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A showcase of the best in contemporary compact residential architecture. The world is becoming more urbanized and densely populated. There is a virtually inexhaustible demand that is pushing up housing prices. Urban land is more precious. As well, changes in family structure, more single-person households, a desire to save money, reduce our climate footprints and live more simply have made microdwellings the fastest growing type of residence. To be successful as an enjoyable living space, however, a microdwelling must synthesize the best of contemporary architecture: functionality, efficiency and sustainability. The inhabitants' current and potential needs must be reconciled with physical, legal and budget limitations. The aim is to create spaces that improve quality of life and

represent the resident's personality. *Houses and Apartments Under 1000 Square Feet* is a collection of more than 50 projects ranging from 215 to 958 square feet in size, along with a small selection of furniture. It aims to showcase the most significant examples of contemporary compact residential architecture. Each home is profiled over two to six photo-filled pages. Drawings include floor layouts, cutaways and landscaping plans. The houses and apartments are from around the world and represent a broad variety of architectural styles, functional applications, materials, natural environments and lifestyles. Due to the physical and budgetary limitations in this kind of house, one of the most important considerations is furniture, so a brief selection of furnishings has been included to complete this book. This is a stunning, cutting-edge source of inspiration and practical information for architects, designers, and homeowners.

Featuring examples from around the world, this book gives a tour of 30 residences that range in size from 258 square feet to 958 square feet... The colour photographs provide plenty of inspiration for anyone interested in a smaller living space. (Terry Peters North Shore News 2013-09-19) Increasing numbers of urban dwellers are living in homes that aren't large on space, but as two new books demonstrate, small can sometimes be incredibly big. The photo-filled paperbacks, both from Firefly Books, show that smaller homes can have a huge impact, both in function and in style. *Low Budget Tricks for Small Spaces* has 256 full-colour pages of creative design ideas for the space challenged.. *Houses and Apartments Under 1,000 Square Feet* is also richly illustrated, in this case, with colour photographs of over 50 residences from around the world, the smallest being just 258 square feet. (Barbara Gunn Vancouver Sunday Province 2010-10-13) Beautifully laid out and easy to read (and) support the hypothesis that living micro can be stylish... The ingenious decor ideas some people use to make their itty bitty spaces feel like home are truly inspirational. (Sarah Kelsey Calgary Herald 2014-05-16) About the Author Yuri Caravaca Gallardo is a journalist with interests in intercultural issues and East Asian Studies. He has a special interest in Japanese Arts and Architecture. He has lived in Japan and now lives and works in Barcelona. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.

Introduction The world is becoming a cluster of cities, where the bulk of the world's population and wealth are concentrated. This incessant agglomeration of individuals is creating a virtually inexhaustible demand for housing that is pushing up prices. This, together with associated phenomena such as individualism and changes in family structure, makes the microdwelling the fastest growing type of residence. If well planned, dense cities are more sustainable and efficient than sprawling cities, and the same can be said for housing. Indispensable to the city of the future, microdwellings synthesize the best of contemporary architecture: functionality, efficiency and the "less is more" philosophy of Mies van der Rohe. Like city planning, defining the space of a compact home demands the prioritization of its inhabitants' current and potential needs, reconciling these with physical, legal and budgetary limitations. The aim is to create spaces that improve quality of life and also represent the personalities of their inhabitants. To achieve this, minimalist solutions are used for open-plan areas in order to unify spaces with complementary functions; straight lines and pure forms predominate; structures are transparent or translucent so they can let in natural light; materials are used literally; and there is a preference for monochromatic schemes and light colors. This book is a collection of projects, ranging in size from 258 square feet to 958 square feet (20 meters squared to 89 meters squared). It does not claim to be an exhaustive list, but aims to showcase the most significant examples of contemporary compact residential architecture.