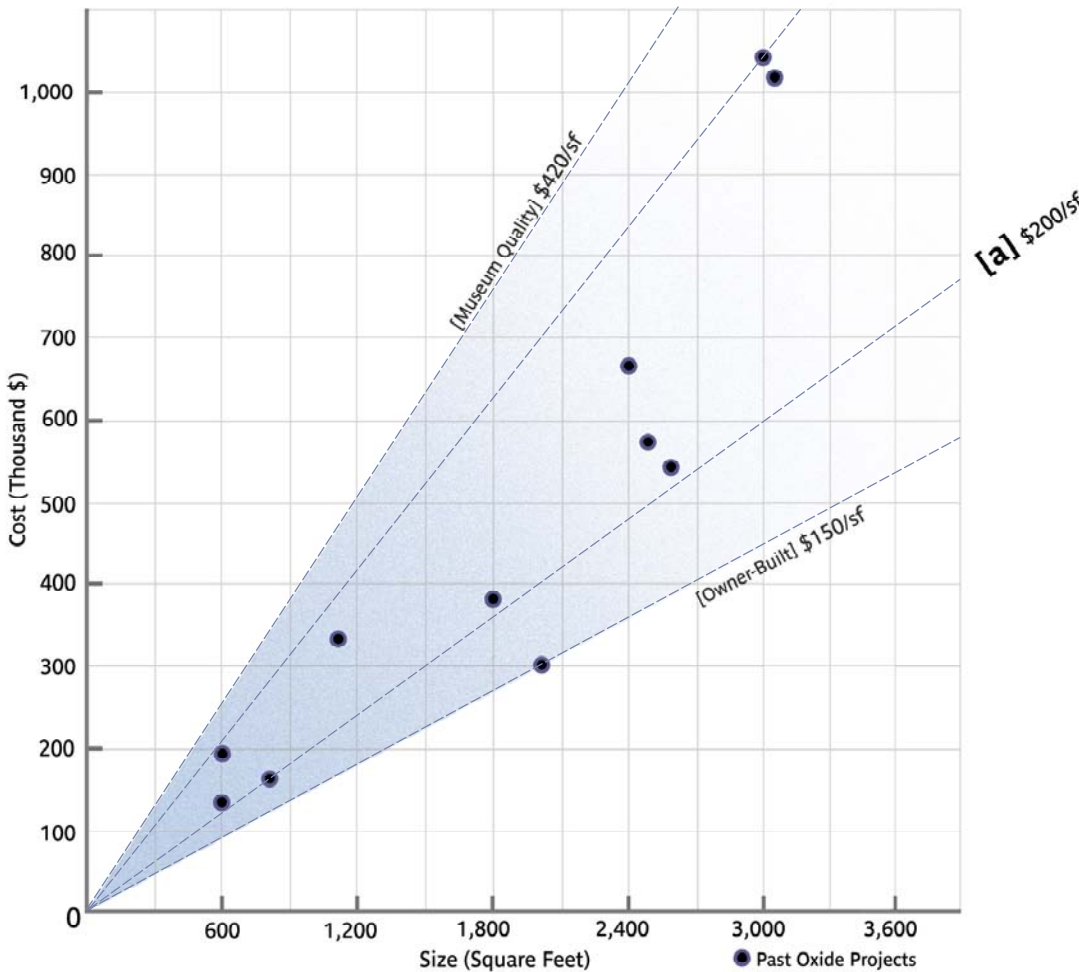


3 The Cost of an Architect-Built Home

Early in the architectural process, Oxide transitions from rough estimates, based on area alone, to better estimates based on more trade-specific scope. Well before construction begins, these estimates will provide you with the information that you need to make key decisions determining your home's value and cost. The following charts, based on past Oxide projects, provide preliminary insight regarding how **size x quality = cost**. When evaluating other published data, please remember to compare projects of similar quality and note hidden costs.

[a] \$200/sf Architect-Builder Process
 Significant, Thoughtful Design
 Natural Light and Materials
 Large Glass Openings
 Outdoor Living Spaces

[b] \$350/sf More Integrated and Unique Fixtures
 More Steel, Wood, and Casework
 Pool and Garden Walls/Spaces
 More Unique Roof/Wall Forms
 Greater Perimeter to Area Ratio



Category	Cost (\$)	Quality Level
Exterior Finishes	20	Variable Costs
Fixtures/Appliances	9	Variable Costs
Interior Finishes/Cabinetry	36	Variable Costs
Thermal/Energy	20	Variable Costs
Landscape/Sitework	4	Variable Costs
General Conditions	12	Fixed Costs
Structure	28	Fixed Costs
Plumbing/Electrical	8	Fixed Costs
Miscellaneous/Contingency	13	Fixed Costs
Contractor's Fee	32	Fixed Costs
Architect's Fee	18	Fixed Costs
Total	\$200/sf	\$350/sf
	[a]	[b]

Sample Cost Breakdown Per Sq. Ft. for a New Home

The cost difference between a \$200/sf home and a \$350/sf home is largely reflected in more numerous and upgraded fixtures, finishes, and built-in cabinets.

