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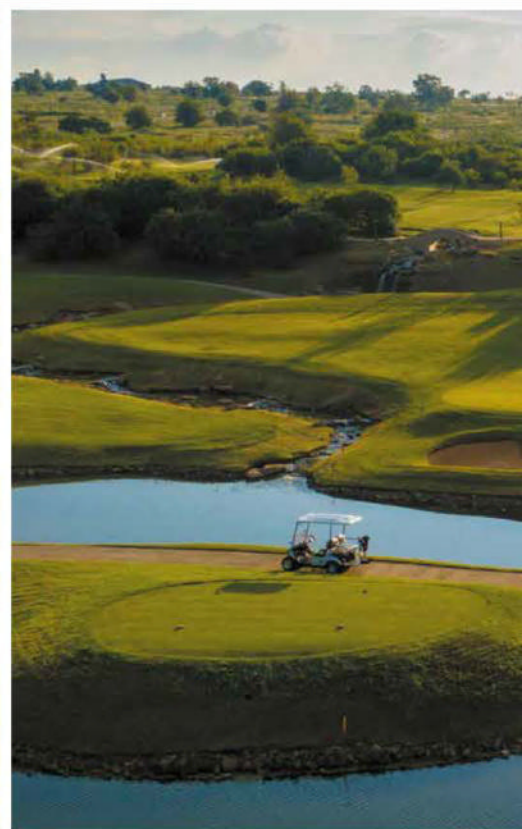
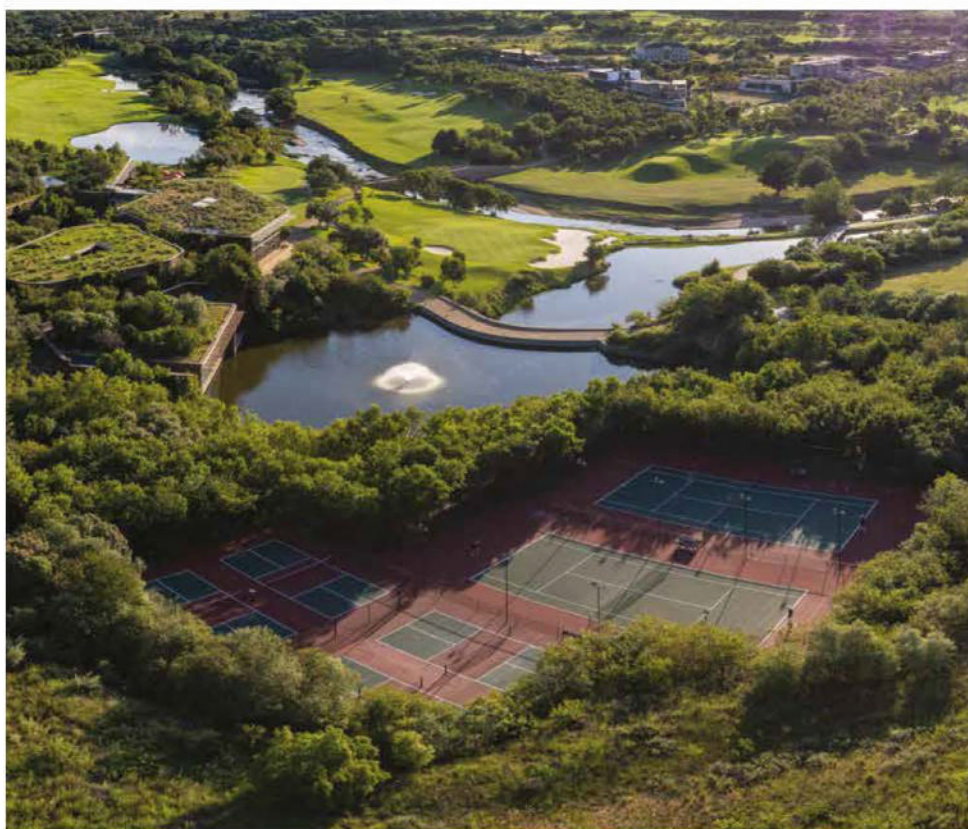
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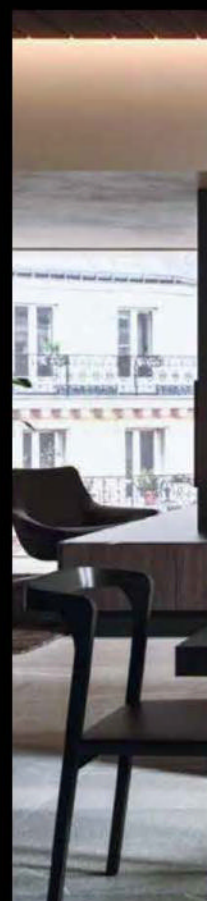
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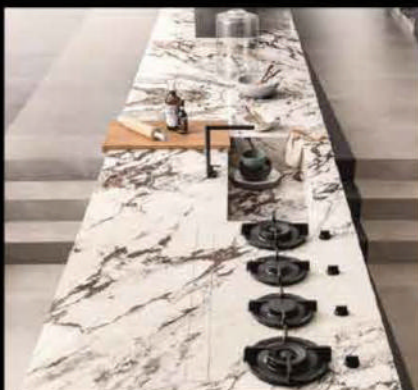
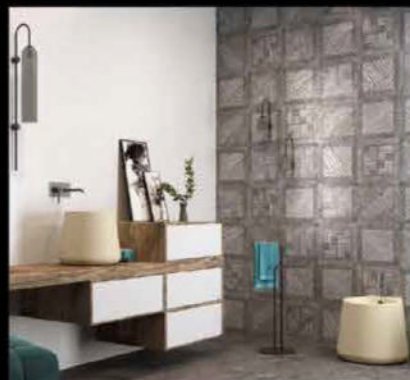




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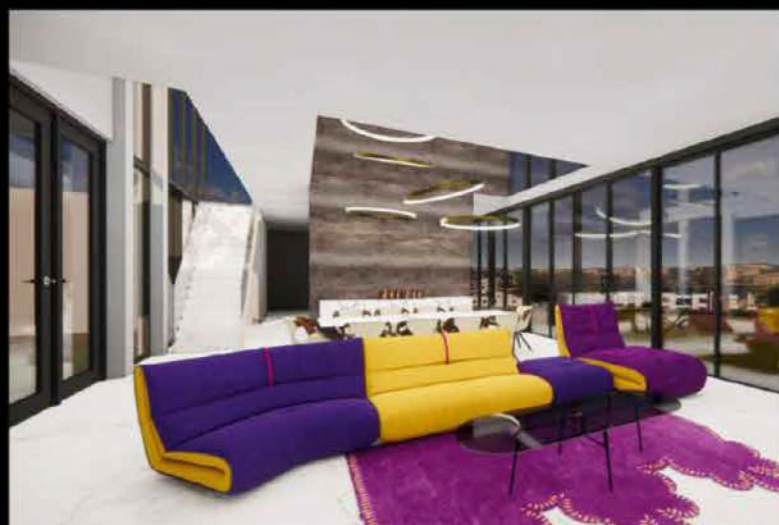
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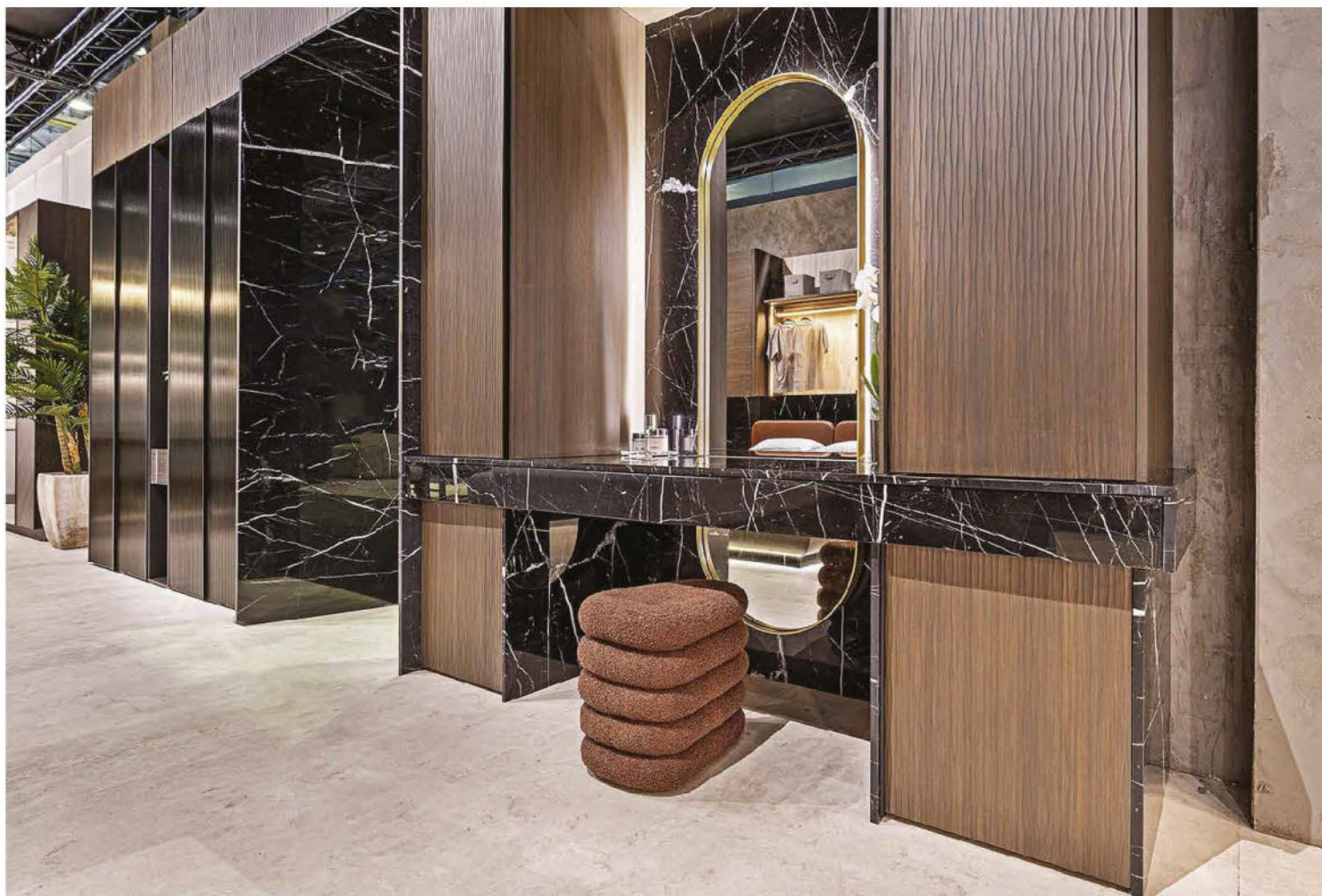
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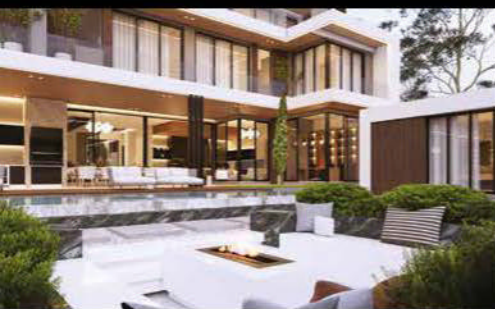
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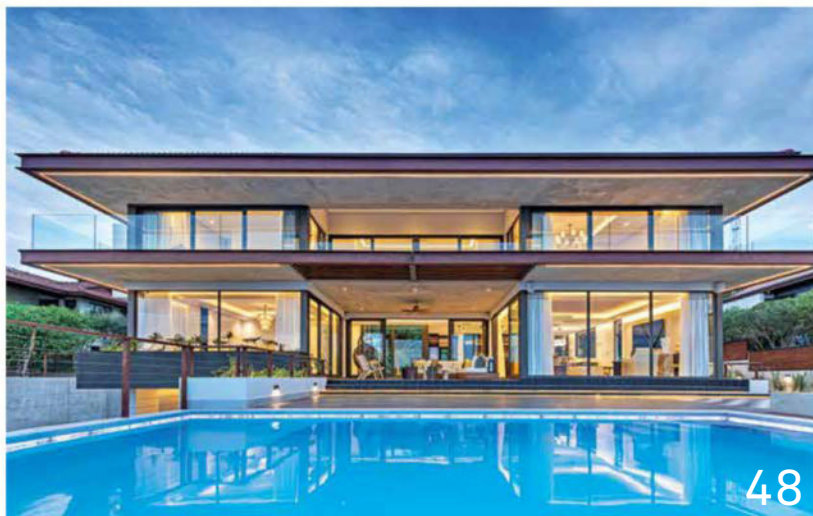




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## FROM THE EDITOR

### EFFORTLESS LIVING

The vibrant months of summer see design inspiration blooming everywhere in this issue. From the heart of the home to the garden, we look at textures, technologies and trends that are reshaping the way we live, one space at a time.

In the kitchen, cabinetry is no longer just about storage; it's a statement. On page 114, we explore the latest materials that are redefining both aesthetics and durability as we learn more about finishes and sustainable materials that marry style with a conscience. Our bathrooms, too, are getting smarter and high-tech toilets are making waves with features that elevate hygiene and comfort – you can read all about these smart options on page 130. We turn the spotlight on unique materials making their mark on page 136. Whether you're renovating or refreshing, these materials bring character and originality to any space while also considering the environment. Doors are often the unsung heroes of home design, and on page 150, Gina Hartoog brings you door options that go beyond function. Outside, it's time to prep for alfresco living, so Lisa Witepski shares expert advice on getting your garden ready for summer – you can find this feature on page 154.

Finally, if you are in the Johannesburg area, the Kramerville Design District is a must-visit. In this issue, we have compiled a special area feature, starting on page 91, which delves into the creative energy and design talent concentrated in this hub. Here you will find showrooms, studios and shops that offer endless inspiration for your next home project.

Enjoy this issue!

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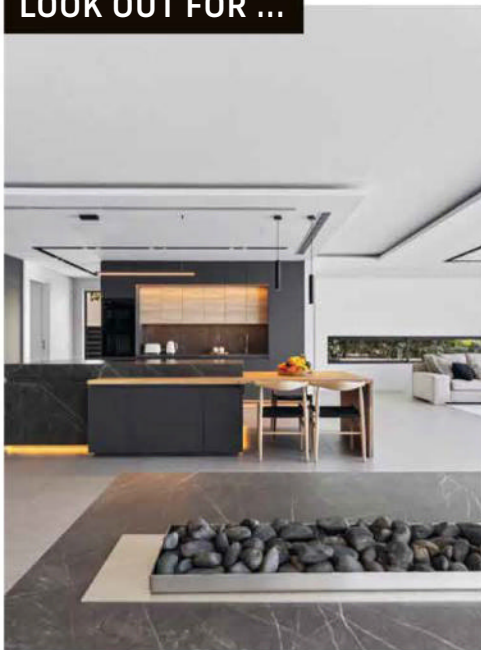


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#### *Coming up in December 2025/January 2026*

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#### LOOK OUT FOR ...



