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Frank Lloyd Wright's designs have resulted in some of the most celebrated homes in all of architecture, having paved the way for many staples of modern and contemporary construction. [Midcentury-modern homes embody](#) Wright's principles by spotlighting organic materials, wide angles, and a mixed use of windows, both tall and clerestory—which is the case for this week's dream home in Houston, packed with top-tier design history.

Built in 1960, the home was designed by renowned architect and Wright protégé Karl Kamrath of MacKie & Kamrath, which [was among the first firms](#) to introduce modernist buildings in Houston. Kamrath's aesthetic was profoundly influenced by Wright's principles at their [first meeting in 1946](#), after which Kamrath committed himself to Wright's outlook on architecture.

Prominent aspects of this midcentury-modern gem are large glass windows, art glass panels, hardwood floors, and its secluded location above a wooded ravine along Buffalo Bayou. The home, which once served as Kamrath's personal residence, is now on the market for \$5.2 million.

Here's a closer look:

8 Tiel Way, Houston, TX 77019

\$5,200,000



Design drawing of Mr. and Mrs. Kamrath's house at 8 Tiel Way, River Oaks, Houston.

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The 4,691-square-foot home is on a 1.5-acre lot that slopes down to the south bank of Buffalo Bayou in the River Oaks subdivision. It has five bedrooms and five full and one-half bathrooms throughout its two stories. Lush greenery surrounds the estate and can be admired from inside the home as well, thanks to plenty of large windows.



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The mid-century aesthetic is on full display as you enter the home. Beautiful herringbone-patterned wood floors and wood paneling lead to the living room and kitchen's open spaces with angled ceilings.



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The kitchen has a wood-plank shed ceiling, cork floors, accent lighting, and full glass windows with a view of the pool and the jungle-dense landscaping surrounding the estate. Fellow daydreamers, take note: the sink is on a spacious island facing the large windows—suddenly dish duty will feel like a brief escape from the day.



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A sunken living room offers the feeling of both wide-open space and coziness thanks to the floor-to-ceiling windows and a fireplace. The room is made up of natural elements such as wooden floors and ceiling and a brick accent wall.



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In addition to the treehouse-like feeling the windows create, small stained-glass accents such as these inset window panes are both fun and functional.



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A large dining room is surrounded by wood paneling and floors and a slanted shed ceiling. Steps from the entry lead up to the space, which is perfect for an evening with guests.



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The wall of windows continues into the primary bedroom, which also has a fireplace and brick wall accents.



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The heavily wooded grounds surround a four-foot-deep saltwater pool. There are also several cleared areas for entertaining and lounging, such as a flagstone patio with twinkle lights and a garden.



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The pool area offers a beautiful view of the openness of the kitchen, breakfast, and sitting areas—a consummate expression of the midcentury-modern tenet of connecting the built environment with natural surroundings.

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