



GOLDEN VISTA

Green Street Residence, San Francisco

HOUSE SIZE: 2,600 square feet

VIEW: A 270-degree vista of the San Francisco Bay, including Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, Sausalito, and other landmarks

WINDOWS/DOORS: Folding window wall topped with "hopper" windows; aluminum-clad exteriors and stained wood interiors

GLASS: Dual-pane insulated glass

SUPPLIERS: doors: Nana Wall Systems, Mill Valley, Calif. (www.nanawall.com); windows: Marvin Windows and Doors, Warroad, Minn. (www.marvin.com)

SPEC FACTS: The architect hung the folding



windows from a 6-by-6-inch steel tube to meet seismic requirements, help share the load with the track system at the bottom, and allow for the maximum amount of glass possible. Local land-use restrictions prohibit any building from obstructing the view. The placement of the hopper windows matches the sections of the window wall when it's closed and helps break up the mass when the wall is open.

QUOTE: "Proportion is the key. You know you're going to have a lot of glass, but the sections [of the window wall] help break it up. When that's open, it changes the whole character of that space and the elevation."—William Duff, principal, William Duff, Architect

BUILDER: Neil Yellin & Co., Burlingame, Calif.

ARCHITECT: William Duff, Architect, San Francisco