▲ The latest materials in kitchen cabinetry. – page 114



▲ Let the world slip away while you relax on this comfy sofa. – page 148



▲ Make a statement with this jungle-inspired table lamp. – page 38



▲ Now you can cut and wedge potatoes with ease. – page 125



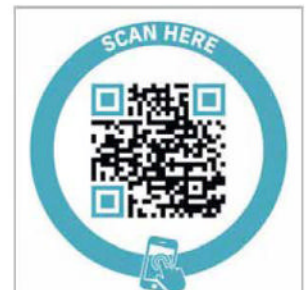
◀ Door handles bring their own sense of charm. – page 153



▲ This bread bin comes with a lid that doubles as a cutting board. – page 125



◀ A sideboard is the ideal functional and decorative piece. – page 158



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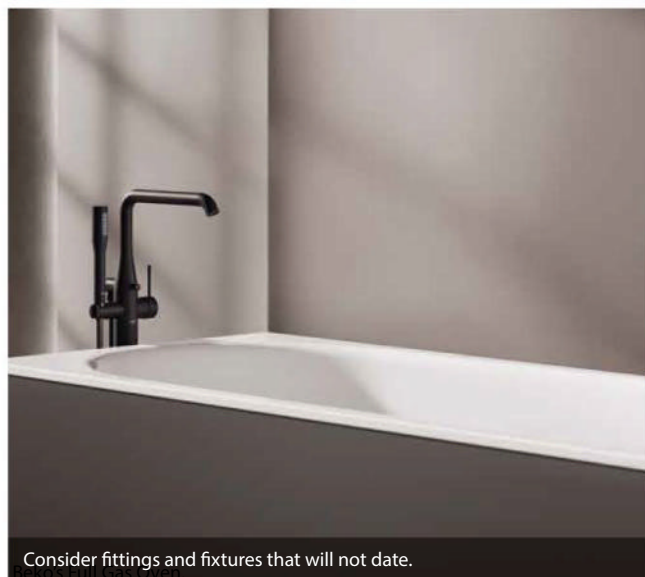
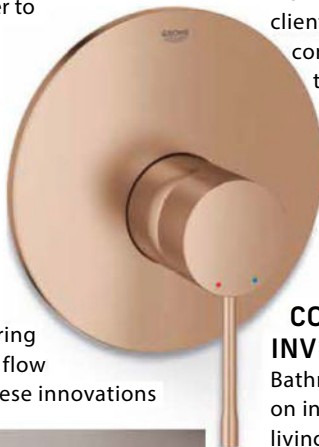
**C**reating a luxury bathroom is about more than adding high-end finishes; it's about making smart choices that combine beauty, comfort and functionality within a realistic budget. With the right planning, home owners can invest in features that bring daily enjoyment while adding long-term value to their property.

### FUNCTIONALITY FIRST

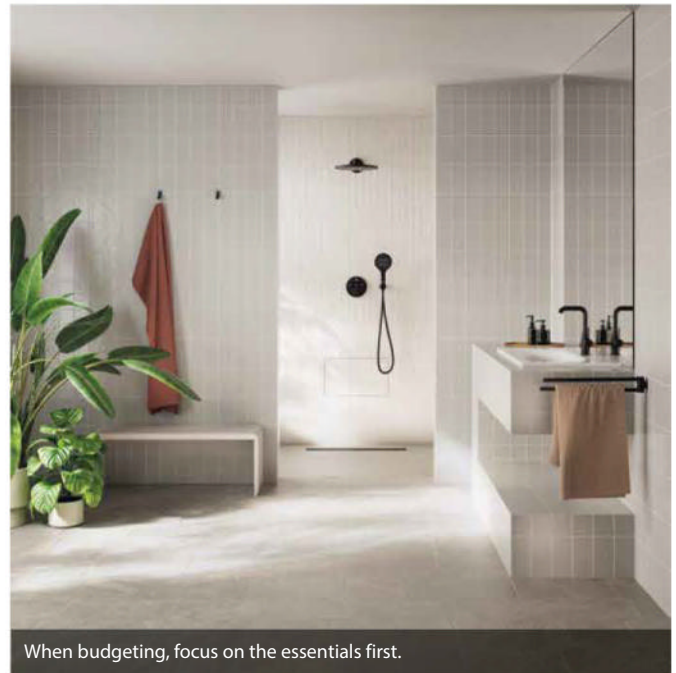
When budgeting, it makes sense to splurge on the elements you use every day – faucets, showers and flushing systems. GROHE's concealed in-wall products, for example, create a seamless, minimalist aesthetic while saving space and ensuring durability. Tiles and countertops are also worth a higher allocation, as they define the room's visual impact. By contrast, accessories and décor pieces can be scaled back since they are easier to refresh over time.

### TIMELESSNESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Colours are increasingly defining modern bathrooms. Matt black, brushed warm sunset and cool stainless steel finishes are highly desirable as they lend character and individuality while remaining timeless. Thermostatic shower systems are another worthwhile trend, offering precision control of water temperature and flow for a truly indulgent yet safe experience. These innovations



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When budgeting, focus on the essentials first.

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### CONSIDER THE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT

Bathrooms consistently deliver a strong return on investment, both financially and in daily living. Concealed in-wall solutions and premium thermostatic showers not only elevate design, but also improve functionality, making them attractive to future buyers. Investing in durable, easy-to-maintain finishes further enhances long-term value. Luxury doesn't always mean excess. Underfloor heating and integrated lighting enhance comfort, but smart water-saving systems provide luxury with responsibility. GROHE technologies that optimise water flow without compromising performance are a prime example: while the initial spend may be higher, the efficiency pays off in reduced utility bills over time.

### BALANCE INDULGENCE WITH PRACTICALITY

In essence, budgeting for a luxury bathroom means balancing indulgence and practicality. By focusing on premium finishes, concealed solutions and thermostatic shower technology, home owners can create a space that feels indulgent today and remains a valuable investment for years to come. 🏡

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**T**he modern kitchen has evolved beyond a mere space for food preparation. It is a showcase of lifestyle, technology and personal values. For discerning clients, this now includes a growing demand for environmental responsibility. The question is, how do luxury kitchens, with their emphasis on opulence, truly balance this with a commitment to the planet?

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The luxury kitchen offers quality, durability and a positive impact.

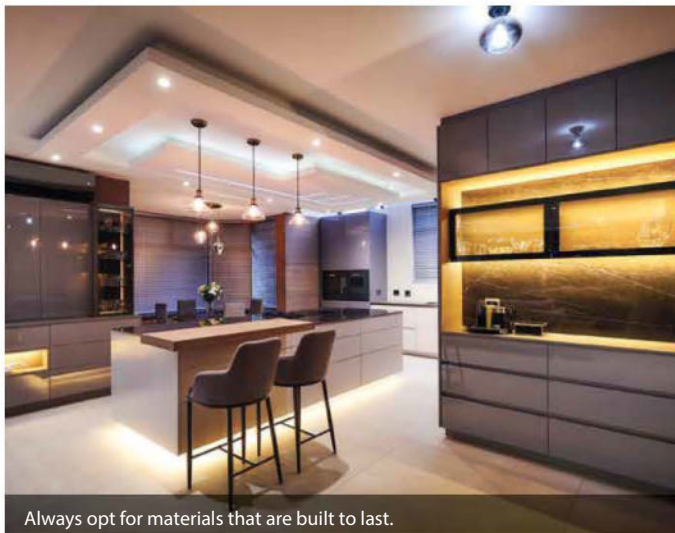
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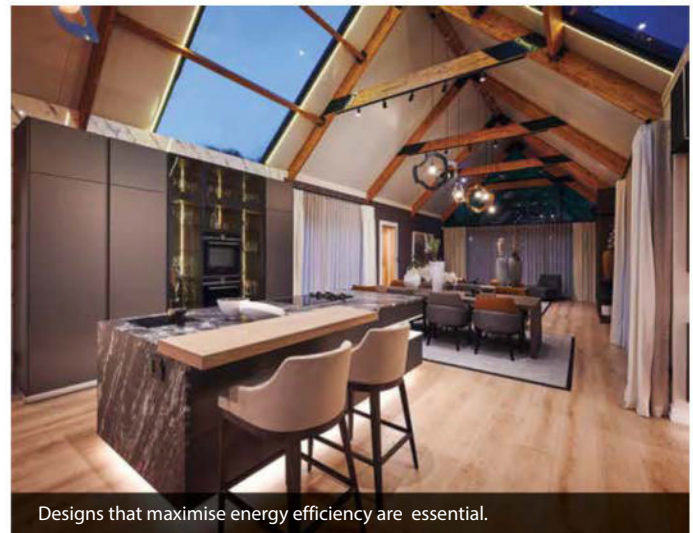
### ENERGY EFFICIENCY THROUGHOUT

Beyond materials, a luxurious and eco-conscious kitchen is a living, breathing system. Home owners can further reduce their environmental impact by incorporating energy-efficient appliances, which are significantly more efficient than gas. Smart technology, such as touchless faucets and boiling water taps, can also save water and energy. Finally, the design itself can promote sustainability by maximising natural light and creating efficient layouts that reduce wasted movement and energy consumption. It is this thoughtful blend of exquisite design and conscious choices that defines the new standard for luxury in the South African home – something we are proud to champion. 🏡

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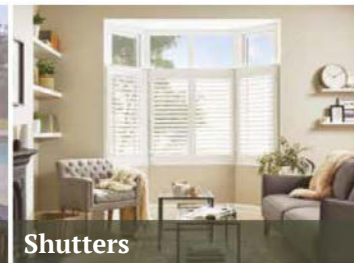
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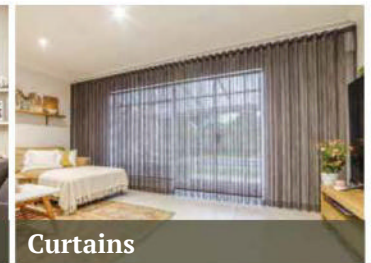
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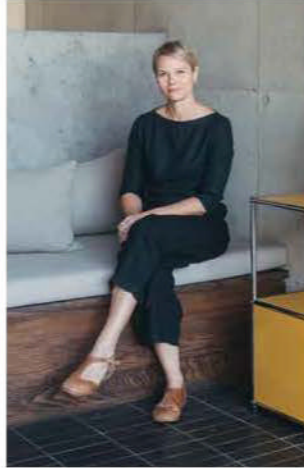


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Shereen Lurie meets  
SA's leading creatives

## LISA TWYMAN DESIGNER

**W**ith a background in psychology and a diploma in interior design, Lisa Twyman brings a unique blend of insight and creativity to her work, approaching spaces and people with sensitivity and intuition. Since its founding in 2007, her studio has been built on the foundations of relationship-building, integrity and professionalism. It aims to engender connection, both between people and between people and the spaces they inhabit.



**As a creative,** I believe in the power of design to enhance people's lives and in the idea that a rigorous process leads to the best results. Every project is different, but the theory and principles of good design remain the same.

**I would articulate my design style as** sensitive and balanced, and probably more in the modern and minimalist aesthetic. The Bauhaus movement and the mid-century modern style influence me. It's really about understanding the DNA of the project and letting it be what it needs to be.

**My background in psychology** gives me the ability to tap into connection, both with clients and the needs of the project. I believe this background also directs my studio's emphasis on relationship-building and the joy of having happy clients.

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with design and creation. The process of product design is actually very different from the process of interior design, so I like to play in both these realms.

**I work with local artisans only** as I feel an ethical leaning towards supporting the South African economy rather than a foreign one. Local skills need to be supported so they can survive.

**My hopes for the evolution of my studio** include growing my team and being involved in projects where design and people's wellbeing intersect, such as the healthcare industry and the workplace.

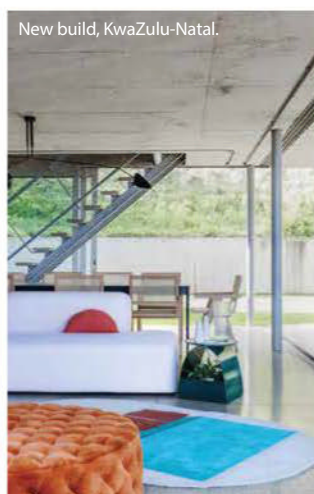
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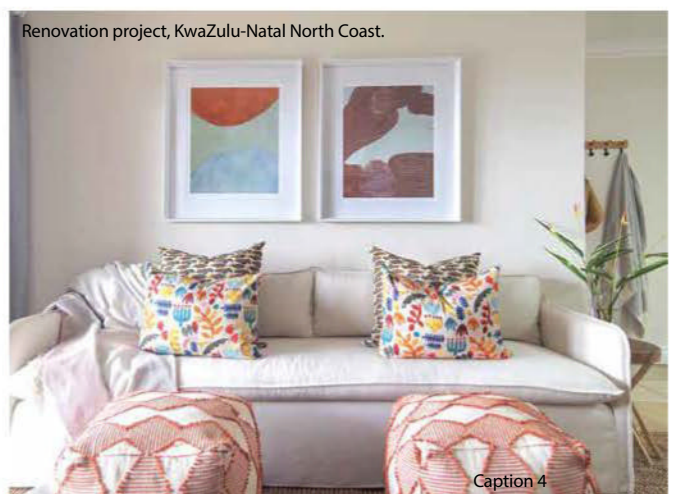
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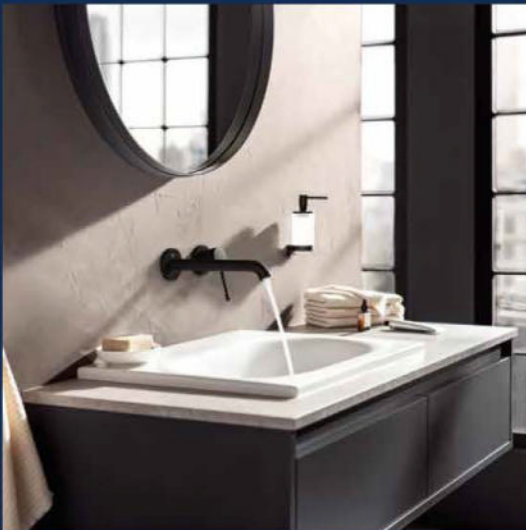
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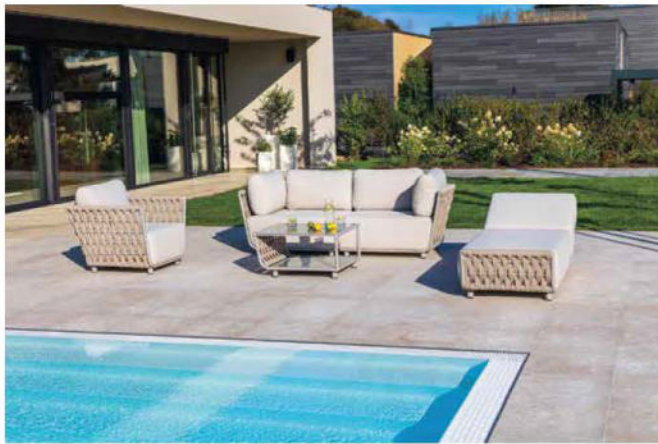
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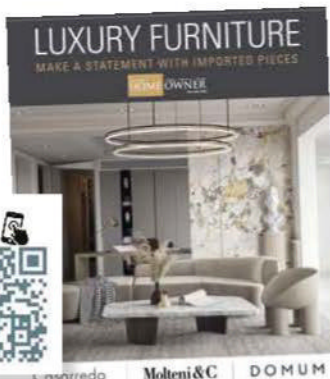
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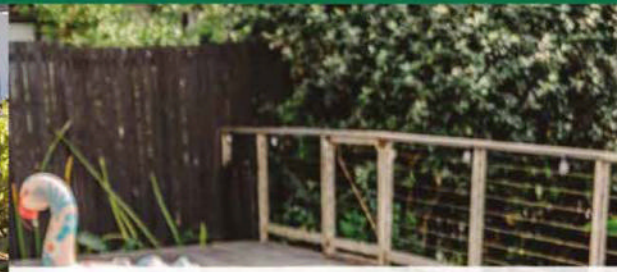
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#### **WOLFAARD PROJECTS 078 478 0092**

**Wolfaard Projects** specialises in all types of structural work and steel fabrication. For this home, the company installed the upright X15 steel supports for the concrete slabs, the wood and steel fencing, the decking around the boma and pool area, the handrails inside and outside the home and the pool area, and fabricated and installed the gate.

