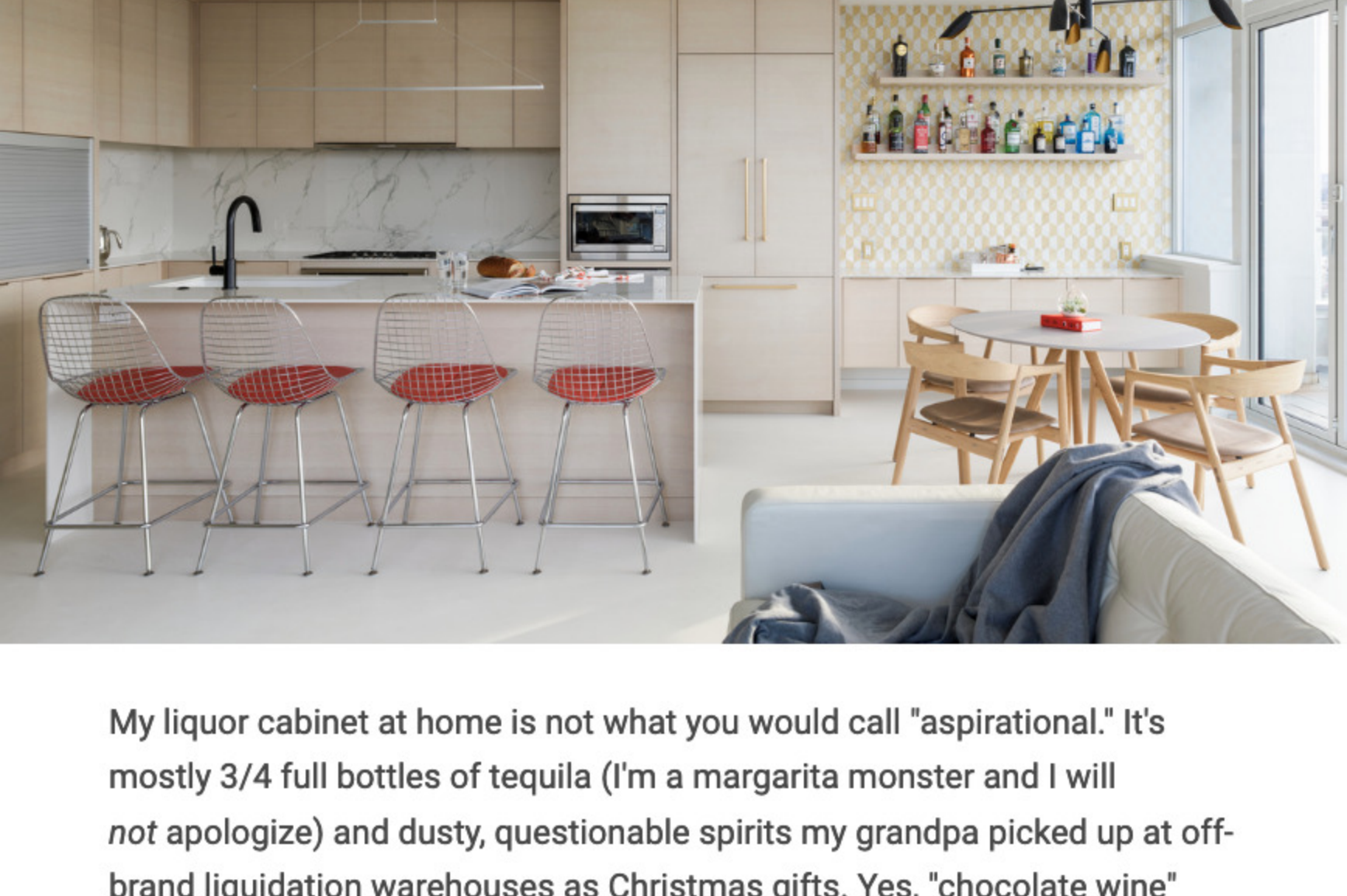


Kitchen Crush: White and Gold Wallpaper Creates a Perfect Bar Backdrop

Why hide your best spirits away? This kitchen layout puts the home bar on full display.

