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Located in a downtown penthouse with an open-concept feel to it, this customized kitchen by Design First Interiors had to integrate with the rest of the house. Friedemann Weinhardt's other challenge? To put together a dramatic kitchen with the majesty and scale to suit a 48-inch Wolf dual range and incorporate a Sub-Zero fridge and wine storage unit. Weinhardt combined custom curly sycamore veneer cabinetry throughout with the accent bridge around the fridge and a 41-square-

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foot island done in rich walnut. Homeowner Robert Veillette's freshwater aquarium looks like a moving work of art, flawlessly integrated into the overall design.

No space is wasted—even the bridge hides cabinetry (the upper doors are touch-latch to minimize hardware). To match the scale of the island, Weinhardt used $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch slabs of granite for the countertop, cleverly mitring the edges to make it appear seven inches thick. He noted that the countertop was too large to fit into the building elevators, forcing him to be creative. He ended up having to call in a construction crane to lower it through the terrace skylight. Attached to the island, an intimate bistro table is just the ticket for breakfast for two.

Design: Design First Interiors
Counter: Nero Absoluto polished granite by Empire Marble and Granite
Cabinetry: "Dani" figured sycamore and quarter-sawn walnut mink by Niagara Artcraft Woodwork Ltd.

Lighting: Eurolite (Toronto)
Cabinet lighting: Häfele
Fridge: Sub-Zero 736TCI from Maroline Distributing
Stove: Wolf 48" dual-fuel range with charbroiler from Maroline Distributing
Faucets: Batimat (Montreal)

Backsplash: Nero Absoluto Polished Granite by Empire Marble and Granite.
Chairs: Epic Martini in ivory leather and wenge base by Ottawa Officeworks