#### **JRD CONTRACTORS 083 462 5193**

As the main contractor for this unique home, **JRD Contractors** set out to create a residence that exudes a modern quality in an understated yet elegant way. Exposed concrete, wood and cement-based materials and finishes feature throughout, giving the property an organic feel, while structural steel, fibre cement structures and texturised paint come together to achieve the desired look and feel. **JRD Contractors** offers a range of services, from complete building works to design and advice on finishes.







THE KITCHEN STUDIO 031 584 7788



**ABOVE:** This stylish kitchen ticks all the boxes when it comes to being on-trend. The slatted island, which includes pitt cookers installed directly on it, is a standout feature. Created by **The Kitchen Studio**, this culinary space features a sleek, dark and modern look with contrasting accents of gold, providing a designer finish. Rehau Moro matt acrylic, black P4 frames with classic grey glass and Eucalyptus Moka textured boards were used for the cabinetry while the island features an Xtone Liam Dark worktop.

Inspired by the elegance, warmth and luxury of some of South Africa's iconic hotels, namely The Oyster Box and The Twelve Apostles, this property showcases luxury living, right down to the smallest details. According to the owners, they wanted to bring that same sense of refined comfort and timeless style these celebrated hotels offer into every corner of their home. By working with a selection of service providers, the end result exceeded expectations. The owner recalls that the design of the property stemmed from maximising the view. This became central in the creation of the residence, and to get the most of the picture-perfect surrounding landscape, massive panes of glass were incorporated into the home. This allows the outside to remain in focus and also ensures the ideal climate inside, whether in summer or winter.

The owner mentions a few distinct features – the atrium, kitchen and the outdoor pool and patio. “The atrium not only invites in the natural light, but also creates a sense of space and calm. The kitchen, together with the atrium, is the centre focus of the home with its designer look and seamless layout, and my favourite space – the patio and pool area – is where we unwind, entertain and soak in the beauty of our surroundings,” says the owner. >





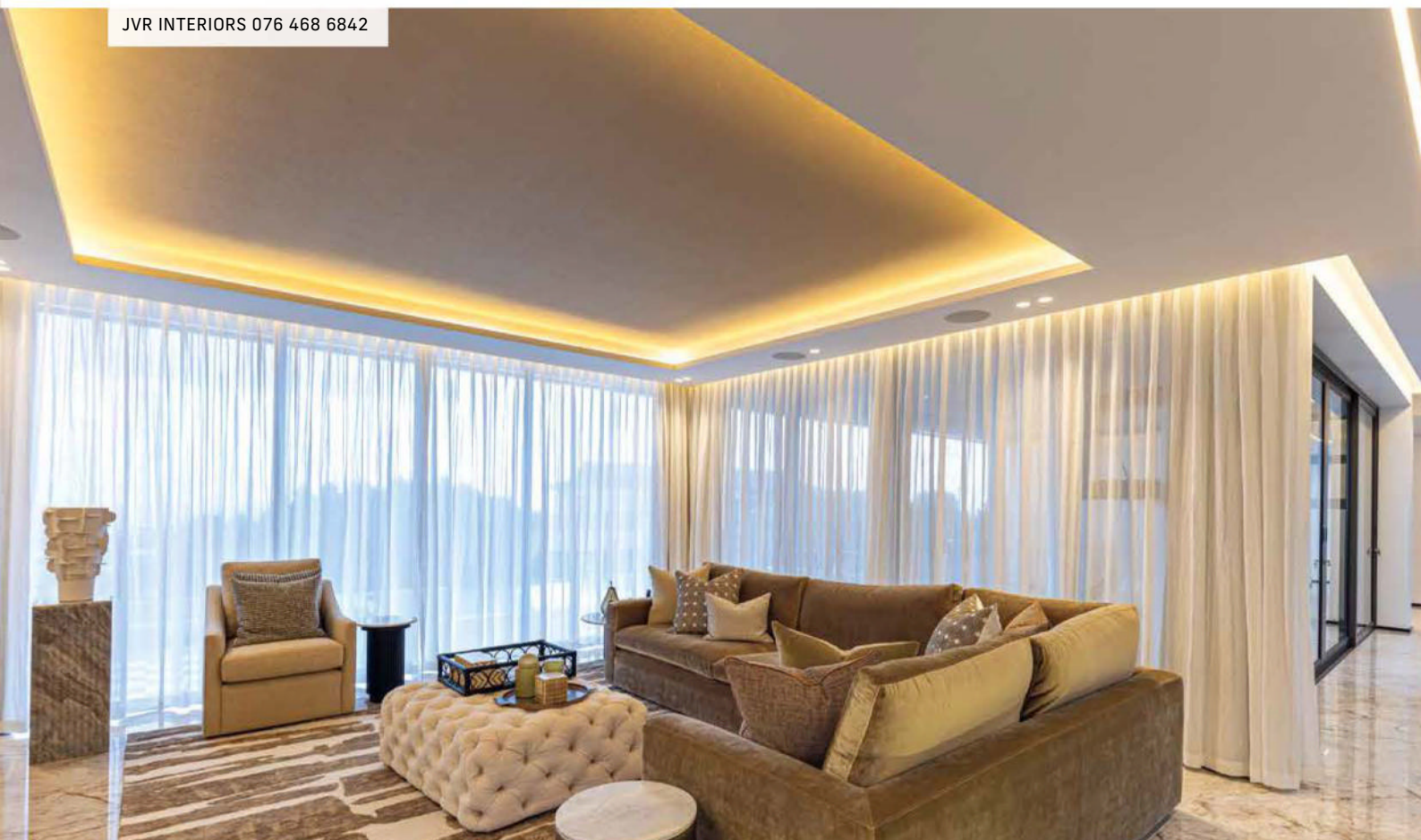


MOVE ELEVATORS 071 137 6761

**BELOW: JvR Interiors** is a Durban-based company specialising in designer ceilings and drywall art (feature walls) for upmarket residential and commercial projects. Established in 2007, **JvR Interiors** is widely known as the go-to for detailed ceiling work that requires maximum precision. **JvR Interiors** designed and carried out all the ceiling work in this exclusive home.

**ABOVE:** For hassle-free mobility, this impressive home was fitted with an elevator from **Move Elevators**. The company is a leader in manufacturing, installing and servicing elevators for the residential and commercial markets. **Move Elevators'** vision is to give people the freedom to connect and thrive in a taller, faster and smarter world.

JVR INTERIORS 076 468 6842





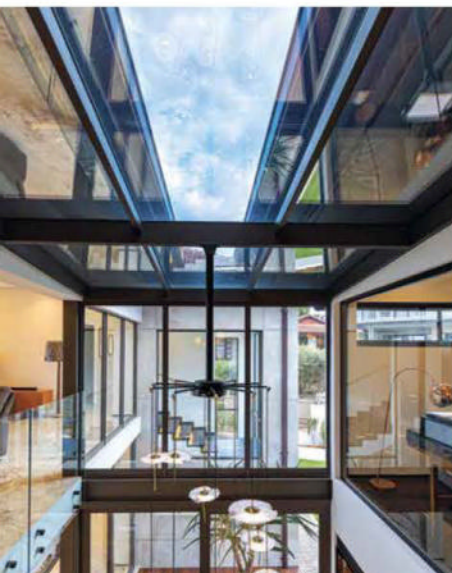


NATHAN FRANCIS ARCHITECTS 079 037 9821

In terms of the layout of the sprawling property, the ground floor serves as a welcoming entrance point. The first floor has been cleverly divided by the atrium, creating a sense of symmetry and flow. The second floor contains the main living area, which has been designed as open-plan, allowing for comfortable living and easy entertaining.

The interiors were treated with a focus on elegance and luxury while ensuring they remain warm and liveable. Every detail, from the lighting to the finishes, was selected to reflect a cohesive and refined look. >

**ABOVE:** Appointed as the architects for this property, **Nathan Francis Architects** merged contemporary and Balinese influences within the estate's ethos. The design maximises framed ocean views, creates secure outdoor entertaining spaces and introduces a bright atrium and kitchen with skylight for light-filled, family-oriented living. **Nathan Francis Architects** specialises in designing upmarket residential, commercial and public buildings.



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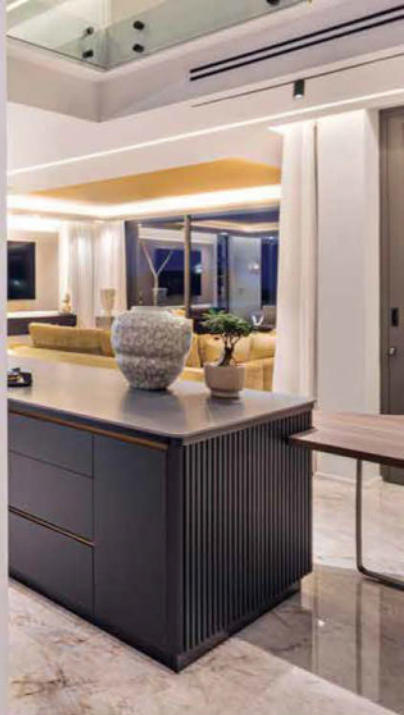


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KZN HOME AUTOMATION 073 502 5366

**BELOW: KB Kitchens & Interiors** specialises in bespoke cabinetry, crafting tailored solutions for kitchens, bedrooms, bars, studies and bathroom vanities. Complementing this, the team curates finishing touches – from handpicked tiles and wall coverings to lighting design. In this home, creative freedom allowed for bold use of colour, texture and pattern, resulting in striking statement cabinetry throughout.

**ABOVE: KZN Home Automation** is a premium smart home automation and security company based in Durban. The company's mission is to help home owners stop managing their homes and start living in them. With just one touch, you can dim the lights, play music, turn up the heat, lock the door and activate the security system.



KB KITCHENS & INTERIORS 060 976 0918

With the owner understanding what it is to go on a home-building journey, she offers these words of advice: "If you are considering building your dream home, surround yourself with an exceptional team. A good builder, a reliable quantity surveyor, a skilled architect and, most importantly, a great project manager. Our project manager proved to be our best investment, steering the project with expertise and care." 🏡

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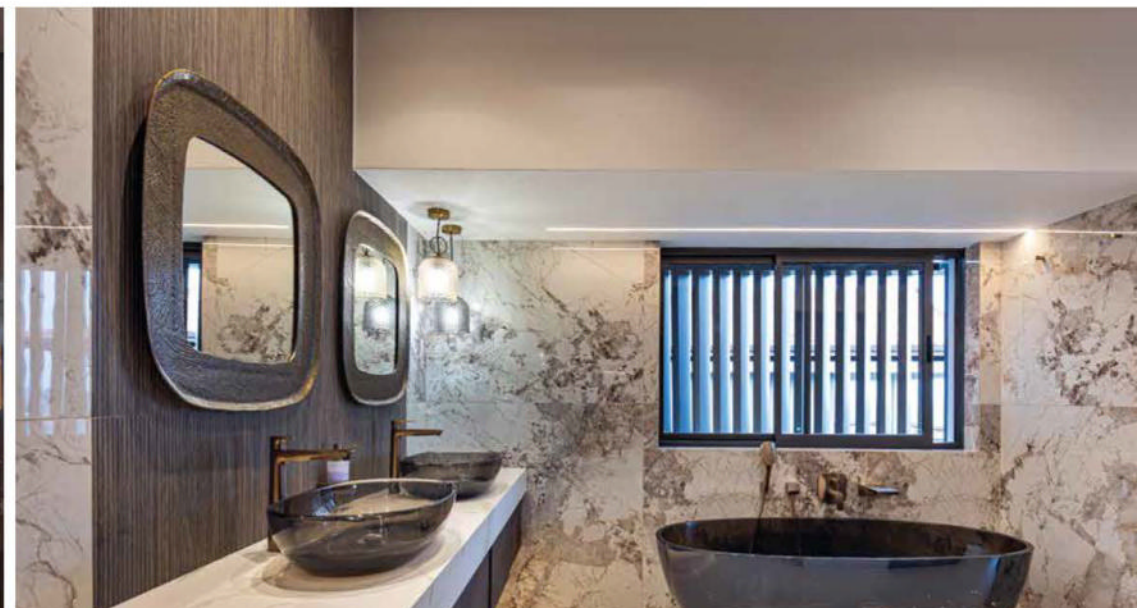




OGGIE FLOORING 021 510 2846

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**ABOVE: Oggie Oak** planks were used for the bedroom, enhancing the serene and luxurious appeal of the room. The wood chosen was the **Oggie Oak** Crudo Rustic 190mm wide and 1900mm long planks, finished with a WOCA Denmark UV oil. The wooden floor provides a calm palette that complements the soft tones in the bedroom. **Oggie** has showrooms in Paarden Eiland, Parkhurst and Umhlanga Village.





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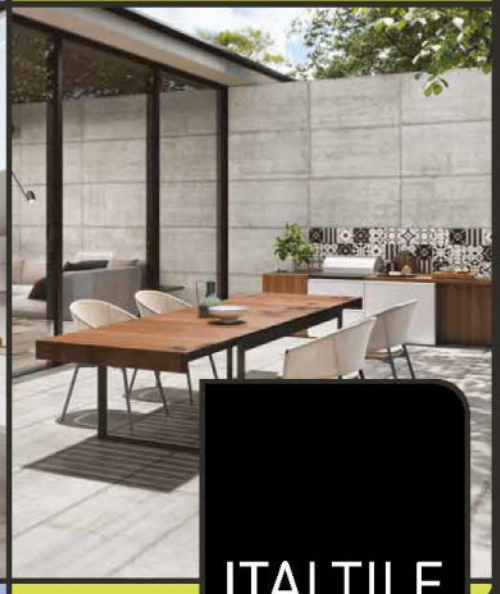
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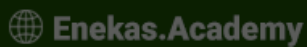
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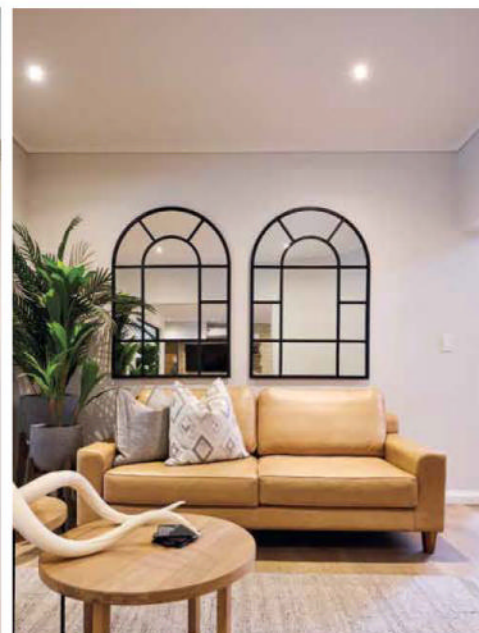


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**BELOW: Ligna Kitchens** offers specialist advice, professional workmanship and the highest level of product excellence to create unique designs. In this home, the company created a wine storage/display area, ingeniously utilising the space. **Ligna Kitchens** also manufactured the kitchen and scullery, bathroom vanities, walk-in wardrobe, bedroom wardrobes, shelving and the outdoor patio kitchen.

This beautifully designed residence effortlessly combines modern farmhouse charm with elegant touches, resulting in a warm and welcoming haven ideal for family gatherings and relaxed entertaining. This was the overarching goal when it came to crafting this beloved dwelling – over and above everything else, it needed to >

LIGNA KITCHENS 082 321 1443

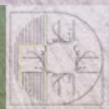


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**ABOVE:** The Curve Wood Stove from **Infiniti Fires** has convection cooling on its sides to reduce surface temperature, allowing it to be touched safely. The wood being burned creates less atmospheric pollution than if it had decomposed in a forest, making this unit an eco-friendly option. The stove also has a log storage feature and a slide-out table for easy use.

