style interior, with a fireplace as a focal point connecting the living and dining rooms, a design-forward idea of its time. But it also had low ceilings, inward-facing rooms and surprisingly small windows considering the beautiful setting. (It also had a classic, swinging-sixties indoor pool, which the client had no interest in retaining.)

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