



A narrow stainless-steel refrigerator fits inside one of the custom rolling cabinets (far left). The architect custom-designed many features in the apartment, including the laminated glass panels (near left) and the bathroom's cast "waterfall" sink (right).



An Ottawa apartment flows with the custom creations of its owner-architect

From the handheld shower and drainable wood-slat floors in the entryway to the removable wooden chaise in the poured-concrete bathtub, the theme of water flows through architect Paul duBellet Kariouk's Ottawa apartment. At the center of this is the sculptural faucet that breaks the flat plane of the kitchen counter—one of the few design elements that does not move.

Linen-backed glass panels

slide across the windows. A desk can be rolled to extend the countertop. The cabinets roll and attach to the ceiling for electricity. Even the refrigerator is on wheels.

"A lot of times people play with the ideas of moving systems, and they stay in one place forever," Kariouk said, "but that's not the case here; they really do get moved all the time."

The design sprang from practi-

cality. For instance, the movable units allow him to use his apartment as an office, and the glass wall laminated with red silk behind the bathtub conceals a service column that could not be relocated.

The shower in the entryway also plays a practical role in snowy Ottawa: "A 120-pound dog covered with slush and grit isn't necessarily the happiest fit with high design," explains Kariouk. *KL.*

Architect: Kariouk Architecture—Paul duBellet Kariouk, principal; Chris Davis, job captain; Adam Frankowski, assistant.

Contractor: Ralph Lawrence Construction

Sources: Neoform Cabinetry (kitchen millwork); Vola (dog-shower fittings); Grohe (kitchen fittings); Bosch (cooktop, oven); Miele (dishwasher); Liebherr (fridge); custom by architect (rolling cabinets, floors, laminated glass, bathroom sinks)