"In keeping with the brief, every detail throughout the property was considered to foster connection and joy, creating a home that is not just beautiful, but also full of life."







be designed with family in mind. In keeping with the brief, every detail throughout the property was considered to foster connection and joy, creating a home that is not just beautiful, but also full of life. The property is a place where family bonds are strengthened and friendships are nurtured, all while surrounded by comfort and warmth.

The open-plan home offers a living area that feels light and airy – it is here where the kitchen, dining and lounge area blend seamlessly. With big windows that let in natural light, there is a sense of freshness and an invitation to linger here a bit longer. It is no wonder this space is considered the hub of the home, making it the ideal area where this family spends

time together and where guests are hosted with ease and in comfort. Extending the focus on family to the outside, the property also has a playful outdoor area, which is a dream for the children – a sparkling pool allows for endless time splashing about and truly enjoying the essence of childhood.

The interior of the home comes together with a selection of quality finishes. "Thoughtfully chosen paint colours – soft neutrals and warm earth tones – enhance the inviting feel throughout," explains the owner. Other standout features include finishes such as wood, elegant stone and luxurious fabrics, which were all selected to add depth and sophistication. The property also offers a selection of curated

lighting fixtures, which accentuate the ambience of the home and cast a welcoming glow. The interior style is warm, relaxed and can be likened to modern farm-style, perfect for easy living. The interior



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mixes comfy, warm touches with clean modern lines. It is a laid-back, cosy style that is best for everyday life and gathering with loved ones.

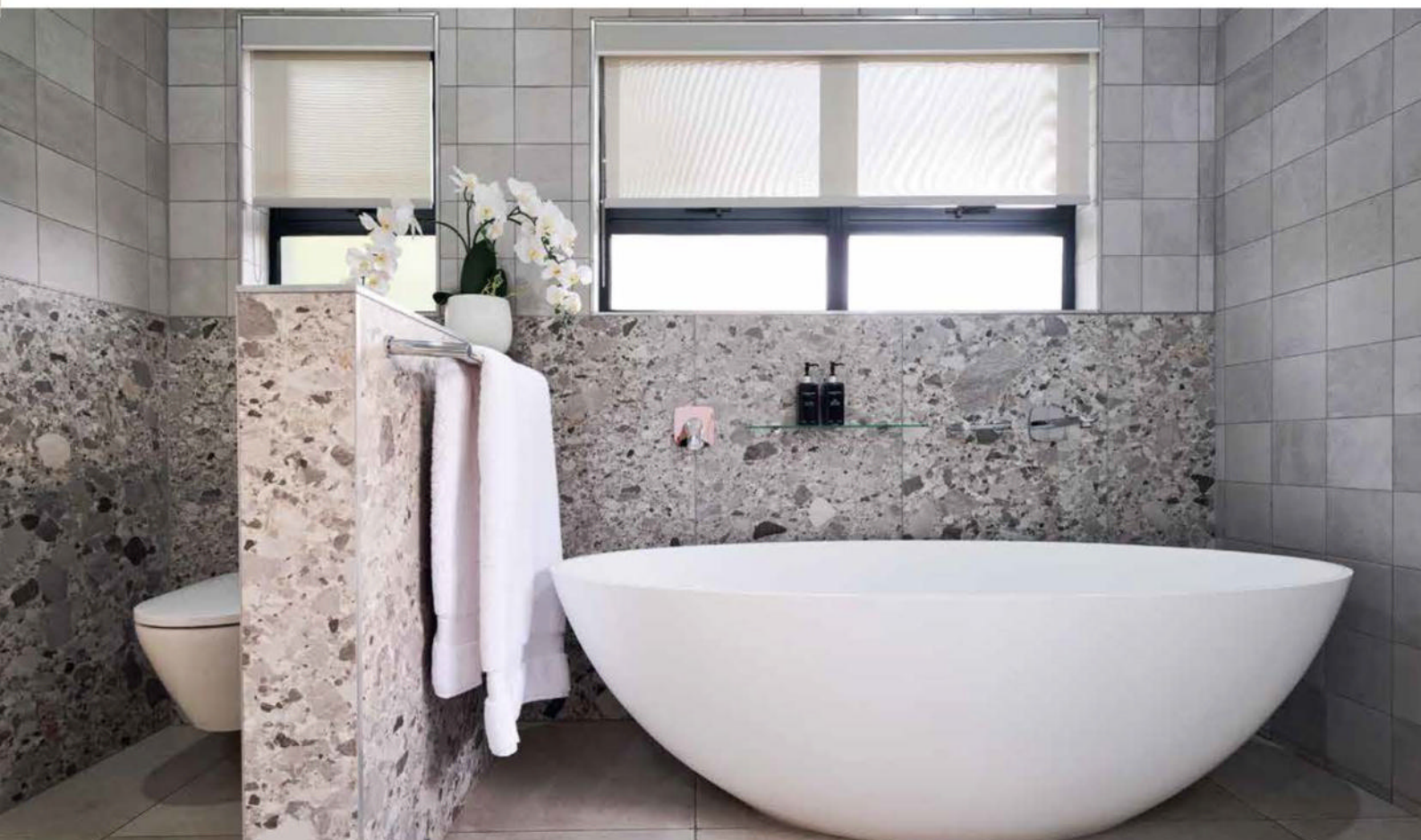
With its natural touches and considered design and details, this home, according to the owner, is "designed for living, laughing and making cherished moments together". 🏡

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**SA Stone Studio** imports premium large-format porcelain slabs from Italy. Its expertise lies in providing innovative, durable and elegant surface solutions for kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, cladding and bespoke design applications. LEVEL Macchia Vecchia porcelain slabs were selected for areas throughout the apartment.

**SA Stone Studio** collaborated with the design team to ensure material availability and provide technical support to bring the vision to life.



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BLACK PEARL INTERIORS 073 197 1233



**ABOVE: Black Pearl Interiors** was responsible for designing the apartment's interior, a refined, luxe space comfortable enough for everyday living and relaxation.

**Black Pearl Interiors** selected neutrals like soft greys, beiges and creams, with natural wood tones for subtle contrasts introduced through the darker timber elements in the home. The design's clean, modern lines express strength, softness and refined comfort.

The interior design of this Cape Town apartment is described as modern contemporary, with organic luxe elements. The home owner's brief for a "luxurious yet liveable space" was effectively executed by the design team.

"The home owner wanted an interior that balances clean modern lines with organic, tactile materials," explains the interior designer. "We chose neutral tones to dominate the space and brought soft blues and greens into the guest bedrooms to bring balance to the modern, luxury space." >

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"It feels both elevated and liveable, designed with a meticulous eye for detail, yet welcoming enough for everyday use." – the home owner

**BELOW:** **Oggie Oak** planks were used for this remarkable apartment. The wood chosen was **Oggie Oak Crudo Rustic** 260mm wide and 2200mm long, finished with a Greymist White UV oil. The selected floor provided a contemporary palette that complemented the tones in the home. All the oak planks are finished with WOCA Denmark UV oil. **Oggie** has showrooms in Paarden Eiland, Parkhurst and Umhlanga Village.

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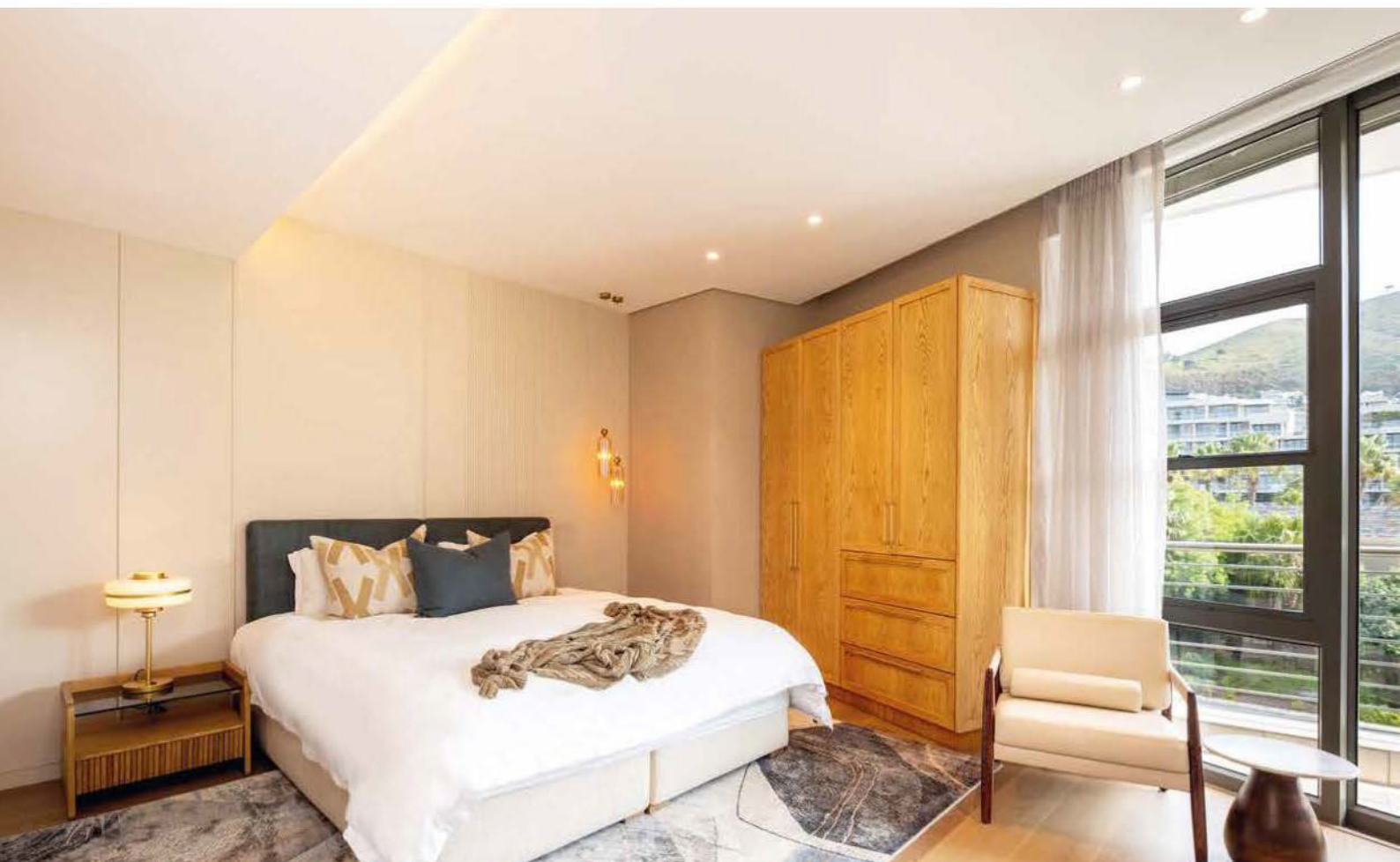






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The home owner describes the apartment's interior styling as refined comfort. "It feels both elevated and liveable, designed with a meticulous eye for detail, yet welcoming enough for everyday use," he says.>





### MIXX CEMENT AND STYLE 081 329 2773

**Mixx Cement and Style** specialises in premium cement wall and floor coatings that combine aesthetics with functionality. For this apartment, the home owner requested a sleek, contemporary finish with a seamless, designer edge. Black Pearl Interiors advised on **Mixx Cement and Style's** wall coatings to achieve this sophisticated aesthetic. Designer Wall Plaster in Vouge Green was chosen for the bathroom, adding rich depth, and Outdoor Plaster, often used indoors for its lovely texture, was selected in Shadow. The coatings were beautifully applied by **Mixx Cement's** trusted application partner, Facilio. The simplicity of application, combined with the luxurious finish, made this project both effortless and exceptional.







The height and openness of the space are accentuated by the selection of low-profile furniture, creating an expansive feel. "The structured lines of the walls and ceiling also lent themselves well to the minimalist approach, and this made the arrangement open and inviting, ideal for both relaxation and entertaining," says the designer.

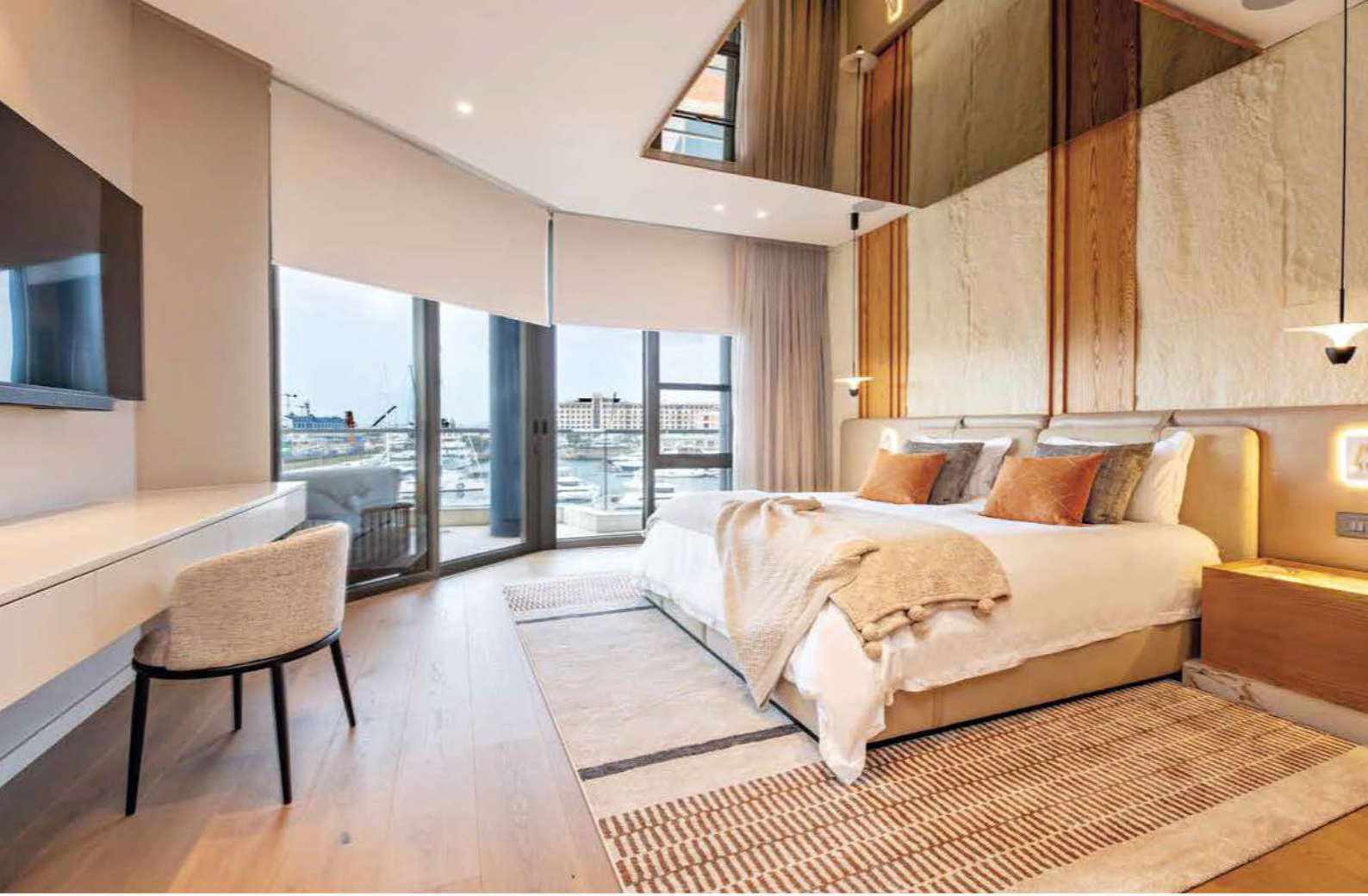


Dramatic veined porcelain was used in several areas in the home, including the audiovisual unit and the kitchen, creating statement pieces that lift the space and add a sense of opulence.

