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A commercial and residential developer, Justin Bloch purchased a property for its location, not for the low-slung 1950s structure set deep into the lot. "I figured I would develop the house or the lot and then sell it in a year or two," says Justin, who moved into the house to get a sense of how it worked on the site. But he became so captivated by the building's ideal orientation that he decided not to tear it down and instead joined forces with an architectural team to do a complete remodel for himself.

Critical to the renovation was the addition of an upper level and a new main-level kitchen. At the end of a wide central hallway, the kitchen can be seen from the living room but is a distinct zone because it is bordered by the serving island and sleek columns. At the center is an island constructed of maple and topped with concrete, with a gracefully arcing raised breakfast bar made of tempered glass that seems to hover on a series of three curvy steely fins. "For me the island is one of the focal points of the house," the homeowner says, "so it had to be both elegant and functional."

The edgy nature of the culinary gathering place, with its stainless-steel cabinets and appliances and Peruvian walnut floors, coordinates with the updated architecture in the rest of the house, which showcases wood, metal, and glass elements. Steel I-beams wrap the kitchen like industrial crown molding to further define the space. **DK**

The concrete-topped maple island houses the sink, with its restaurant-style faucet. Walnut floors and cabinet accents take the edge off the abundance of steel.

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