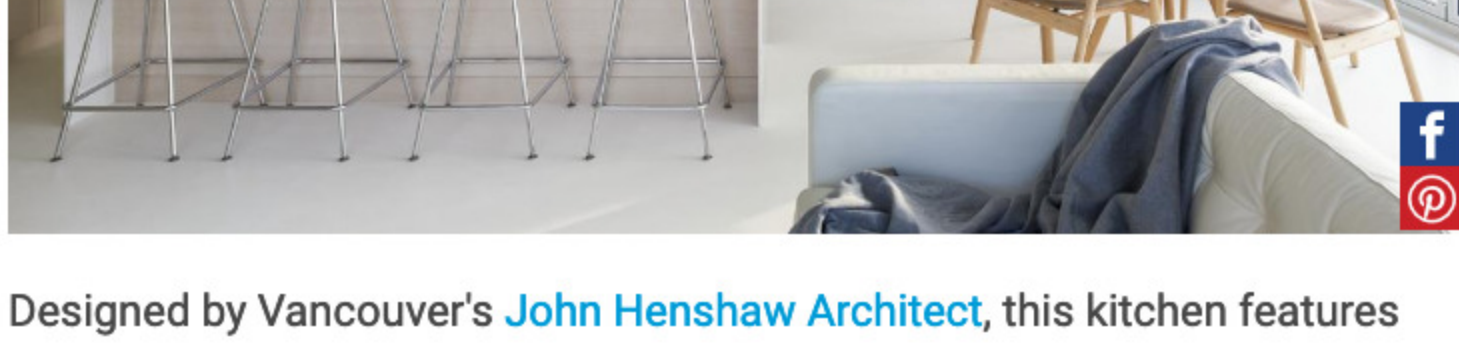
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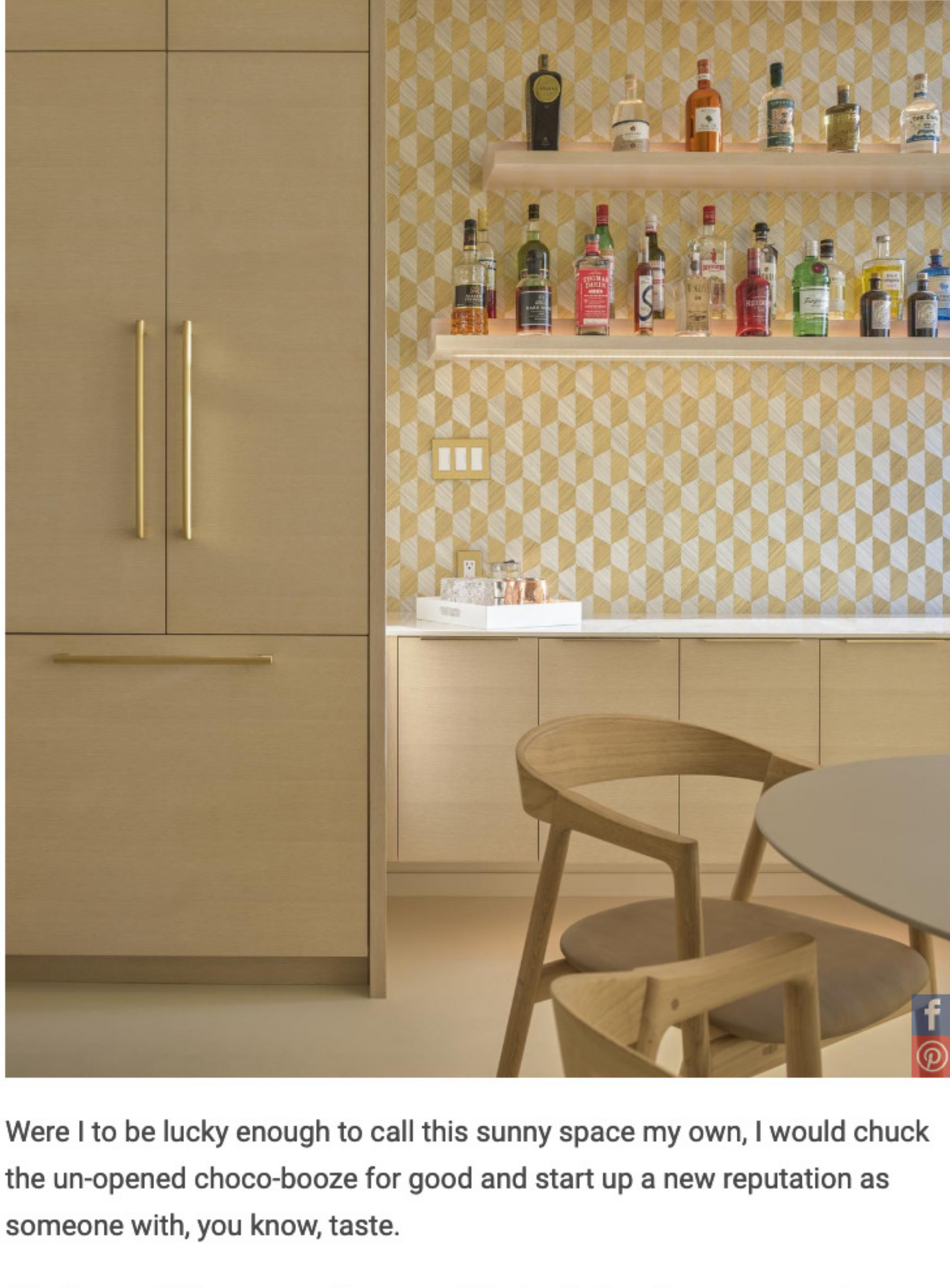
My liquor cabinet at home is not what you would call "aspirational." It's mostly 3/4 full bottles of tequila (I'm a margarita monster and I will *not* apologize) and dusty, questionable spirits my grandpa picked up at off-brand liquidation