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REALTOR Clarence Debelle

HOME BUILDER Can-Rel Homes Ltd.

ARCHITECT Design Marque Consulting Ltd

Altamont is considered one of West Vancouver's most private and exclusive enclaves. This neighbourhood west of Dundarave village — often dubbed West Vancouver's Shaughnessy — offers its residents a scenic beach and park, both named after this picturesque, elegant community.

Upon exploring these quiet, winding roads you will find sprawling gated estates surrounded by towering trees and park-like settings. Altamont's landscape slopes gently towards the water and ensures many of the luxurious family homes here sit on generous lots. *Altamont Manor* is one of these properties. It boasts gorgeous natural surroundings and tranquility that make this part of West Vancouver so idyllic. One is immediately struck by how silent and serene it is here.

The enclave of Altamont was named by John Fitzgerald Mahon of Vancouver and London, who subdivided land here in 1913, after his brother-in-laws' courtesy title, Earl of Altamont, the eldest son of the Marquess of Sligo, and brother of his wife, Lady Alice Mahon.

The homebuilder, Ron Osterman (who also happens to be the homeowner), and his company, Can-Rel Homes Ltd., pride themselves on bringing an old world timelessness to their projects. At *Altamont Manor*, Osterman took it up several notches, layering on the European-inspired details when creating this 8,038 square foot, three-level home for his family.

FEATURE HOME

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ALTAMONT MANOR

IN WEST VANCOUVER

 OLD WORLD CHARM
MEETS UPSCALE DESIGN
IN WEST VANCOUVER, BC



That's evident as you drive up the sweeping driveway to the sprawling gated manor. The stunning home is peppered with architectural detail that gives this home its unique appeal. From the copper roof detailing, capped with a real stone arch entrance, to the intricate mix of stone, stucco, wrought iron, and concrete, this executive-style home really stands out. There's no one place in Europe this invokes; rather it's a collection of pre-war Europe elements with a faint hint of French country.

Osterman worked closely with architect Marque Thompson, principal of Design Marque Consulting Ltd. *Altamont Manor* is an architecturally designed, custom built home that blends perfectly with its natural surroundings, and the orientation of the rooms in the house is all based on the best views. "The inspiration was to create a timeless, comfortable home that reflects qualities of an era of less haste," says Thompson. "A safe haven, a sanctuary that is solid, familiar and reliable." Osterman was pleased with the partnership. "We worked well with Marque to come up with a great layout and design. He understood what we envisioned."

The West Vancouver builder has been in the industry for two decades and has a reputation based on integrity and excellence. He credits his loyal and highly qualified

team of experts in each trade for his success. "Some of my tradesmen have been with me since the inception," says the seasoned builder, who named his company after parts of his three daughters' names.

Inside the five bedrooms and eight bathroom residence, visitors arrive at *Altamont Manor's* elegant living room, after crossing a grand foyer with dark oak flooring and custom millwork. With ceilings that soar above a spectacular fireplace, and large picture windows which overlook manicured gardens, this is definitely a place to call home.

Altamont Manor incorporates many unique amenities and design elements. Among these is computer controlled Smart home features throughout, a naturally cooled wine cellar, a three-car garage and the magnificent outdoor living space. The oversized rooms in this spacious home called for dramatic treatments and extensive detailing, adds Thompson. "It was important for the Osterman's to achieve a look of classic elegance and to have everything reflect the highest quality," adds Thompson. A palate of rich browns and beiges were chosen throughout in order to give the home that warm and relaxed atmosphere the family craves.





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The gourmet inspired kitchen boasts rich soft-close maple cabinetry and granite countertops that extends to a back pantry, which the homeowners use as their own private barista station complete with state-of-the-art coffee machines. Cooking is in Jasmine Osterman's Italian roots, therefore her husband put in what he dubs the "the Cadillac of stoves", a restaurant grade cooking appliance, perfect for entertaining a crowd.