The main bedroom was one of the team's favourite rooms to design, and a personal space styled as a retreat for rest, relaxation and self-care for the owner. "We invested extra effort here,







“The main bedroom was one of the team’s favourite rooms to design.”

focusing on comfort, privacy and luxury touches, since it’s the one room that reflects the owner’s lifestyle.” His affinity for natural landscapes is mirrored in the use of earthy tones, wood panelling and stone textures.

The home owner gives the following advice to those planning a new build or renovation project: “Prioritise quality materials, timeless design and layouts that suit your lifestyle while planning realistically for budget, future needs and professional guidance to bring your vision to life.” 🏡

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# Sanctuary in NATURE

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LOCALE WITHOUT  
COMPROMISING LUXURY







"The open-plan spaces, use of natural materials and connection to the outdoors give it a laid-back yet sophisticated feel," – the architect

**F**ramed in the view and providing an eye-catching focal point as you enter this home is a majestic jackalberry tree. It's an instant connection between a carefully curated indoor sanctuary and the environment.

Located in a wildlife conservancy in Hoedspruit, Limpopo, the residence serves as a gathering space for local and international donors of a community development non-profit organisation and symbolises a safe and welcoming space for all involved, explains the home owner.

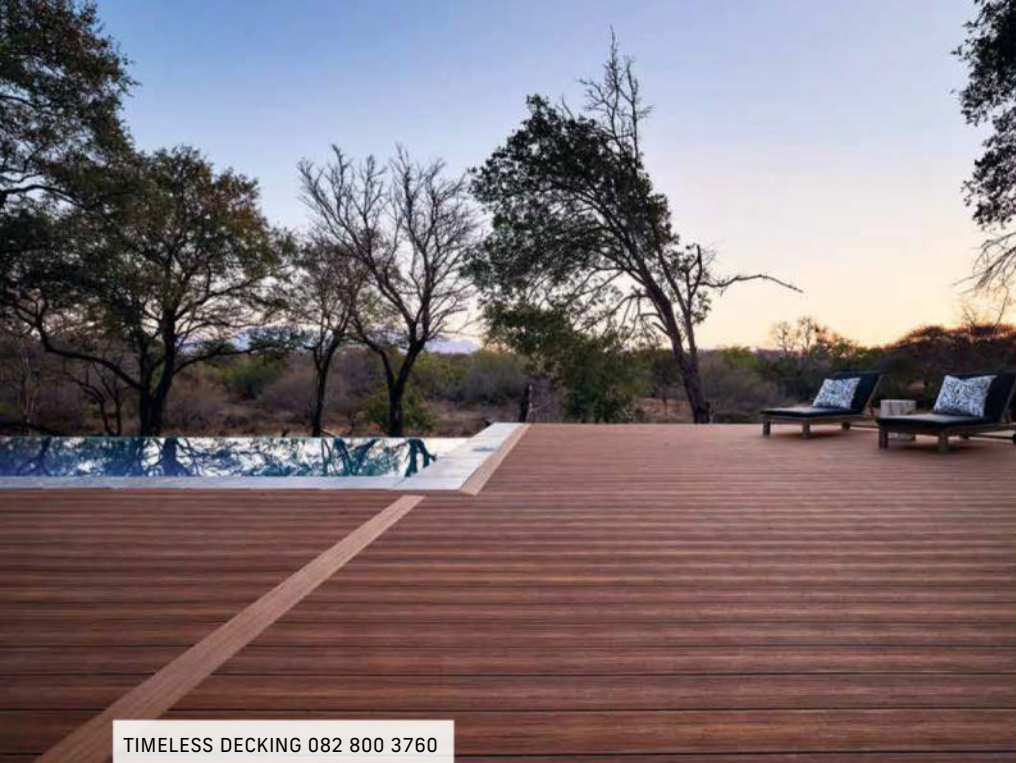
The entrance foyer serves as a central axis dividing the home into two main areas. To the north, the kitchen, dining and living areas flow out onto an entertainment deck. Four en suite bedrooms, each with access to a private patio, are located to the south.

The architect describes the home as a modern, relaxed safari style. "It strikes a balance between luxury and nature, offering comfort without compromising the essence of its surroundings," he explains. "The open-plan spaces, use of natural materials and connection to the outdoors give it a laid-back yet sophisticated feel."

The interior style is a blend of rustic and contemporary influences that are inspired by the property's location. "We focused on incorporating rich textures and neutral tones with elements of traditional safari design, ensuring the interiors felt both luxurious and at one with the environment," explains the designer. >







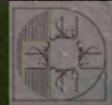
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**BELOW:** JK Design Architects (JKDA) specialises in contemporary architecture and interior architecture with a strong focus on context-driven solutions that blend functionality, aesthetics and sustainability. **JKDA** was responsible for the full architectural design of this residence, including the interior layout, spatial planning and lighting. The home's design fulfils the home owner's brief for open-plan living, abundant natural light and spaces that are both private and welcoming for entertaining. Drawing inspiration from the natural palette of the region, **JKDA** incorporated warm, earthy tones, timber detailing and stonework to reflect the landscape.

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"The entrance foyer serves as a central axis dividing the home into two areas."

Earth tones form the foundation of the palette with warm neutrals, muted greens and soft browns reflecting the bushveld surrounds. Darker hues – charcoal and rust – add richness and depth to the spaces.

Outdoors, indigenous plants like aloes and fever trees were selected for the garden, allowing the landscaping to blend with the natural vegetation of the conservancy.

The patio, with its sweeping elevated views of the riverbed, is a delight for visitors and the home owner's favourite spot too. "It's perfect for reflection and connection with nature, especially as the light changes throughout the day," she concludes. 🏡

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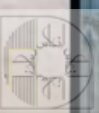


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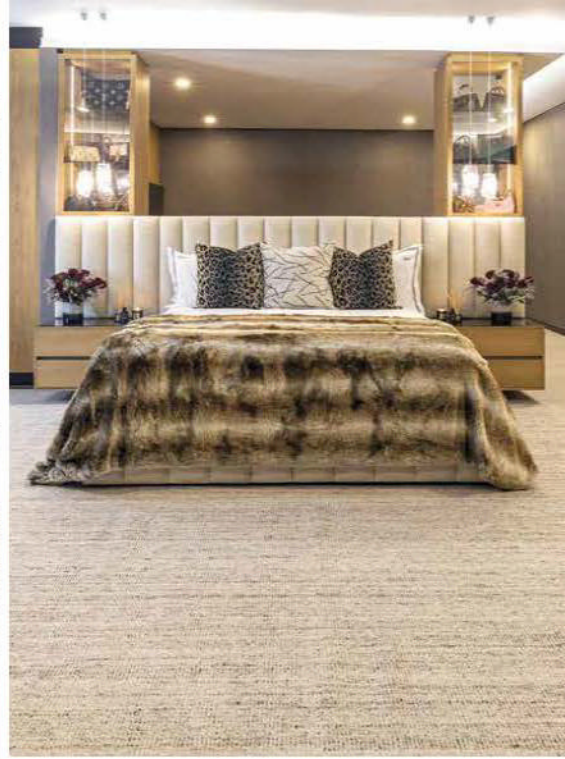


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The formal lounge created by **OLALA INTERIORS** exudes a refined, contemporary elegance. Custom sofas with tufted button detail and a modern take on the classic armchair are wrapped in plush neutrals. The seating is accentuated with scatter cushions that introduce contrast and a connection to nature. A modern side table and coffee table add sculptural elegance. Stylish accents in varying shades of green infuse the space with vitality, reinforcing the connection to nature, while a textured rug grounds the space in earthy calm.







This already-built home was given a new lease on life by the owners, who wanted a space that would reflect their personal style. Loving the quiet setting and ample space for active children that the property already afforded, the owners decided to renovate and make additions, which would provide the perfect home for the family. "We wanted to celebrate the joy of family living without being disconnected from

the outdoors, balancing modern elegance with everyday comfort for our family of five," explains the owner. To ensure the renovation met expectations, a seamless connection between indoor and outdoor living was achieved by using large windows and glass panels, which also maximise the amount of natural light entering the home.

There are a few distinct features in the home, but one that stands out for the owner is the magnificent staircase in the entrance foyer. "It is a masterpiece of engineered oak with integrated LED tracks that softly illuminate each wooden tread with a warm, ambient glow as an invitation upward. Framed by a sleek glass balustrade, the design balances transparency with solidness, allowing the staircase to float visually. Like a quiet echo, the glass reflection mirrors each illuminated tread, doubling the rhythm of ascent in a play of light and shadow that adds depth and dimension," mentions the owner.

The interior style of the home is modern contemporary with an interplay of rich dark tones. The owner explains that it is sophisticated for entertaining yet relaxed and welcoming for the family's day-to-day living. Nature's quiet elegance can be seen and felt throughout with the layering of natural

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– the home owner

**LEFT: Built by Design (BBD)** specialises in the manufacture and installation of beautifully bespoke custom cabinetry and furniture. This kitchen features wooden ribbed panelling for a designer look. A magnificent walk-in pantry, made from horizontal, streamlined shelving, offers effortless organisation and is interconnected with floor-to-ceiling-height sliding reeded glass doors that extend the vertical, fluted, cohesive design narrative the kitchen showcases.



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woods, stone and organic textures and tactile fabrics – all coming together to emphasise the warm and grounding ambience. “We wanted every space to feel inviting while still carrying a sense of refinement,” the owner states. The children’s bedrooms are particularly close to their hearts as they are joyful, imaginative rooms tailored to their age and individuality, offering nurturing comfort and creativity. However, the favourite room in this home is the luxurious master suite. “It is our own private retreat – one that is a sanctuary of serenity and sophistication with a touch of wild glamour.” Apart from the luxurious details, this suite also encompasses a TV lounge and coffee station zone, and a seamless transition to the outdoor patio elevates the room as the space spills out onto a private terrace where cushioned outdoor furniture invites quiet conversation and starlight solitude. 🏡

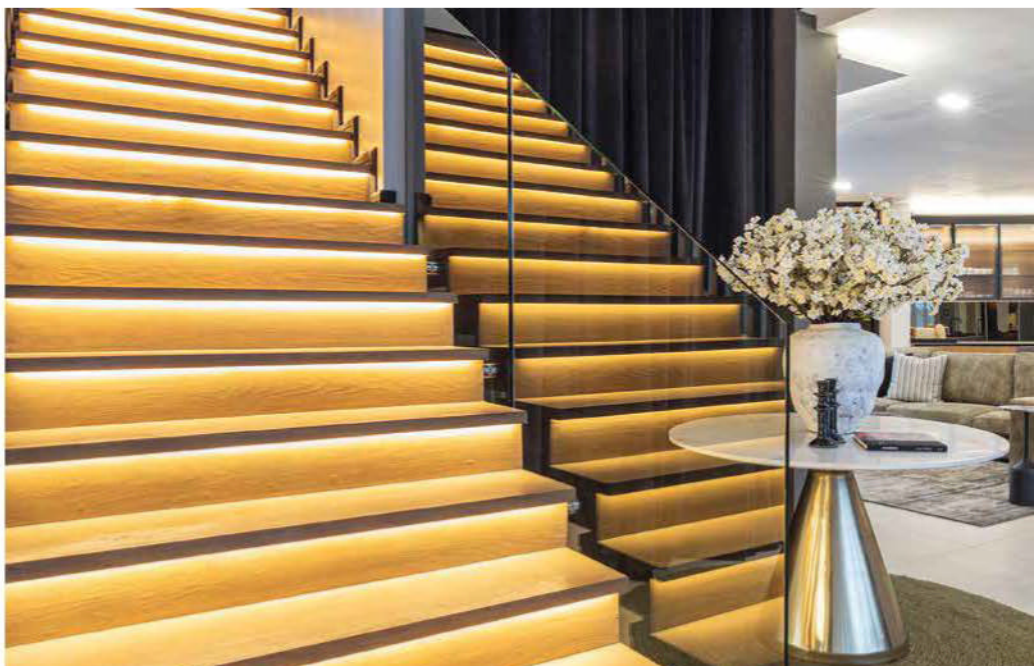
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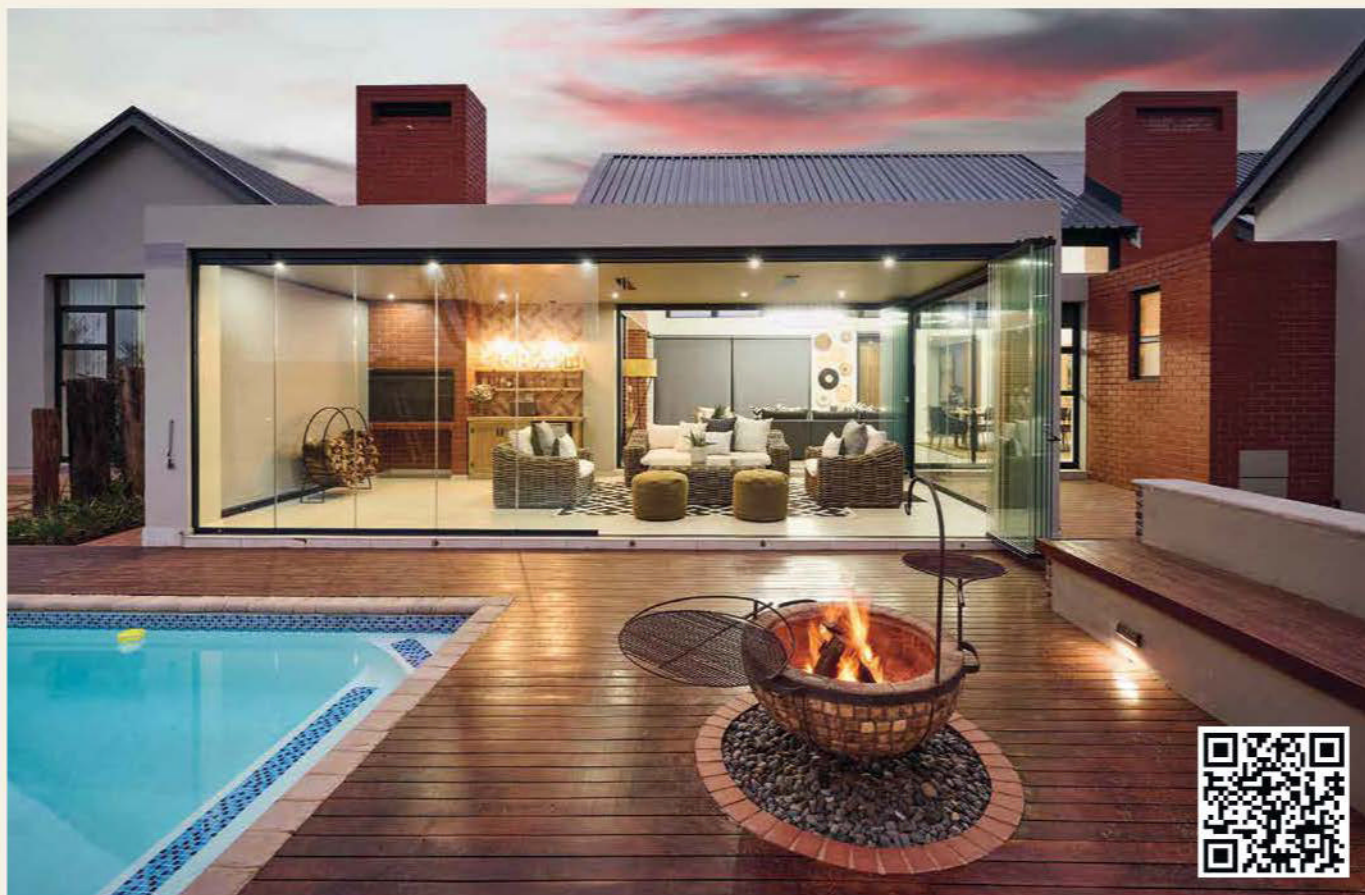
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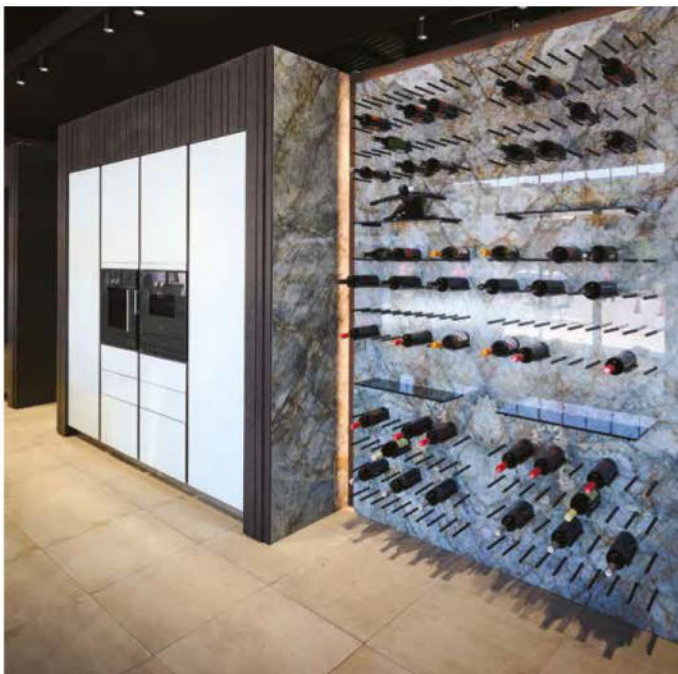
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At the showroom, you can explore Cocoa Bean Interiors' curated furniture range, mood boards and concept presentations, gaining a glimpse into how the firm approaches design with both artistry and technical precision. Cocoa Bean Interiors is eager to showcase its sustainable design solutions and unique furniture pieces, which embrace subtle curves, natural textures and understated elegance, to clients. Drawing inspiration from its own Shibui collection and current global trends, the company aims to offer clients a refined aesthetic.

