



A yet-to-be built California spec property, shown in a rendering, will have a cylindrical main house and a partially subterranean guesthouse. UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATES (RENDERING)

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A Former Banana Republic Exec's Latest Design: A \$12 Million Joshua Tree House

Omar Nobil and his fiancée, Erika Stahlman, are planning a three bedroom, roughly 3,200-square-foot home that will include custom-designed outfits

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The buyers of this California spec house won't have to pack much for stays at the yet-to-be-built home. Designed by a former fashion executive, the home's \$12 million price tag includes astronaut-inspired clothing for residents to wear.

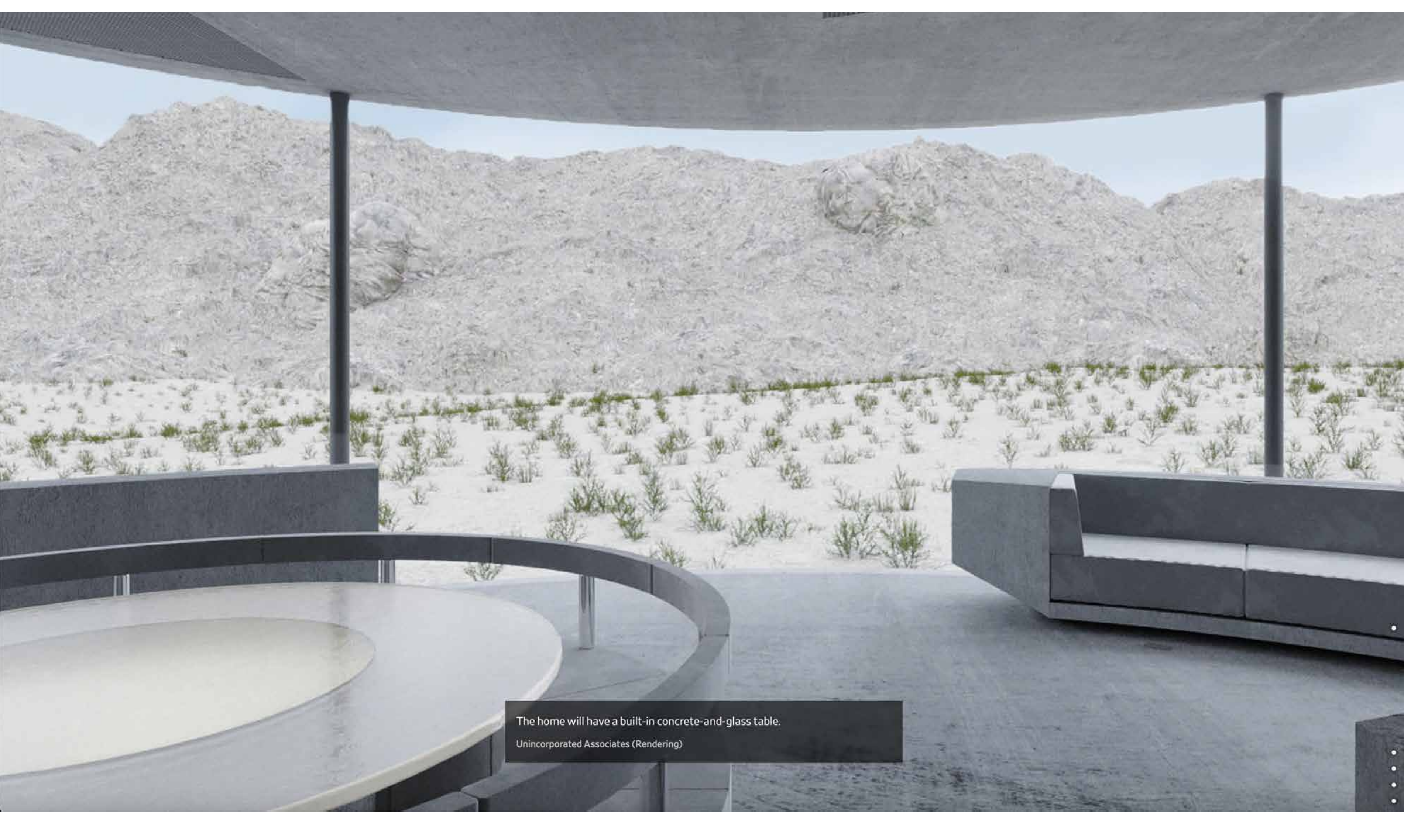
The Joshua Tree property was designed by Omar Nobil, former vice president of women's design at Banana Republic, and his fiancée, Erika Stahlman, who runs an eponymous design firm. Plans call for a three-bedroom, roughly 3,200-square-foot home made of concrete, with a guesthouse and an environmentally friendly mineral-water swimming pool.



