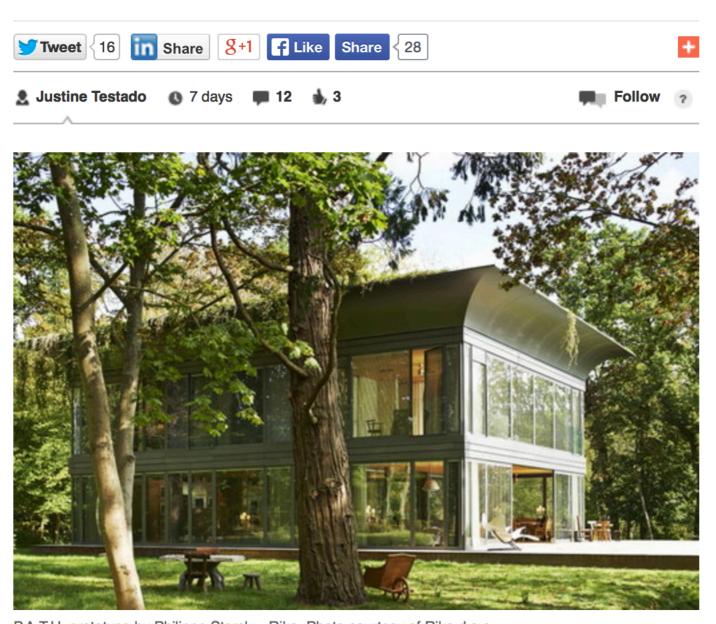
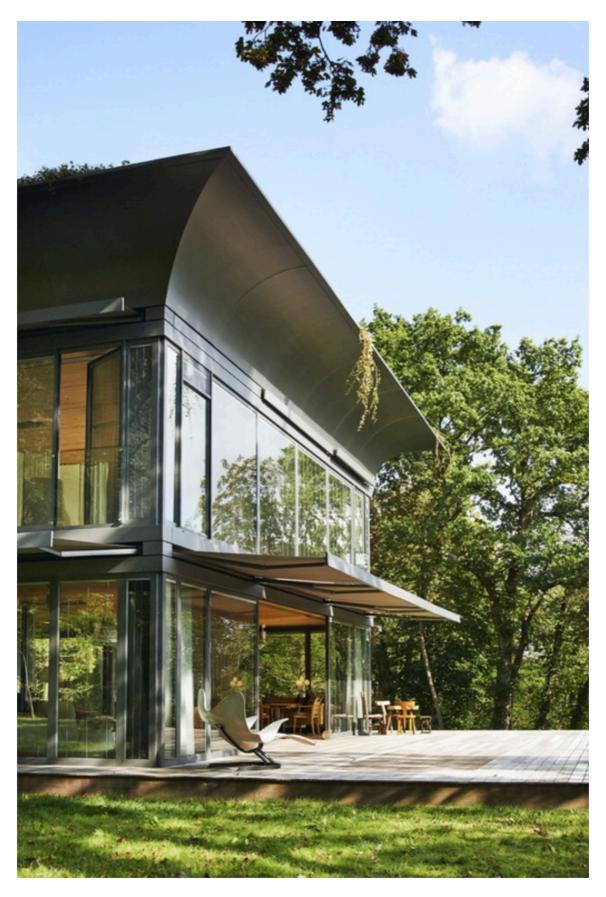
Philippe Starck + Riko realizes first prototype of custom ecoprefab house



P.A.T.H. prototype by Philippe Starck + Riko. Photo courtesy of Riko d.o.o.

First launched in 2013 after years of technological development and collaboration, French designer Philippe Starck and Slovenian wooden prefab building company Riko released the second generation of their customizable Prefabricated Accessible Technological Homes (P.A.T.H.) to the global market just this month. The first P.A.T.H prototype was also recently realized in Montfort, France.



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Perhaps the most interesting, if not highly marketable, feature of these prefab homes is the variety of mix-and-match design options that cater to homeowners' individual needs and aesthetic preferences. For starters, P.A.T.H. includes 4 models: two single-story residential homes, one double-story house, and a family of supplementary units intended as a garage or garden studio.



Each house is also available in three combinations of glass and/or wooden structures along with several styles of roofs. Adding to that, homeowners can pick from 34 different floor plans — which range from 140 m2 to 350 m2 — and can have 1 to 8 bedrooms. Interior finishes and fixtures can also be customized.





Another point that Starck + Riko want to highlight with P.A.T.H. is the accessibility and affordability of their homes. Prices range from €2,500 to €4,500 per square meter depending on the client's choices. Once a house is ordered, the designers state it will take less than 6 months to deliver the turnkey house to the owners.