



**Photos opposite page:** The villa's cluster of angled forms create a series of surprising vistas, inviting multiple paths of movement through the house and courtyard.

- 1 | The roof is sculpted and shaped to create a private terrace invisible to the neighboring properties.
- 2 | The roof terrace under construction.
- 3 | Rooftop clerestories light the living areas below.
- 4 | Dramatic roof forms frame panoramic views to the sea.

Photo this page, **The Acropolis** in aluminium designed by Pininfarina for Snaidero. Photo opposite page (top), **The Sheer Kitchen**: A two piece design that placed in any room creates a kitchen. Photo opposite page (bottom): **La Cucina Alessi** designed by Alessandro Mendini and Gabriele Centazzo.



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# THE **K**itchen Kollaborative



With options in the modern kitchen increasing, it seems even more desirable to find a designer to make these choices for you. Hiring Italy's best designers for your dream kitchen is more a reality today than ever before.

The kitchen is the heart of the home and where serious financial value of the house lies. Although we are quite keen to choose accent pillows in the living room, a dream kitchen design may be beyond our own creative possibilities. This year there are a few kitchen designs (mostly from Italy) that offer a real kitchen system – not just cabinetry, but worktops, lighting, appliances, audio visual systems, and yes, even the kitchen sink.

The idea of an almost entirely packaged kitchen is nothing new. The Japanese came up with the idea of "System kitchens" in 1922, when Suzuki (yes, the car manufacturer) introduced a kitchen model of the same name in which most of the components were prefabricated and could be configured into any space. The first System Kitchens included a sink, cutting board, gas stoves, storage cabinets, and spaces for large appliances