warehouses as Christmas gifts. Yes, "chocolate wine" was one of those gifts. No, I am not kidding. Yes, it was creamy.

It's no big deal, really, that it's a bit of a mess up there. I can only access it by climbing on a chair, after all, or yelling at the tall man I married to make me a drink.

But then I saw this beautiful open-shelving bar nook and my concept of what a home bar could be was blown wide open.

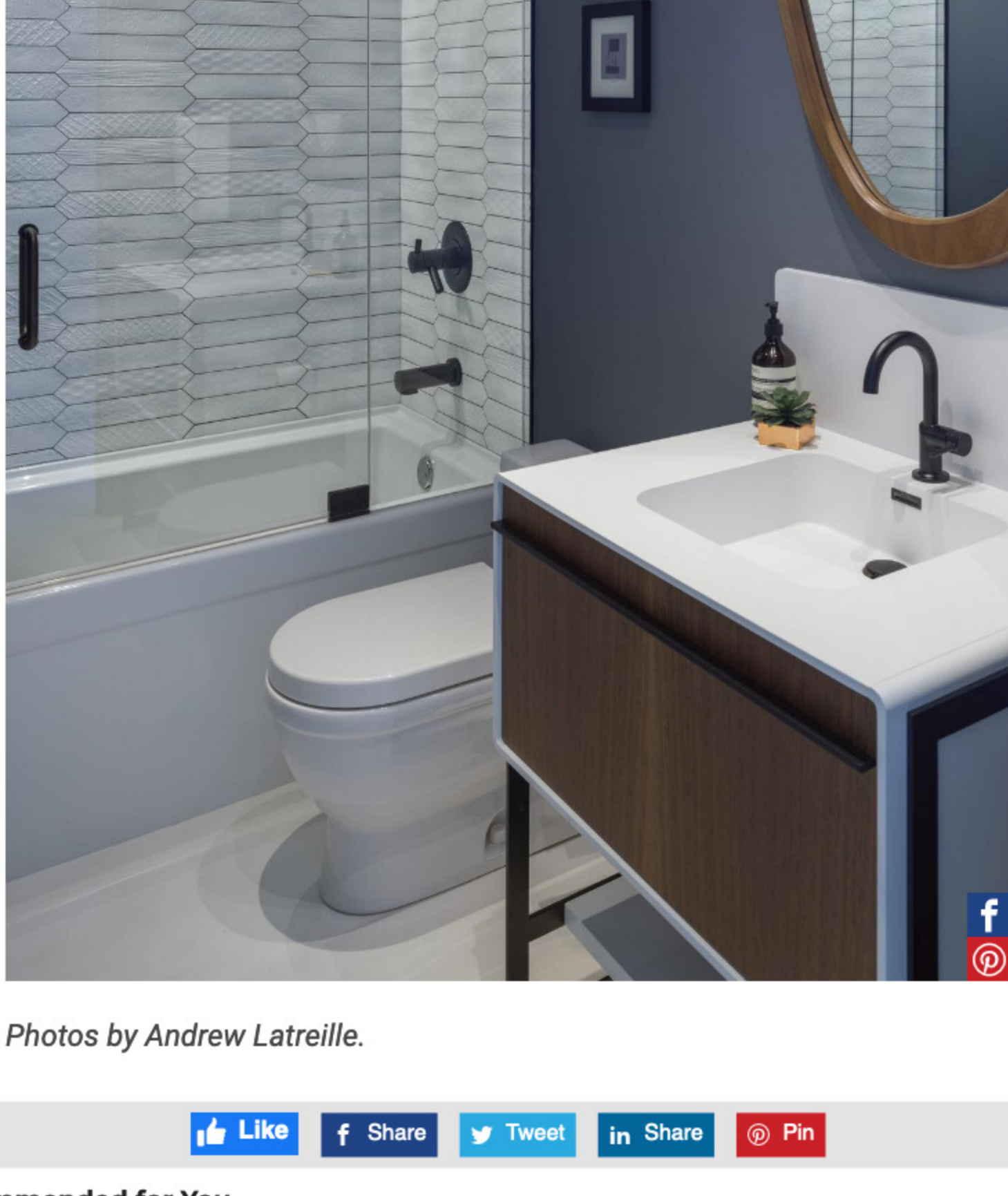
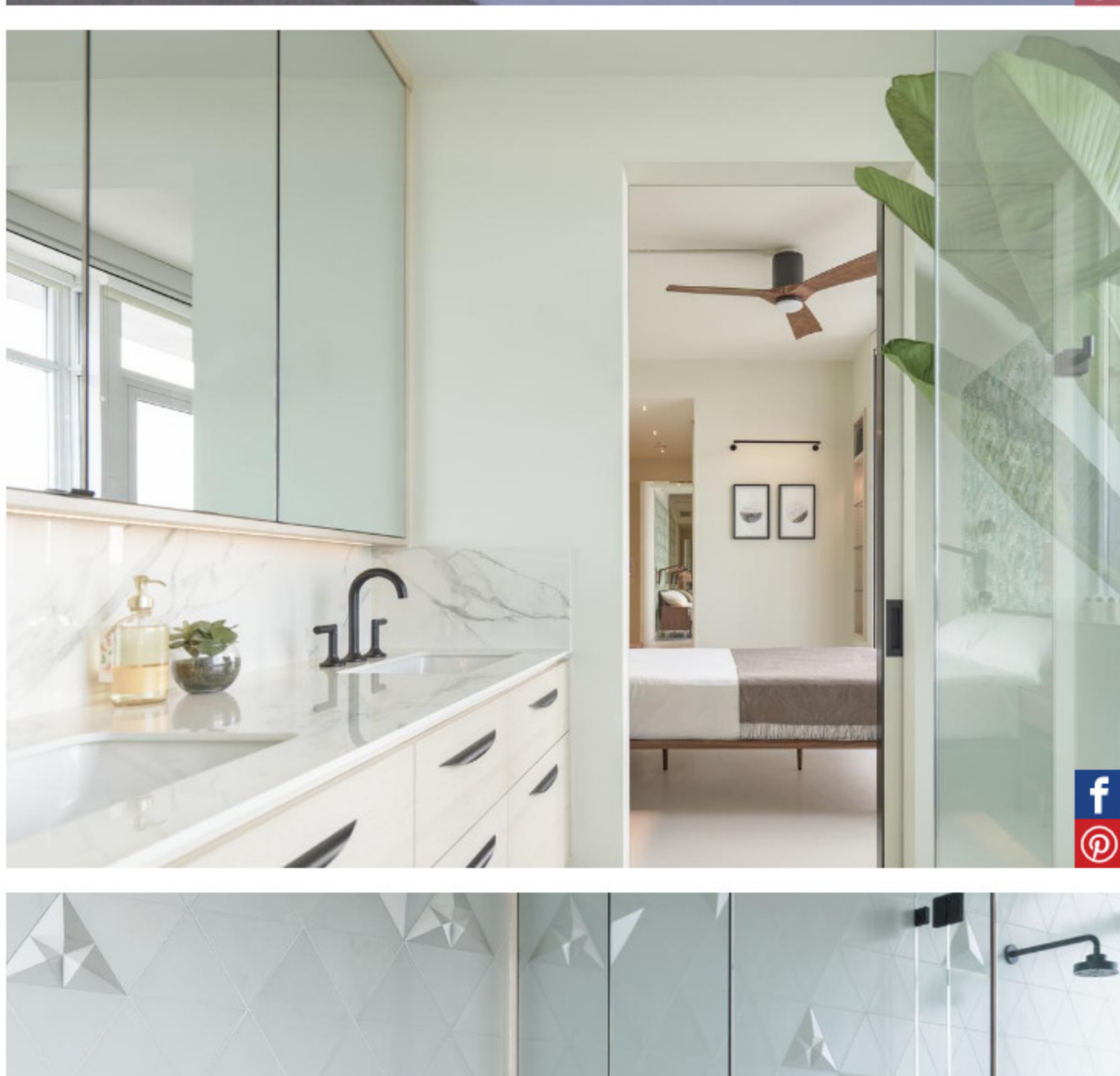


Designed by Vancouver's [John Henshaw Architect](#), this kitchen features slim white-oak shelves posted on a gold-and-white wall (the gorgeous woven wallpaper is from [Arte](#)) and lined with a glittering lineup of sophisticated spirits. It's a look that says "high-end mixologist" not "desperate nightcap." I can only assume the flat-panelled cabinets below the shelf—topped with a prep counter, of course—hide a barmasters tool kit and some fun vintage glassware.



Were I to be lucky enough to call this sunny space my own, I would chuck the un-opened choco-booze for good and start up a new reputation as someone with, you know, taste.