The kitchen also features top of the line appliances and a centre island with breakfast bar. The breakfast area was paramount to creating comfort, function and beauty in the hub of the home. It's where this busy family begins the day. Once again, the breakfast nook creates a relaxed down-to-earth feel with the beauty of the backdrop of the outdoors.

Both the kitchen and the adjacent spacious family room, with its built-in maple entertainment centre, lead to a large covered, wraparound patio with stone fireplace and built-in stainless steel barbecue and lots of comfortable seating.

It's in the back of the home on the main level where the outdoor living space really shines. The piece de resistance is the salt water swimming pool with hot tub. In the summer, Osterman, his wife Jasmine and their three daughters, son-in-law and grandchild lull away lazy days in their private resort-like backyard; which with its multitude of large trees offers shelter on hot summer days.

The family loves to entertain and have hosted a number of soirees by the swimming pool and hot tub. "Because of the location to the family room, kitchen and main living areas, we added beautiful accent lighting in the yard and pool that comes on automatically at night to maximize the ambience," says Osterman, who still has one daughter living at home. "It really sets the mood."

Altamont Manor perfectly blends the outdoor living space with the adjoining indoor rooms making it a natural and functional transition outdoors. "We barbecue all year-round out here and we can turn on the stereo to pipe in outdoor music as well as soft outdoor lighting," says Osterman, adding the lights are timed to come on all year-round. "It's quite magical out here at night." Tucked in behind the kitchen is a door that comes in off the pool area, complete with a full bathroom. "That way, no one has to track in water or grass into the rest of the house," adds Osterman.



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Retreat upstairs to a private master suite featuring vaulted ceilings, a fireplace, a large walk-in closet and a spa-like bathroom with walk-in tiled shower, dual vanities and large soaker tub. The master suite enjoys privacy in the front right wing of the home, complete with its own deck overlooking the ocean view. "Jasmine and I love to sit up here and just relax after a busy day," adds Osterman. "It's so peaceful and quiet." There are three additional spacious ensuite bedrooms, one of which is for their grown daughter.

Down the generous-sized hallway, there's an oversized laundry room which can double easily into a playroom/art room. Osterman outfitted it with numerous pull-out drawers, perfect for stacking them with art supplies. "It's always flooded with light so it's bright and cheery," he adds. "It's great for a family with young artistic children."



On the lower level, *Altamont Manor* features a full legal suite with a kitchen, laundry room and its own personal entrance that opens up to its own private garden refuge. "From the upper deck, you can look down to the suite's courtyard with its own patio and gardens," says the seasoned builder.


One of the more unique features of the lower floor is the state-of-the-art media room, complete with a 120" screen, Sony LCD projection, surround sound, and six reclining theatre seats with cup holders. "Again, the theatre room is controlled by computer which can turn on the projector, the Blue Ray, the lighting and you can pre-set the piped in music while everything in the room warms up," says Osterman.

The lower floor is also where Osterman's adult children hang out with friends. The huge recreation room with a large fully equipped bar and fridge is perfect for entertaining. The lower floor is where the fully equipped home gym with mirrored walls is also located.

The home is flooded with natural light, thanks to the many large folding "Nana Wall" doors and oversized windows, which are 99.9 per cent UV.


The home's overall outcome is an ingenious and sophisticated use of space; nearly each room on every floor situated to take full advantage of indoor-outdoor living.

Osterman finds peace in his surroundings. "It's truly a slice of heaven, a quiet oasis, a retreat from our busy lives."

Shortly before H&L went to press, *Altamont Manor* was sold by realtor Clarence Debelle. Clarence is intimately familiar with each neighbourhood in West Vancouver, from Dundarave, Ambleside, British Properties, Chartwell, Whitby Estates, Canterbury, to Altamont, Caulfeild & West Bay. Clarence Debelle's website, ClarenceDebelle.com, Listing & Sold Gallery, showcases some of the most spectacular West Vancouver homes and properties. 


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