Omar Nobil and Erika Stahlman in 2021.
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Located in the desert north of Joshua Tree National Park, the main house will be a cylindrical shape with two 180-foot-long windows, Ms. Stahlman said. The interior will have a concrete kitchen countertop, a built-in concrete-and-glass dining room table, and a plush, gray media room.

In the primary bedroom suite, a walk-in closet will be stocked with 21 outfits custom-designed for the buyer by Mr. Nobil and Ms. Stahlman, with some pieces created by London-based bespoke tailor Kathryn Sargent. From jumpsuits to metallic bathing suits, the astronaut-esque clothing is intended to incite "an explorative state of mind" and create an immersive experience, Mr. Nobil explained. Donning the clothes "makes you feel committed to the feelings we're trying to create," he said. "You will immediately feel more removed from daily reality and commit to the experience of being there."



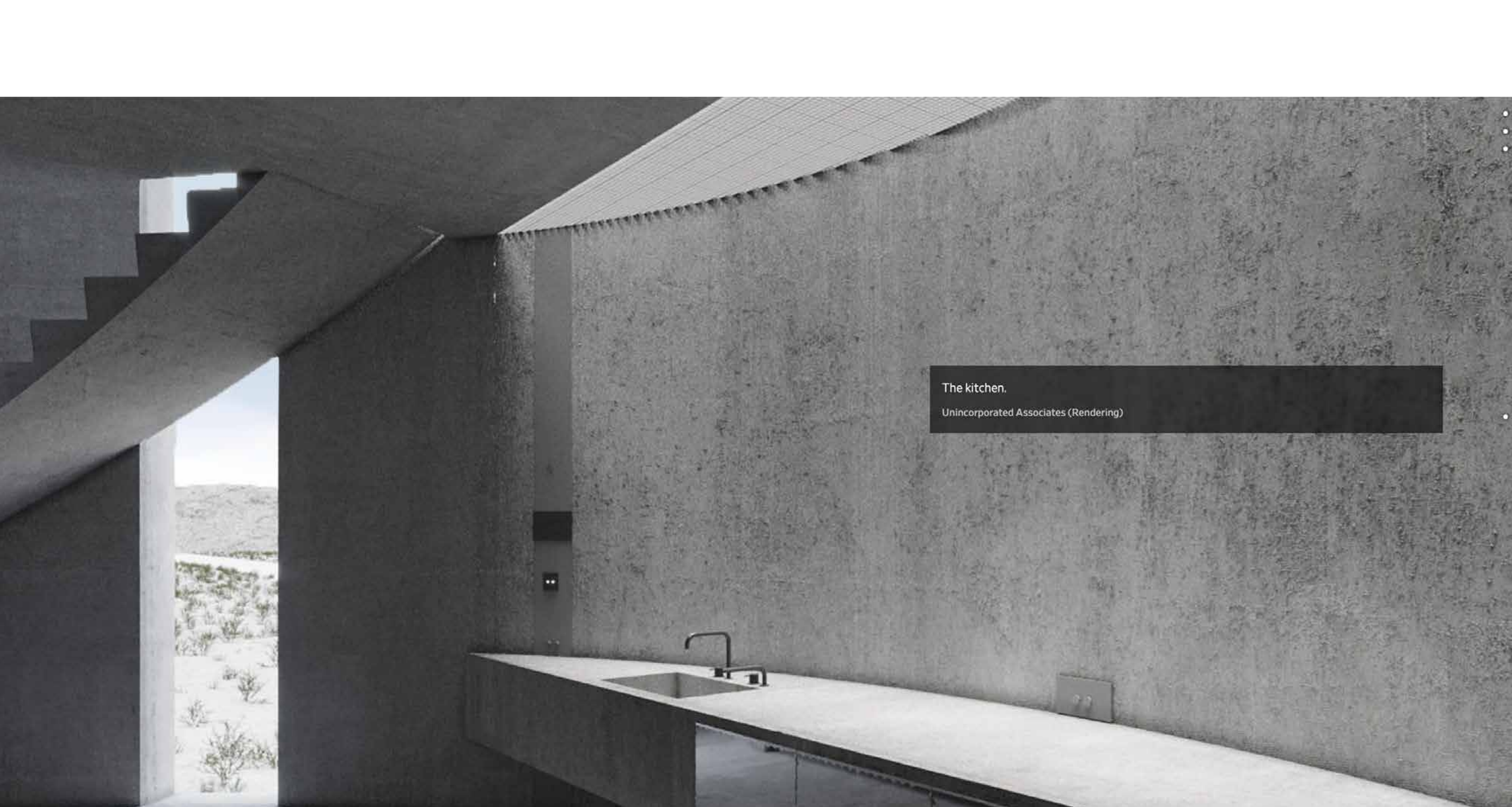
The home will have a built-in concrete-and-glass table.
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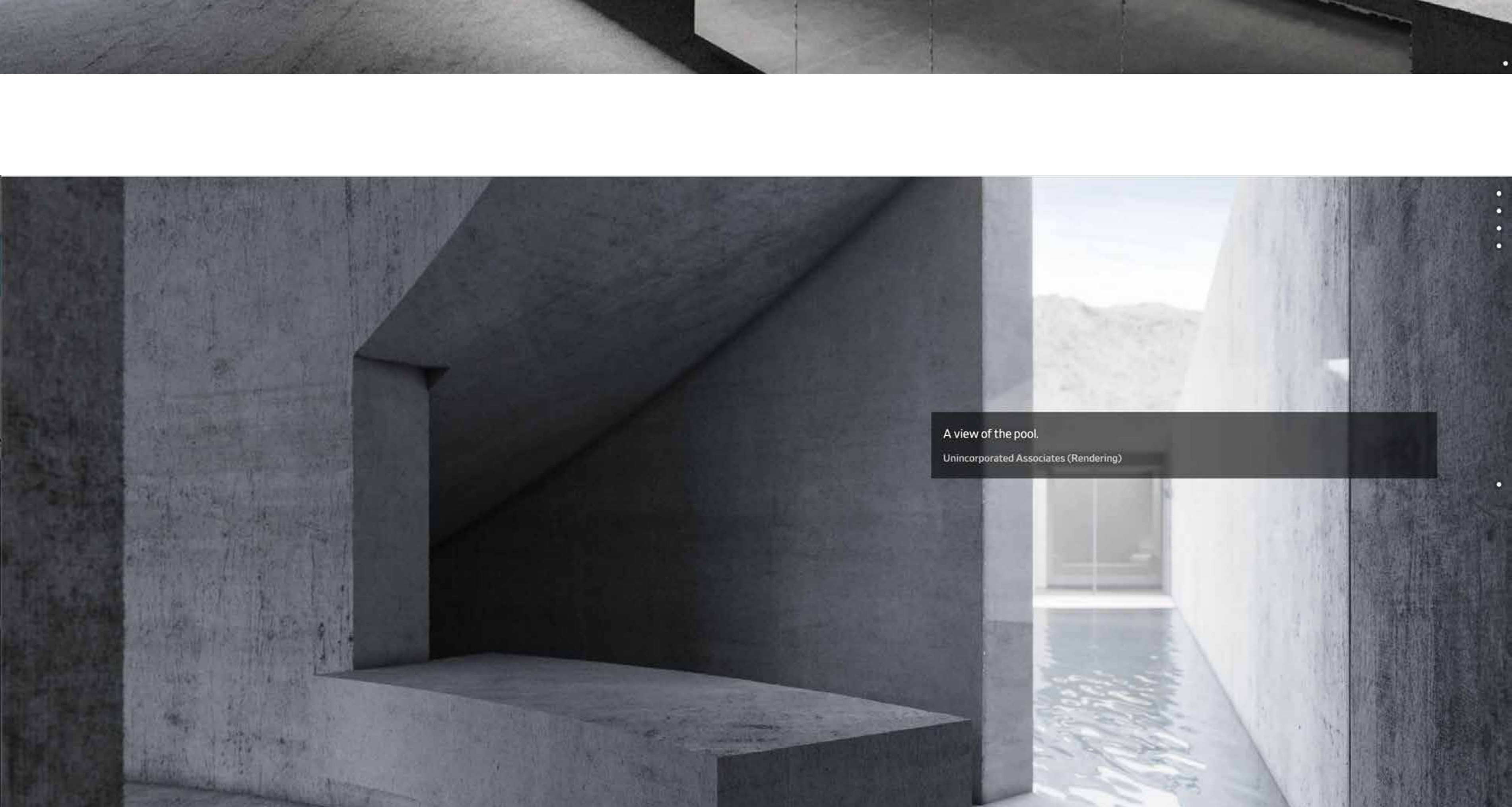
Made primarily of concrete, the house will have two 180-foot-long windows.
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A bedroom.
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The kitchen.
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A view of the pool.
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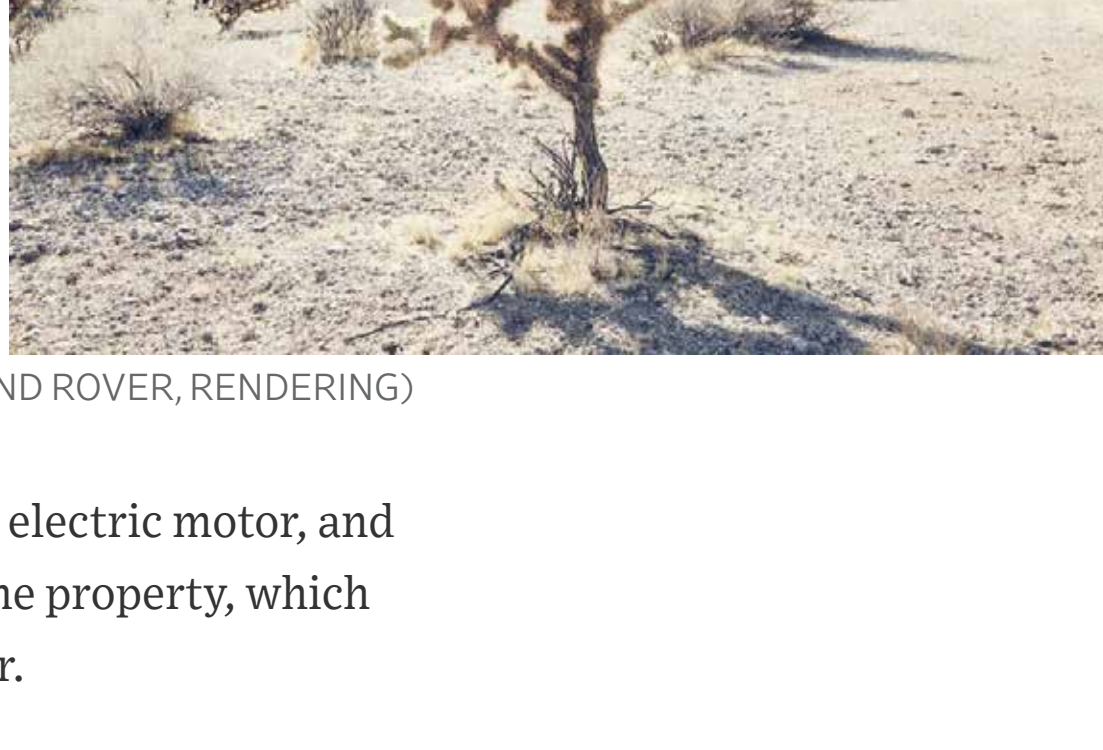
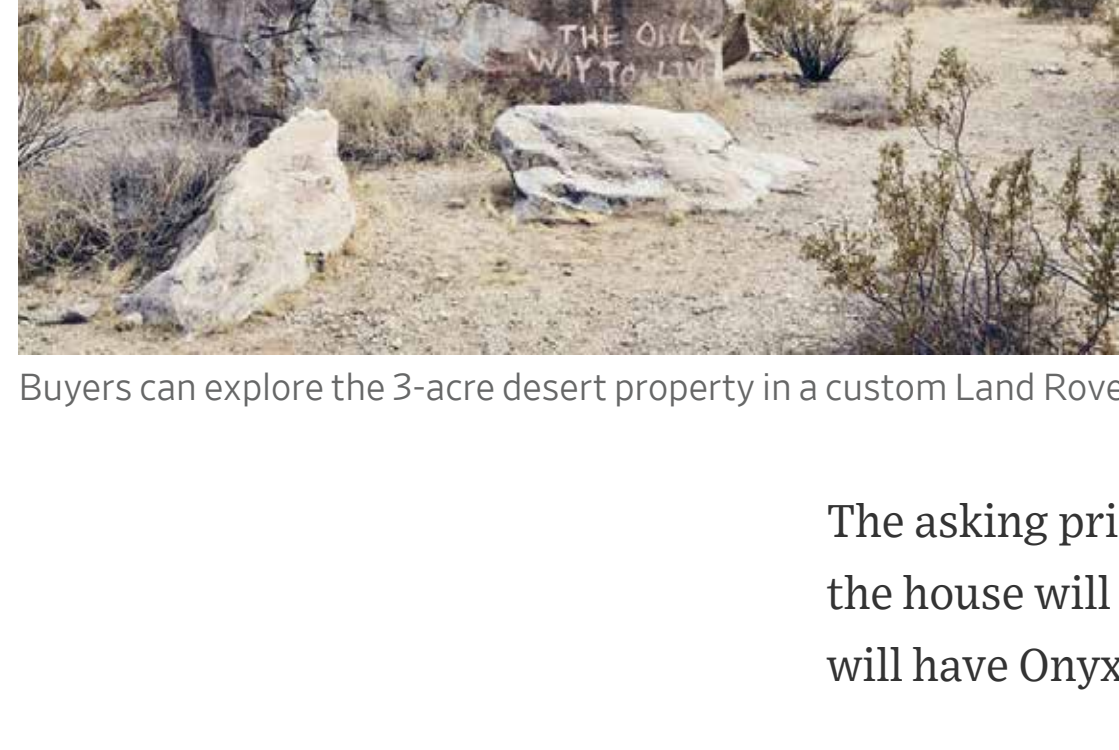
The home comes with clothing custom-designed to incite an "explorative state of mind."

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"The healing energy of the desert is unmistakable," said Ms. Stahlman.

They chose concrete as the primary building material for its aesthetic and durability, she said. Construction costs are slated to total about \$10.24 million, they said.

The pool uses minerals including sodium chloride, magnesium chloride and borates instead of chlorine to reduce environmental impact. The grounds, which have mountain views, will have minimal landscaping. "It is important not to affect the environment and let wildlife and plant life be," Ms. Stahlman said. "We want to watch and experience life with nature that is naturally there."



Buyers can explore the 3-acre desert property in a custom Land Rover. PHOTOS: BLAINE DAVIS(2); UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATES (LAND ROVER, RENDERING)

The asking price also includes a custom Land Rover retrofitted with an electric motor, and the house will have two electric-car charging stations. Mr. Nobil said the property, which will have Onyx solar panels, will generate \$11,000 of solar energy a year.

Construction will begin after finding a buyer and will take about 12 to 15 months, said Mr. Nobil.

Mr. Nobil worked at Banana Republic for almost 15 years before leaving to work full-time on development projects with Ms. Stahlman.

The property is being sold off-market, Ms. Stahlman said, but real-estate agents Katharina Trappe of Keller Williams NYC and Benjamin Teper of The Agency will assist in marketing it.

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