

Houses to take your breath away

Perched on dramatic cliff tops, nestling in lush jungles, deceptively simple lines and stark silhouettes... published by Taschen in two volumes, the beautifully presented '100 Contemporary Houses' shows some of the most stylish private homes from all around the world and gives a glimpse of how modern architects tackle environmental challenges and adapt to local conditions.

The German publishing house Taschen specialise in lavish, but affordable original editions with exceptional photos on a range of topics particularly **design, architecture and lifestyle**. This time, with the two volumes of *100 Contemporary Houses*, it's the turn of **modern architecture**. Most of the houses are from the twenty-first century and the powerful images show houses large and small, from Japan to California, to give an overview of how architects today are facing modern challenges of **environmental concerns** such as **sustainability** as well as adapting to the changing ways we live our daily lives. Sadly, most of us will never have the chance to look inside the houses featured, as they are private homes, so feast your eyes on these images.

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The architect **Marcos Acayaba** refurbished his own home in Sao Paulo in 2005, redesigning the access bridge to incorporate a new system to cope with the frequent tropical rains. The careful use of natural and local materials makes the house a jewel in the lush setting of the Brazilian jungle / © Leonardo Finott