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# DESIGN LUXE INTERIORS

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More than a furniture store, the company’s bespoke space is designed to transport clients into a world of elegance and refinement. A symphony of textures invites touch, bespoke scents evoke a sense of calm and exclusivity and mood music sets the perfect tone, all within a gallery-like setting of breathtakingly styled interiors. This six-star boutique experience ensures each visit is not simply about viewing furniture, but about feeling the artistry, passion and uniqueness that define Design Luxe Interiors.

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And, if it is trends you are looking forward to experiencing, EuroCasa Africa is delighted to showcase "Complete Living". This, the company says, is all about offering customers a full-circle interior experience, where every space works together beautifully, making homes feel cohesive, stylish and surprisingly simple to pull off – "Smart Luxury" is what EuroCasa Africa specialises in.

On visiting the Kramerville Design District, EuroCasa Africa mentions: "There's something special about this area. Our building brings it all together with our beautiful kitchens, wardrobes and living spaces. Next door, there's top-notch sanitaryware, while downstairs features world-renowned appliances you'll actually want in your home. It's the perfect place for a little design tour that leaves you inspired."

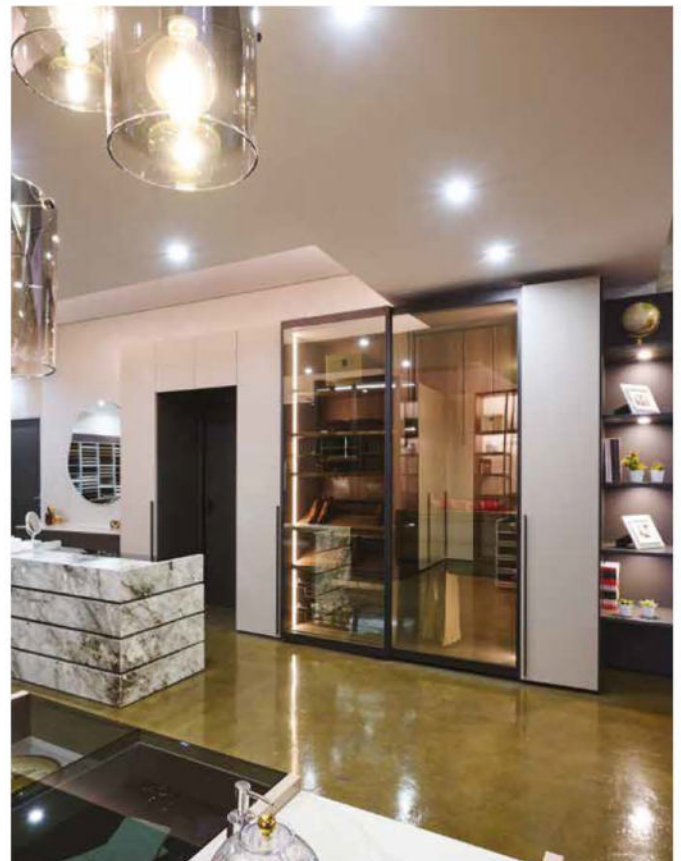
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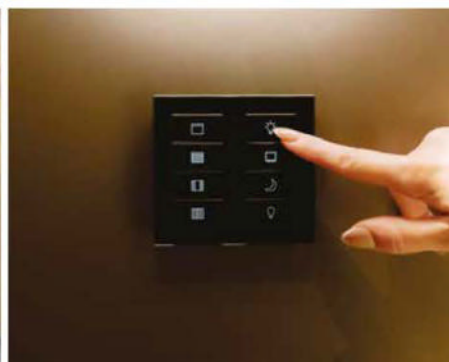
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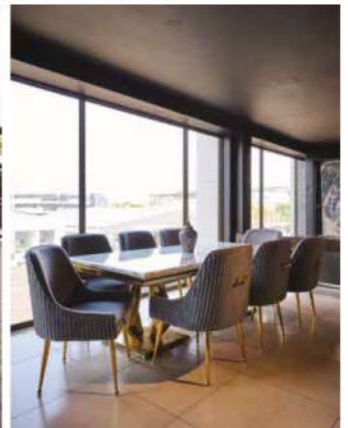
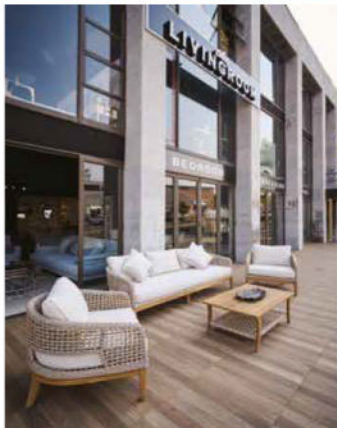
Growth is at the heart of what the company does as it expands in the right direction, with the right attitude, using the latest ideas, technology and professionalism to serve you better. The Living Room does not just follow trends; it creates them, with its core goal to help you transform your house into a home, one that is both stylish and functional – without breaking the bank. Visit The Living Room Kramerville showroom and experience first-hand a space where quality meets innovation.

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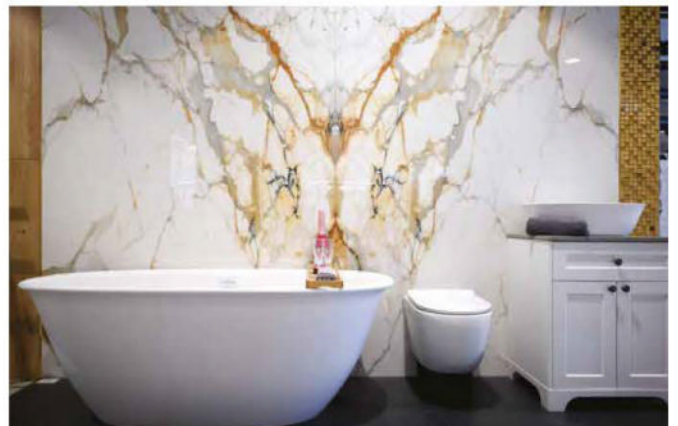


WOMAG's imported and curated collections of natural stone, quartz and porcelain tiles and slabs are selected for their durability, quality and timeless design with products that help bring home owners, architects and designers' visions to life. A current collection the company is excited to share features textured surfaces and statement stones, including leathered natural stone slabs, fluted details and bold veining. Also look out for large-format porcelain tiles that are used to create seamless floors and walls with minimal grout lines as well as warm neutrals and earthy tones, which are making a comeback as they soften spaces and add an inviting organic feel. "These trends are all about creating interiors that feel both luxurious and liveable, with finishes that stand out while staying timeless," says the WOMAG team.

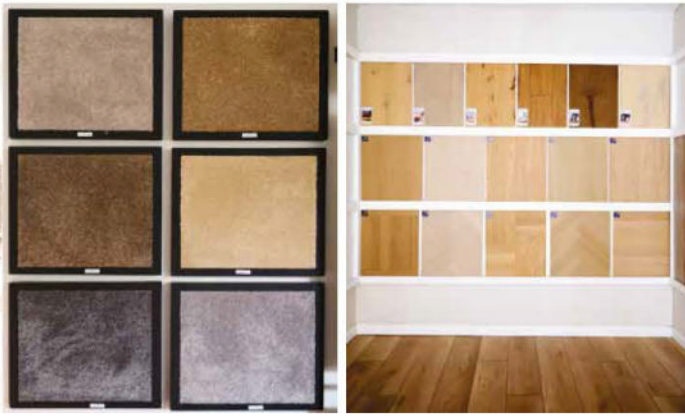
The Kramerville showroom presents itself as an immersive design space where you can touch and feel full-size slabs, experience the true colour and texture of each surface and receive guidance from a knowledgeable team that is always ready to assist. The showroom is designed to inspire – making it easy to visualise your completed project. It is the perfect place to explore, compare finishes and make confident choices. The Kramerville Design District, according to WOMAG, is Johannesburg's design heartbeat. "It is a place where creativity and craftsmanship meet. We love being surrounded by other like-minded brands and designers, which allows us to collaborate, share inspiration and keep a finger on the pulse of emerging trends. The energy here makes it a destination for anyone passionate about interiors."

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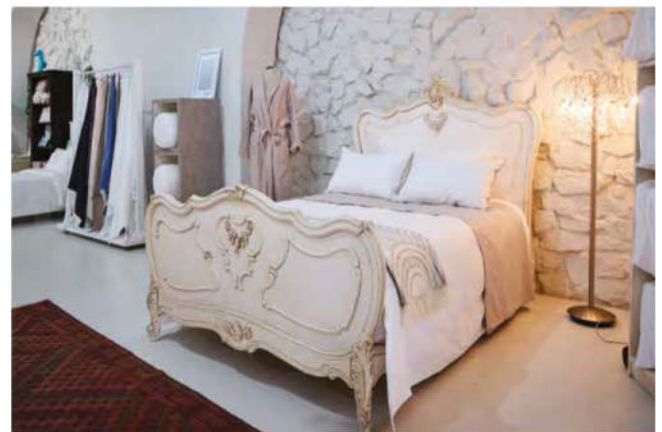


laminate flooring and luxury vinyl tiles with a wood-look finish. The showroom is a place where style, variety and service come together in one of Johannesburg's most-loved décor and design hubs.

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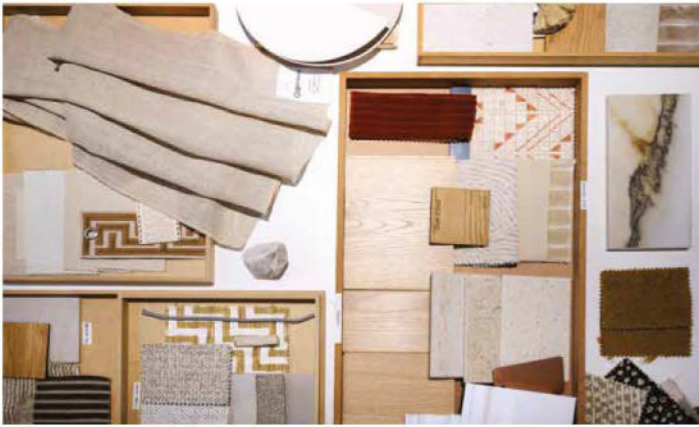


If you are looking for luxury linen for your home, pop into the Chrysalis Bespoke Linen showroom in Kramerville where you are bound to find products that suit your lifestyle and taste. The company is known for its superior-quality products, manufactured to specification for each client. For over 20 years, Chrysalis has been manufacturing and producing all its products locally at its factory. Chrysalis looks forward to showing clients its new range of colours and international bedroom décor trends, so visit the showroom, enjoy a cup of coffee with the team and let the company help you create the ideal space in your home.

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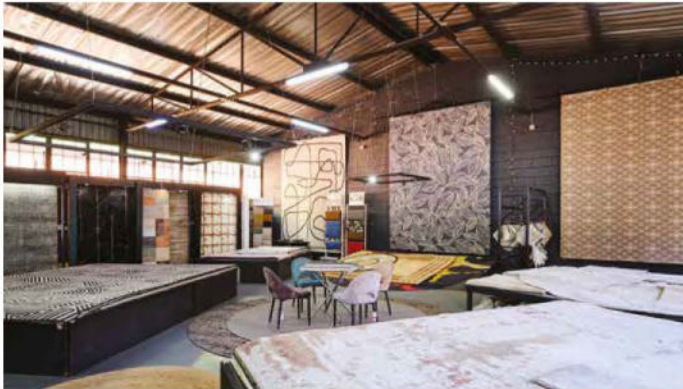


coming year, including sustainable design that takes eco-friendly materials and practices into consideration, smart home integration that seamlessly blends technology with design and biophilic design, which brings nature inside for calming spaces that soothe the soul.

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means sculptural tables that double as art, modular sofas that adapt to family life and bold accessories like playful Qeeboo pieces, which add personality. We are also excited by the return of warm materials and curved forms, which feel right at home in South African spaces,” highlights the team.