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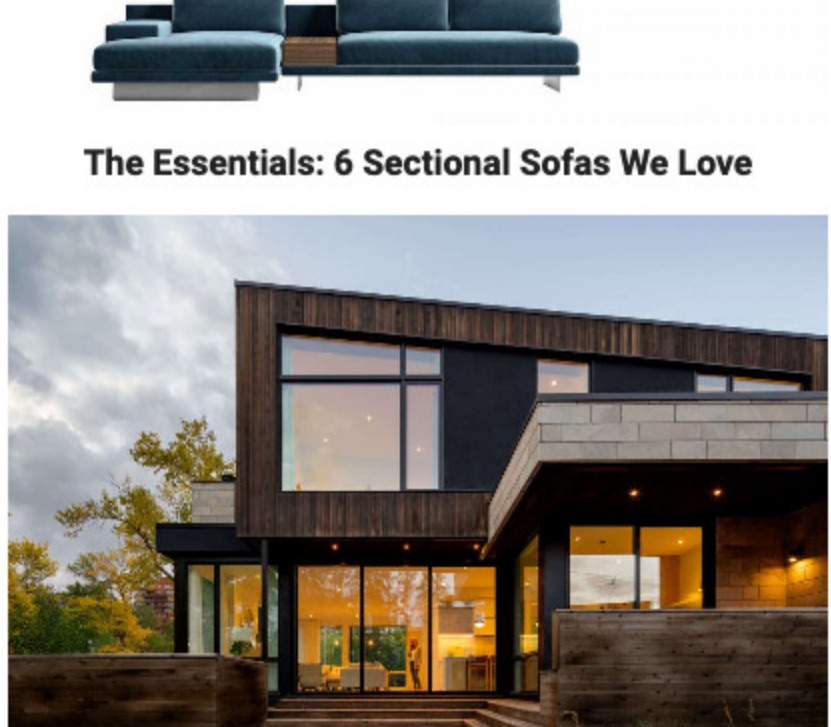
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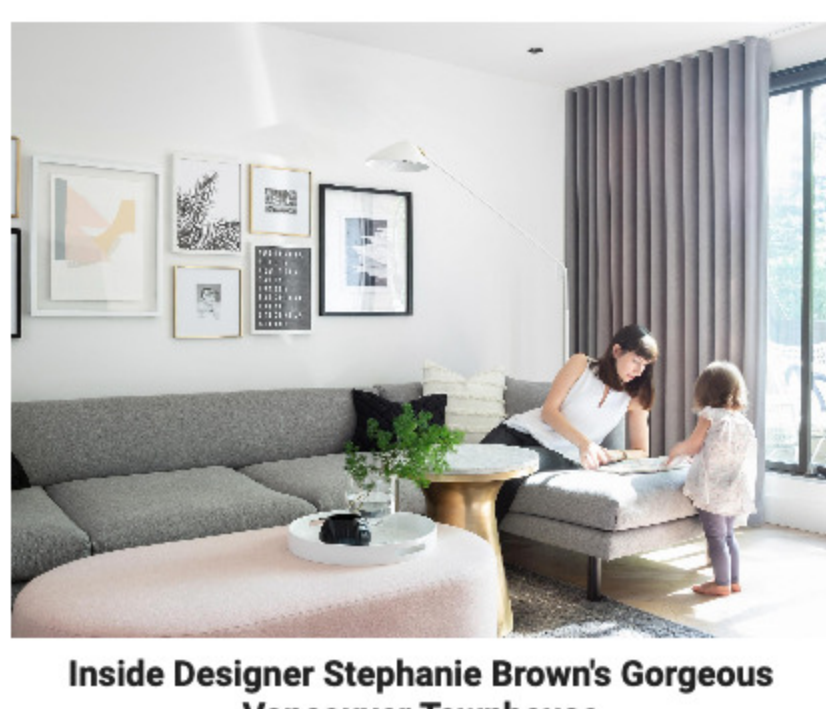
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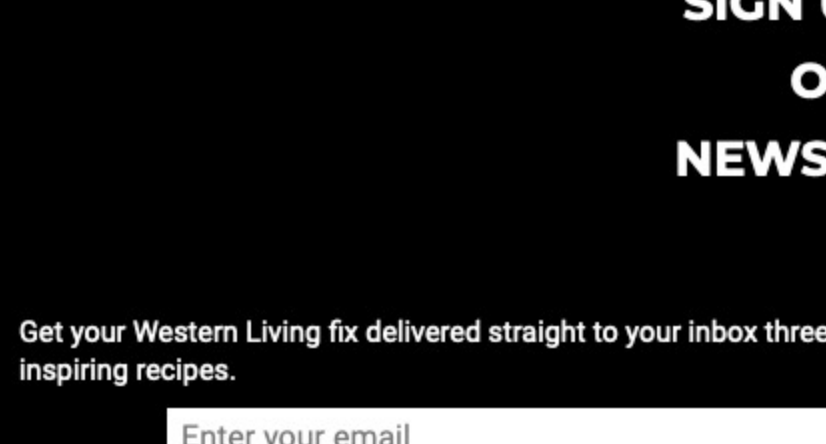
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