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The 'Case Study Houses' of Los Angeles were a unique undertaking

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In the history of architecture, the Case Study House programme was a unique undertaking – between 1945 and 1966 in Greater Los Angeles, designers such as Richard Neutra, Charles and Ray Eames and Eero Saarinen designed 36 innovative prototype houses...



The extraordinary development was initiated by then-Editor of 'Arts & Architecture' magazine, John Entenza, in response to the post-War boom in the construction of modern and affordable homes. Employing the principles of modern architecture and the latest construction techniques and materials, the 36 houses were built between 1945 and 1966, by a roll-call of architects including Raphael Soriano, Craig Ellwood, Pierre Koenig, A. Quincy Jones and Ralph Rapson. The appeal of the

project was enormous, and the open floor-plans and simple designs of the houses were soon imitated around the world. Today the houses are extremely sought after, and command millions of dollars – should they come to market, that is. The history of the project has now been published in [a compact guide, featuring numerous photographs, floor plans and map views.](#)

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