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**EXTERIOR
HOME RENOS
THAT WORK**

A LOOK AT THE
AWARD-WINNING
EXCELLENCE OF

**BC'S BEST
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townhouse meant increased challenges to even get equipment into position, but the hard work paid off. “We’d been thinking about entering for years,” Axel says. “Now we know how it feels to win, to receive that third party validation, we will definitely enter again.”

Another first-time entrant and finalist in the Best Renovation Any Room category, Basil Restorations’ futuristic York Screen House had been awarded a gold at the national SAM Awards in Victoria just a week earlier. “It’s tempting to think you only get to be a winner after entering over and over for a number of years,” says principal Miles Wittig. “But these awards prove even a small company can win if their project is good.” He laughs as he confesses “we went to the SAM Awards thinking it was going to be just a fun weekend away in Victoria for ourselves and the homeowners — to win was unbelievable, so far above what we had hoped to attain.”



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This Sizzlin’ Skyline renovation celebrates Coal Harbour’s beauty and won gold in the Best Kitchen under \$100,000 category.

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Custom Home Renovation's Sizzlin' Skyline, a spectacular Coal Harbour condominium, brought another aspect of the current renovation market into the limelight. "There are a lot of older, outdated condos — especially in downtown Vancouver," says president Todd Senft. "These buildings have a series of small, chopped up spaces because at the time they were built the trend was to cram all the rooms you'd find in a house into an apartment. By eliminating walls between the kitchen, dining room, and living room, you create an open, flexible space more suited to the casual entertainment lifestyle prevalent today."

Rob Capar, president of maison d'etre design-build inc, agrees adding condominiums typically pose significant challenges because any renovation is restrained by the existing footprint. "You can't simply add another storey or extend a wall. You have to look at it as an opportunity to think very creatively within the box on every detail." Also a finalist in the Best Renovation