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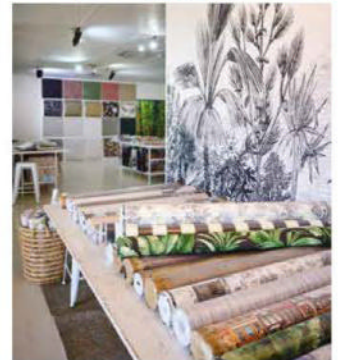


Sasi Wallpaper has been transforming South African interiors for over 16 years with international wallpapers and bespoke mural designs. Known for outstanding service and always having stock on hand, Sasi makes it easy and addictive to wrap your rooms in creative design. Its Kramerville showroom offers personal, one-on-one guidance where co-owner Taryn Kirby inspires with bold, unexpected ideas in a welcoming, fun atmosphere. Beyond wallpaper, Sasi

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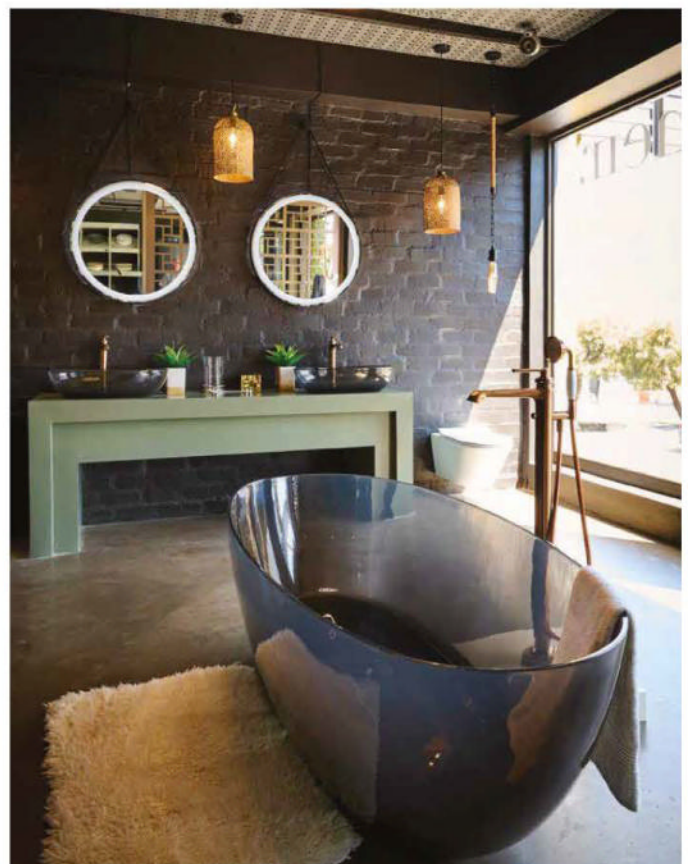
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Waterways Bathrooms & Plumbing introduces Vitruvius Design – a new product range that delivers premium bathroom and kitchen collections that set a new benchmark for luxury living in South Africa. Inspired by the architectural wisdom of Vitruvius, Waterways Bathroom & Plumbing offers the finest Italian design and German engineering. Vitruvius Design speaks directly to architects, designers and discerning home owners seeking more than function – it speaks to those who are looking for spaces that inspire.

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## DREAMWEAVER STUDIOS

LUXURY WALLPAPERS AND BESPOKE MURALS



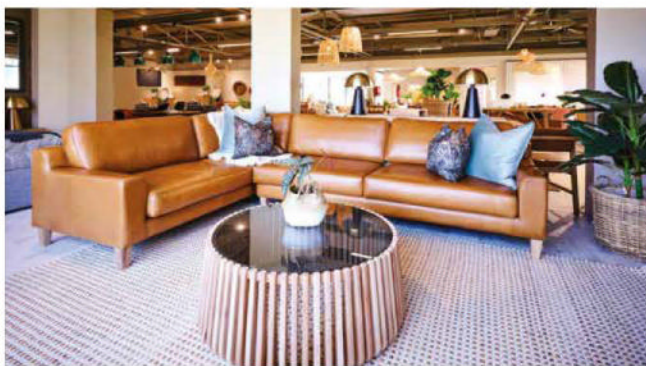
Dreamweaver Studios provides exclusive, top-quality wallcoverings for discerning clients with a selection rooted in years of expertise and curated to elevate interiors. At its impressive Kramerville showroom, you will find European luxury wallpapers and bespoke murals. Murals are all the rage at the moment and really capture the imagination. The newest addition, "Into the Light", is a locally designed and manufactured mural and wall art collection that celebrates South African creativity and print excellence, crafted to transform any space into something extraordinary.

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Now more than ever, home owners are responding to the lasting appeal of authentic, handcrafted homeware made from premium natural materials – and this is what Incanda Furniture offers. As a local, proudly South African brand, Incanda Furniture, with its designer showroom in the Kramerville Design District, offers a selection of furniture manufactured from the finest natural materials and where exceptional craftsmanship is evident in every piece. From solid wood to full-grain leather, if you are looking for a piece that will stand the test of time, pop into the Incanda Furniture showroom in Kramerville.

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# TOUCH perfection

Elevate your kitchen with stylish cabinetry made from exceptional materials, writes **Trisha Harinath**



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UnipanelSA offers a selection of laminate boards that include real stone, real glass, metal, woodgrain, gloss, marble and matt finishes.





Bespoke woven glass, textile weave glass doors, bespoke fluted designs and timber detailing offer a subtle yet refined statement, nuuma.

The design of your kitchen is just one aspect to consider for a functional, good-looking kitchen. The other element, which deserves equal attention, is the cabinetry and the materials you select to bring this space to life. Read on to explore your options and how to choose cabinetry that elevates your kitchen.

### MATERIALS THAT MATTER

Today's luxury kitchen offers a wealth of materials you can consider for cabinetry. All the materials have their own benefits and bring a sense of style to the modern kitchen. "Glass remains at the forefront of high-end kitchen design," says Lindy Goodbrand, designer consultant at EuroCasa Africa. "It is a luxurious material that is being elevated through subtle yet sophisticated treatments," she adds.

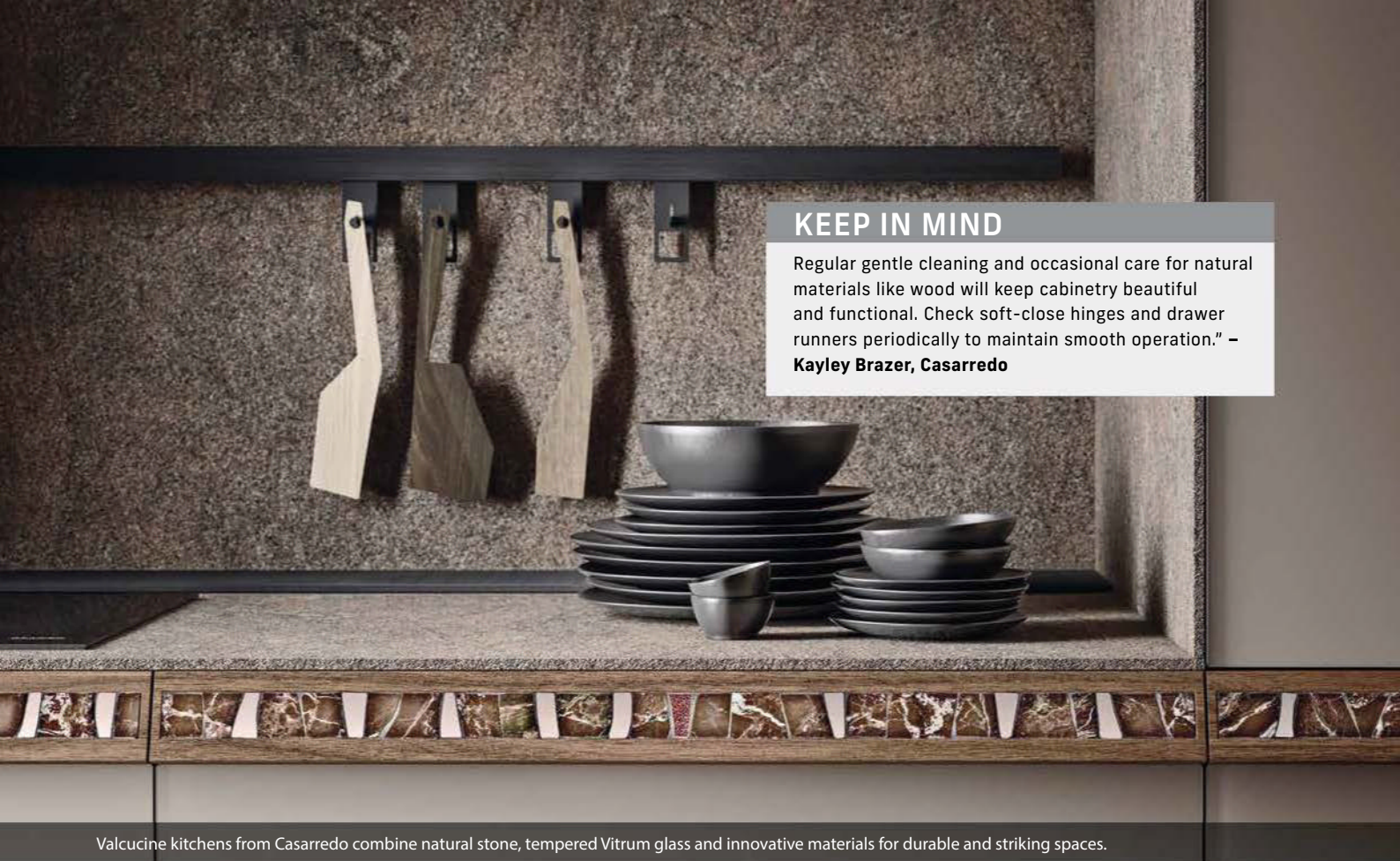
Dane Maharaj, head of brand and marketing at The Kitchen Studio, mentions natural and engineered veneers, which are sustainably sourced from Europe and across Africa. "These materials include lesser-known species like African Walnut, Celtis and Ofram, as well as textured natural veneers such as sawn and embossed oaks and walnuts." >

"All the materials have their own benefits and bring a sense of style to the modern kitchen. "

Textura boards from Linear Concepts are a versatile, durable and intricately textured material.







## KEEP IN MIND

Regular gentle cleaning and occasional care for natural materials like wood will keep cabinetry beautiful and functional. Check soft-close hinges and drawer runners periodically to maintain smooth operation." – **Kayley Brazer, Casarredo**

Valcucine kitchens from Casarredo combine natural stone, tempered Vitrum glass and innovative materials for durable and striking spaces.



Your choice of finishes and styles will influence your overall budget, so keep that in mind, EuroCasa Africa.

The greatest benefit of any natural material, says Maharaj, whether wood or marble, is timelessness. "These materials never go out of style and adapt beautifully to different design approaches. They can feel right at home in a highly ornate country kitchen or an ultra-modern Scandinavian-inspired space," he adds.

For Zunaïd Khan, managing director at UnipanelSA, laminated boards are durable, offer aesthetic value, are precision-finished and provide exclusive appeal. "The surfaces are also easy to clean and maintain, making them ideal for high-use kitchen environments. Most of our materials have antibacterial surfacing as well, which ensures sanitary spaces – perfect for the kitchen," explains Khan.

Jenna Buys of twelve mentions the textured woodgrain finishes that the company is using, which not only offer a visual experience but a tactile one, too. "Combined with matt metallic finishes and custom glass or mirror accents, these offer depth and interest to the space," says Buys.

On material selection and finishes, the design team at blu\_line highlights: "It is not about the most luxurious material, but how it is worked, finished and combined with other luxurious finishes and materials to create a personal experience for our clients."

## GOOD TO KNOW

"Stone is also being reimagined beyond traditional countertops and is now integrated into often-overlooked elements such as kickplates. This brings both durability and a sense of sculptural refinement." – **Lindy Goodbrand, EuroCasa Africa**





## KEEP IN MIND

"Control moisture – avoid leaving cabinet doors open near steam from kettles or from pots. Make use of extractors to minimise steam and grease build-up." – **Elaine Mbambo, Exotic Kitchens**

## BUDGETING FOR THE BEST

One of the most crucial elements when designing a kitchen is getting the budget right. You don't want to overspend on certain items and then cut back on the actual necessities. And, your cabinetry is considered essential as it will carry the kitchen for years to come. "For those looking to budget for their kitchen cabinetry, our advice is to prioritise the longevity and quality of your materials.

It's easy to focus on the large, show-stopping central island, however, the surrounding cabinetry is equally important for both functionality and aesthetic coherence," explains Doga Zaifoglu, business development and marketing manager at Linear Concepts.

The team at blu\_line suggests that when budgeting, you ensure you find the right finishes that tell the story you want told, enabling those around you to go on a journey themselves as they experience, visually and physically, the textures in your space – an experience that is worth the monetary investment. >

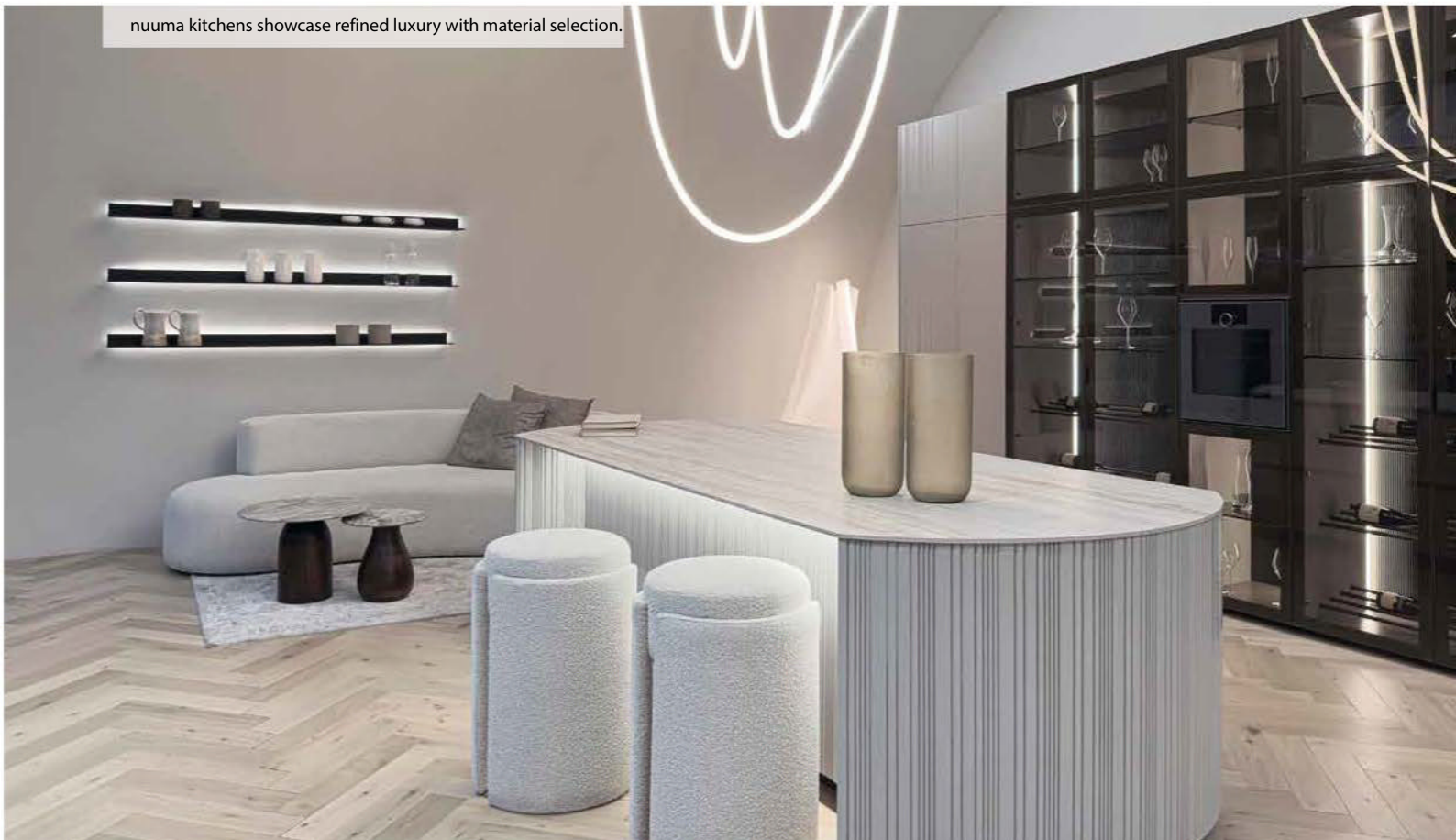


Invest in high-quality hardware – hinges, runners, sliders – for extended cabinetry life and improved usability, Exotic Kitchens.

## GOOD TO KNOW

"When selecting your cabinetry, look for materials that can handle daily use. Our finishes are created with the people using them in mind, so whether a small or large family, we ensure our finishes can withstand the practical demands made." – **Craig Dexter, nuuma**

nuuma kitchens showcase refined luxury with material selection.







Textured materials and glass offer luxury visual and tactile experiences in the kitchen, twelve.



Opt for materials that offer depth, texture and provenance, The Kitchen Studio.

