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Prefab houses move beyond mobile homes

'Mass customization' gives design-conscious customers a stylish home at a lower price

THE WORD "PREFAB" rarely inspires excitement from house buyers like Christa Walker and her partner Ami McElroy, who initially conjured up images of mobile homes and vinyl siding. Yet the two are among a small but growing number of homeowners who are interested in design but unable to

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two dozen of the homes have been built. But the trend appears to be growing, as architects such as Joe Tanney



market for the industrialized design to grow.

"We all know there are many people out there for whom design is important. And they love good design but they are only able to access it at the level of the toothbrush or the computer or the car," he said. "But that same group of people would