



# To build, or not to build?

Many of us envision building a dream home from the ground up only to stall in the unknown. A lot of direction is needed to know what's entailed.

"Some reports indicate that only one in 10 people who express interest in such an undertaking, actually realize this dream," says Todd Blyth at Nudura Corporation, a leading name in building technology.

"Satisfaction can be extraordinary for those who do however, mostly because it gives the homeowner complete control over the design, materials, and workmanship. Imagine building a home, for example, that is at least twice as energy-efficient as neighbouring homes— and are also three times more sound resistant, up to four times more fire resistant, or up to nine times stronger than a typical wood framed wall."

Information on this type of construction can be found at nudura.com. But for those who are stalled in these decisions, or contemplating any of the above, here are a few things to consider when building your own home:

- Ensure you have a well planned out

budget including day-to-day operating costs.

- By doing your own research you will be able to choose the most environmentally friendly and economical products for your home.

- Building your own home allows you to choose the building technology best for you. Concrete homes often offer insurance savings.

- Building your own home can be more complicated than buying a resale or pre-built home. Be sure to interview contractors and have them provide references.

- The interior and exterior design will include all your choice features. No tradeoffs or compromising.

- The structure itself can be made more durable, more energy efficient, safer, and more comfortable with components of the latest technology.

- You choose the lot of land in the size and in the location you want, enhancing resale value.

- Building a dream home, with all of these benefits, is highly satisfying life experience.

—News Canada



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