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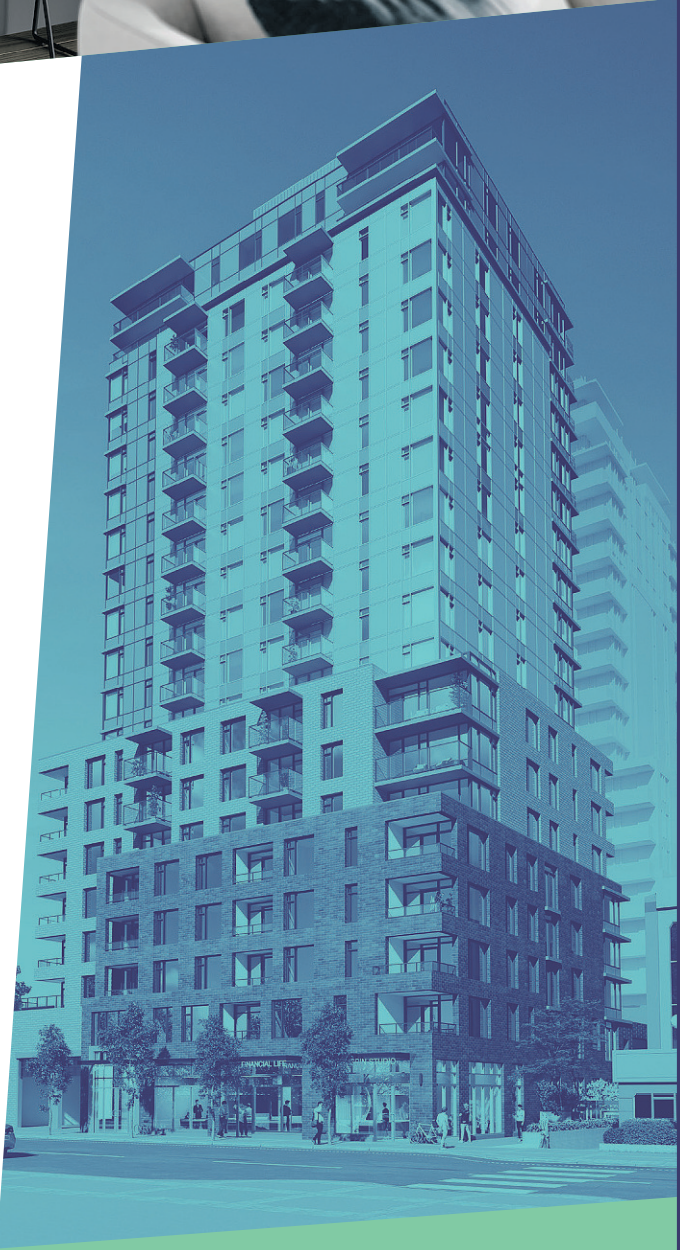
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Saanich house sole Canadian finalist in awards

Home one of 10 in
North America on
Fine Homebuilding
Readers' Choice list

Times Colonist

A Saanich home is the only Canadian entry selected as a finalist in the 2018 Fine Homebuilding Readers' Choice Awards.

Built by Horizon Pacific Contracting and designed by Coast + Beam Architecture, the home features a slide that connects the upper and main levels, polished concrete floors, a cantilevered roof and board-formed concrete on the exterior. It was designed for a family with five young children looking for a modern West Coast design.

The home, titled Family-Centered Modern, is competing with nine other homes from throughout the U.S.

The top three houses will be featured in the print edition of *Fine Homebuilding Houses 2018*. All finalists will be featured in the digital edition of the magazine.

Photos were submitted to *Fine Homebuilding*, along with a description outlining design and construction innovations, including green aspects.

The home is the region's first Holmes Approved Home, which means it underwent a series of reviews by inspectors approved by builder Mike Holmes.

"We are really excited to be the only Canadian finalist in the Fine Homebuilding Readers' Choice Awards," said Tim Agar, owner of Horizon Pacific Contracting. "We hope it draws attention to the vast amount of talent in our region. World-class work is being done here."

Voting will be open until Friday, March 2, at finehomebuilding.com/house-awards/readers-choice-2018.

No-dog zone: Pooch barred from running for governor

The Associated Press

HUTCHINSON, Kansas — Kansas election officials are putting the brakes on a dog's campaign for governor.

KWCH-TV reports that Ter-ran Woolley, of Hutchinson, decided to file the paperwork for his three-year-old pooch, Angus, to run for the state's top office after reading stories about six teenage candidates.

The teens entered the race after learning Kansas doesn't have an age requirement, something lawmakers are seeking to change.

Angus is a type of hunting dog called a wire-haired Vizsla. Woolley figured Angus would need to run as a Republican.

He described Angus as a "caring, nurturing individual who cares about the best for humanity and all creatures other than squirrels."

But the Kansas secretary of state's office says man's best friend is not capable of fulfilling the responsibilities required of the governor.