

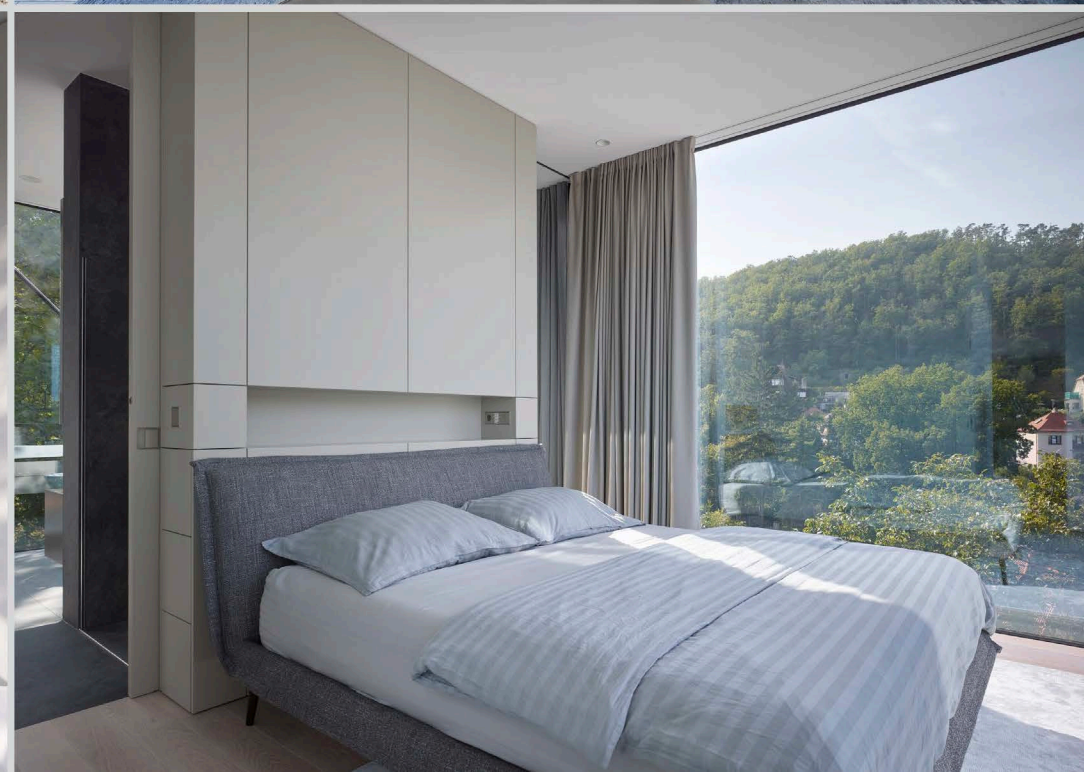
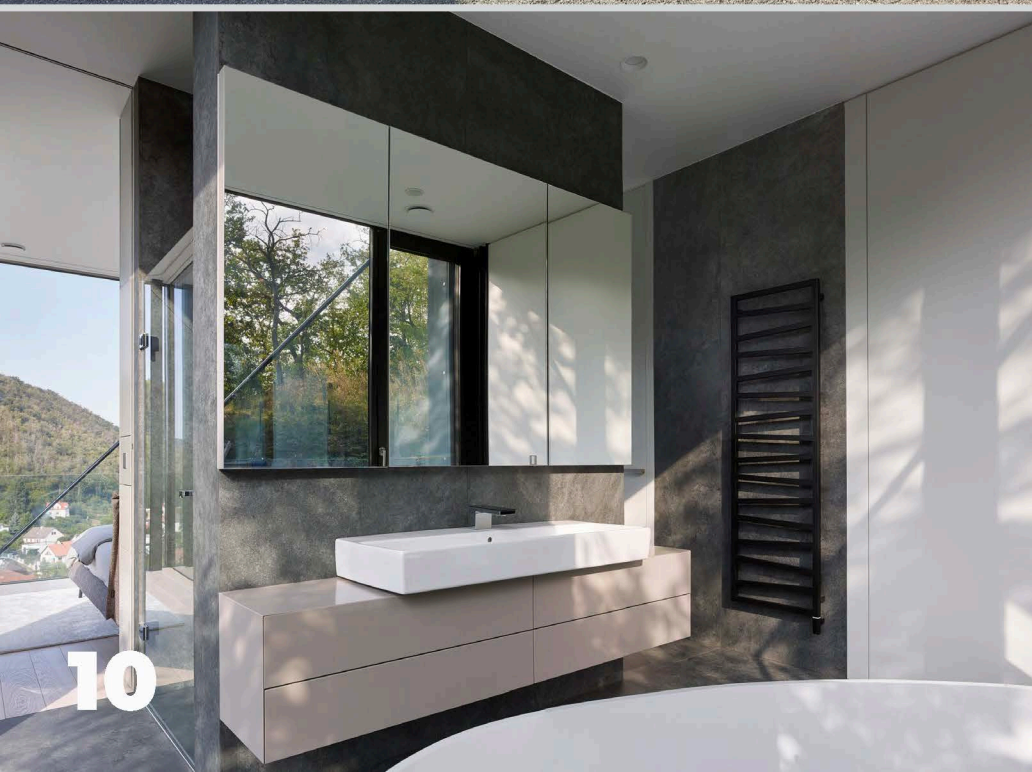
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## VILLA SIDONIUS Černošice, Czech Republic

Commanding sweeping views of Berounka Valley, the Bohemian Karst, and Prague's skyline, the architectural accomplishment of Villa Sidonius exemplifies a fusion of modern engineering with the natural challenges and breathtaking scenery of its hillside location. With a surrounding area known for its eclectic mix of architectural styles, from early 20th-century Art Nouveau and First Republic villas to post-1989 houses, Villa Sidonius stands as another striking addition to this community of grand homes.

"The villa's steep property is located on the northern, shaded side of the terrain", architect Ján Stempel says. "We were faced with the question of how to build the house as high as possible on the property while still providing ease of access." The result is a house that seems to hover in the air, supported by a structure resembling a bridge on pillars, which brings daylight into the interior while capturing the best views from every living space. Constructed as a prefabricated steel structure, the villa stretches across an eighteen-meter span, anchored by two reinforced concrete pillars. The architectural design is as much an experiment in structure and technology as it is a home. "The building is entered via an underground tunnel (...) The tunnel leads to the foot of one of the pillars, where an elevator takes residents to the residential level", Ján explains. The primary living space is designed as an open-plan environment with a cozy living room, dining area, and kitchen. South-facing terraces extend from the living area, connecting the villa to a sunlit upper garden and swimming pool on the terrain's highest point.

By embracing both the site's challenges and the latest in construction technology, Villa Sidonius transforms a steep, shaded hillside into a beacon of innovative, modern living that respects the grandeur of Černošice's villa district.

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