Craig Dexter from nuuma recommends spending time with the materials in the showroom – “allow yourself to experience the visual, but also ‘touch’ appeal of the finishes”, he says. “Ensure the finishes can integrate with your surrounding interiors and make a statement of refinement and pared-back luxury,” he adds.

Goodbrand advises researching suppliers and selecting one that aligns with your design goals. “Remember, cabinetry can be designed in countless ways – more units and complex layouts will naturally increase costs. Work closely with your kitchen specialist who can advise you on how to balance material selection, design ambition and budget effectively,” highlights Goodbrand.

## VALUABLE TIPS TO HELP YOU

**Keep these suggestions and recommendations in mind when planning your new kitchen or renovating an existing one:**

- “Request samples as this will help you visualise your options before making any commitments.”  
– **Zunaid Khan, UnipanelISA**
- “Your kitchen is more than a cooking space – it’s the heart of your home. Choosing cabinetry is about more than looks; it’s about creating a space that reflects your lifestyle and supports how you live every day. Don’t just follow trends – create a kitchen that feels timeless to you.”  
– **Kaylee Sterling, Sterlings**
- “Insist on full transparency from your supplier. Not all kitchens are built equally. With the abundance of generic hardware and low-grade materials on the market, it’s easy for corners to be cut without the client noticing upfront. Clarity on exactly what you’re paying for ensures you get the quality and durability your investment deserves.”  
– **Dane Maharaj, The Kitchen Studio**
- “Consider the guarantees offered by the company you have selected and the service programme as well, if any, to ensure a hassle-free experience.” – **Jenna Buys, twelve**







Molteni&C's VVD Kitchen designed by Vincent Van Duysen offers panels that can be colour customised to suit your specific style.

Khan recommends prioritising quality over quantity and planning for functionality. "Investing in premium materials ensures longevity and reduces future replacement costs. And, when planning for your kitchen, consider your lifestyle and kitchen usage when choosing finishes and layouts."

## INTO THE FUTURE

The kitchens of tomorrow are being thought of and designed today. With that in mind, we can look forward to some incredible advancements. Elaine Mbambo, senior designer at Exotic Kitchens in Ballito, points out two: edge finishing with laser fusion and mycelium-based composites. "Edge finishing with laser fusion means no glue – this is a dream come true because one of the major issues is the peeling of the edges on specific boards, especially in the coastal regions. Now, new edge-banding technologies use laser heat to fuse edging materials to panels, eliminating visible seams or glue for a flawless aesthetic and improved resistance to moisture and heat," she explains. On mycelium-based composites,

also known as fungus-derived composites, she mentions that this advancement is incredibly exciting, as mycelium can be grown into strong biodegradable panels and inserts using agricultural waste as the base. "These materials are lightweight, eco-friendly and offer excellent sound absorption, and research shows that companies abroad are already exploring drawer inserts and cabinets made from mycelium, boasting 85% lower energy use compared to traditional particleboard," explains Mbambo.

Kayley Brazer, head of marketing at Casarredo, highlights that cabinetry is moving towards smarter, lighter and more sustainable solutions. "Hybrid surfaces will blend recycled and natural materials, while touch- and gesture-sensitive finishes will make kitchens interactive, seamless and future-ready." She also points to the inclusion of more aluminium and glass, which respects the main rules of eco-sustainability and circular design – dematerialisation, recyclability, reduction of toxic emissions and long life without creating any waste.>



## GOOD TO KNOW

"A kitchen designed with a balance of high-quality cabinetry and durable countertops – whether stone, marble or quartz – is a space that's built to last and provides true value." – **Doga Zaifoglu, Linear Concepts**





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"It is not about the most luxurious material, but how it is worked, finished and combined with other luxurious finishes and materials."  
– the blu\_line design team





Choose cabinetry materials with integrity to ensure your kitchen looks beautiful from day one and ages gracefully with your lifestyle, The Kitchen Studio.



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Fluted details, metallic accents and lighting enhance the look of the kitchen, Sterlings.

Kaylee Sterling, manager at Sterlings, is looking forward to seeing a rise in smart materials – anti-fingerprint surfaces, self-healing laminates and nanotechnology coatings that make cabinetry even more resistant to daily wear. “Additionally, sustainability is driving innovation, with recycled and eco-friendly finishes becoming both desirable and luxurious.

The future is about combining beauty with performance and responsibility,” says Sterling. 🏡

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Linear Concepts advises viewing the cabinetry in your kitchen as a long-term investment.



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# The HOT SPOT

Trisha Harinath rounds up your kitchen must-haves

The Brabantia Tasty+ Potato Cutter gives you the perfect cut for chips and wedges in a simple and easy way. It's dishwasher safe, too, so cleaning up is a breeze. [www.elevenpast.co.za](http://www.elevenpast.co.za)



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BATHROOMS

# Elevating the EVERY DAY


**Shereen Lurie** explores the latest tech in toilets




Duravit Me by Starck wall-mounted pan and bidet, designed by Philippe Starck.

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The modern toilet is equipped with innovative features designed to elevate hygiene and enhance daily comfort. These include self-cleaning functions, touchless flushing, built-in bidets, heated seats, deodorisers and even ambient lighting, transforming a basic necessity into a sophisticated experience.

### THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

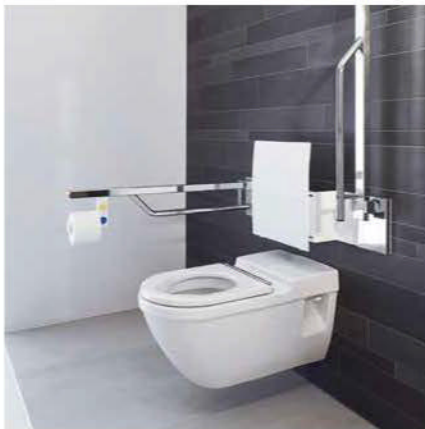
The modern toilet has evolved into a sleek, high-tech fixture that redefines hygiene, comfort and efficiency. Nicole Russell, marketing manager at Italtile, notes that these smart toilets are transforming the way we view bathrooms, whether in homes or public spaces. Deon Katzen, director of Bella Bathrooms & Tiles, highlights Duravit's SensoWash® Starck F range as a standout example, featuring app-controlled bidet functions, seat heating and odour extraction via Bluetooth. Other innovations include touchless flushing, automated lids and Duravit's HygieneGlaze® coating for enhanced cleanliness. With its minimalist, wall-hung design and customisable comfort settings, the Starck F range delivers a luxurious, tech-driven bathroom experience that's both practical and indulgent.

### HYGIENE AND USER EXPERIENCE

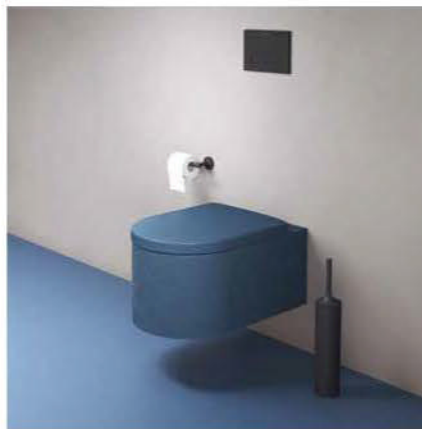
Smart toilet technology improves hygiene and elevates the user experience with touchless operation, customisable comfort settings and advanced self-cleaning features for a consistently clean and convenient bathroom routine. Katzen says features like automated lid opening and closing, touchless flushing and warm water cleaning allow users >



New Aurena toilet and bidet, designed by Antonio Citterio, Duravit.



Duravit Starck Edition Three toilet for MEP bathrooms.



Duravit Millio wall-mounted toilet in Parlour Blue matt finish.



Laufen Navia Cleanet white wall-hung rimless toilet, Italtile.



The Cotto Convenic White wall-hung toilet includes an electronic bidet seat, offering a sleek, modern design with advanced hygiene and comfort features, Italtile.



"Advanced bowl designs ensure a more efficient clean with less water, and built-in leak detection helps prevent unnecessary waste." – Nicole Russell





DuraShield®, developed by Duravit, offers easy-care and antibacterial properties for an extra sense of safety and comfort.



Duravit Sensowash Starck F electronic shower toilet with remote control function.

to enjoy a hands-free experience that significantly reduces the spread of bacteria. "The Starck F even offers warm air drying, further removing the need for toilet paper and making the experience more sustainable and gentle."

Hygienic cleanliness is essential for a safe and comfortable bathroom experience, especially in areas where sensitive skin comes into contact with surfaces. Karen Robyn, MD of Duravit South Africa, explains that DuraShield®, Duravit's innovative 2-in-1 protective glaze, is designed to deliver exactly that sense of purity and freshness. "This advanced glaze features a smooth, virtually pore-free surface that allows dirt and limescale to rinse away effortlessly, making cleaning much easier. Additionally, positively charged metal ions create an invisible shield that eliminates 99.99% of bacteria within 24 hours, ensuring long-lasting hygiene and peace of mind."

According to Euro Bath & Tile's marketing team, hygiene and comfort go hand in hand with Euro Bath & Tile's smart toilets. Foot sensor flushing and seating sensors reduce contact with surfaces, while retracting bidets (with self-cleaning nozzles), warm air drying, heated antibacterial seats and ultraviolet pan lights (which kill bacteria) ensure a clean experience. Additional features like night lights and self-cleaning nozzles make every visit effortless and relaxing.

### GOOD TO KNOW

"App-based control allows users to tailor their experience to their preferences, whether it's adjusting the spray position or seat temperature or activating the deodorising system." – **Deon Katzen, Bella Bathrooms & Tiles**



## DID YOU KNOW?

"A shower toilet combines a bidet and toilet, using a self-cleaning retractable spray to cleanse the intimate area gently. Water temperature, pressure and nozzle position are fully customisable for comfort." – **Karen Robyn, Duravit**

## WATER CONSERVATION

Water conservation is a growing global priority and a key driver of innovation in modern bathroom design. Russell explains that today's smart toilets are engineered to reduce water usage without compromising performance. "Dual-flush systems allow users to control how much water they use, while smart sensors adjust flush volume automatically," she says. "Advanced bowl designs ensure a more efficient clean with less water, and built-in leak detection helps prevent unnecessary waste. It's all about smarter water use for a more sustainable future."

According to Katzen, smart toilets like the Starck F prove that sustainability and performance can go hand in hand. "These models feature dual-flush systems, allowing users to control water usage based on their needs. With advanced bowl geometry and precision rinse technology, each flush uses as little as 4.5 litres, delivering effective cleaning with minimal water waste." Euro Bath & Tile's marketing team adds that purification features, such as whirlpool flushing and UV lights, further reduce the need for harsh chemicals, allowing users to enjoy modern luxury while supporting eco-friendly living. 🏡

**With thanks to Bella Bathrooms & Tiles, Duravit, Euro Bath & Tile, and Italtile**



Laufen Navia Cleanet white wall-hung rimless toilet, Italtile.



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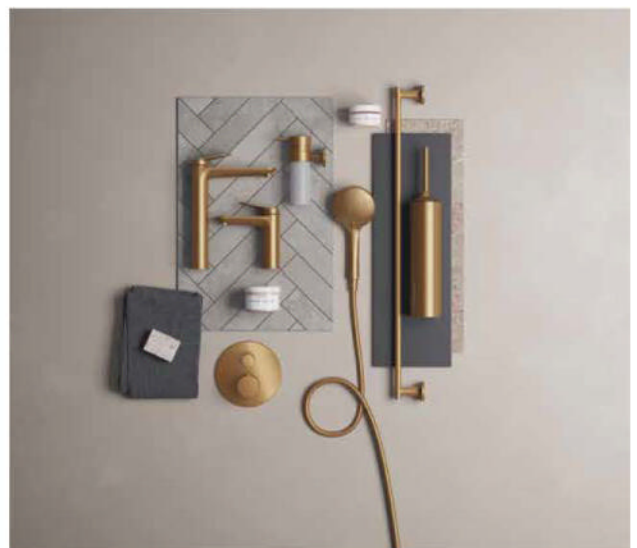
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The sleek lines and warm finish of Blutide's Satin Brushed Brass High Basin Mixer bring refined sophistication to any bathroom. <https://blutide.com>



In the evening, the Duravit Sensowash Starck F features a night light function that provides gentle illumination for orientation and safety without disrupting the body's restful state with bright light. <https://bellabathrooms.co.za>



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# BUILT to feel

**Trisha Harinath** looks  
at the unique and new  
materials being used  
throughout the home







Modern homes make use of a variety of materials to add visual appeal and textural contrast, Cocoa Bean Interiors.

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## KEEP IT PERSONAL

"Design is about storytelling. Select materials that reflect your personality. When your interiors align with your lifestyle, your home becomes both thoughtfully designed and deeply personal."

– Thuto Kabe, GLE Interiors







Material selection extends outside – opt for long-lasting materials that can withstand outdoor conditions, Giava Interiors.

## TOP TIP

When incorporating a new and unusual material in your home, start with one key element. “Opt for a sculptural lamp, a statement rug or a curated scatter cushion set. Then build around it with complementary tones, scaled textures and thoughtful contrasts.”

– Vinette Diab Nicholls, Giava Interiors



Textural layering creates warmth and emotional connection in a space, LVN Interiors.



While brick and concrete are the foundation of a home, the material selection inside is the soul. “It is no longer about what looks good on the surface. Today, materials are expected to perform, tell a story and hold their own in real life,” explains Vinette Diab Nicholls, owner and head designer at Giava Interiors. With technology advancements and the move to sustainability not slowing down, a wide selection of materials to use in our homes to enliven them in amazing ways is available.

## INTENTIONAL SELECTION

Whether it's engineered stone, metallics, natural woods or fabrics in various patterns made from a selection of nature's finest that you choose to include in your interior, home owners are making intentional decisions, not just purchasing according to trends. From eco-benefits to timeless appeal and the ability to handle wear and tear, the market is focused on providing materials that offer all of the above and home owners are responding. “We love spaces that are rich with layering and texture, blending raw, earthy textures with bold patterns and a sense of relaxed luxury,” explains Jessica Boyer, founder and director of Jessica Boyer Interiors. With this in mind, material selection is vast, offering a range of new and unique materials that are not just attractive, but also stand the test of time while taking environmental consciousness into consideration. The materials we are now including in our homes also add depth and character in every space.>





GINO Lowboard – natural beauty, crafted with artistry, KARE Johannesburg.

Brushed metal accents offer subtle luxury without being overpowering, LVN Interiors.



"With the variety of options on the market, selecting what works for you will be based on your needs and specifications."

### MAKING THE CUT

With the variety of options on the market, selecting what works for you will be based on your needs and specifications. For Leanne Van Niekerk, creative director at LVN Interiors, what stands out now are textural contrasts. "Stone with a raw edge, brushed metals that feel tactile and timbers that are either oiled or left beautifully imperfect. I'm also fascinated by the direction biophilic materials are heading – mycelium composites, recycled glass and natural lime plasters that bring walls to life," she elaborates. "It's not about gimmicks for me; it's about how these materials feel when you live with them every day."

Thuto Kabe, interior designer at GLE Interiors, points to Dekton, which is being used more often for kitchen countertops, backsplashes and bathrooms, explaining that it is exceptionally durable, making it perfect for these applications. >

### FEEL YOUR WAY

"Design isn't just visual; it's emotional. Materials play a big role in how your home makes you feel. Rough, warm textures ground you, polished and reflective ones energise you. When choosing materials, don't only ask: 'Does this look beautiful?' Ask: 'Does this feel like home to me?'"

– Leanne Van Niekerk, LVN Interiors







Including current materials creates intentional and timeless spaces, GLE Interiors.

Daily's upmarket furniture adds organic warmth to a space.

"We love spaces that are rich with layering and texture, blending raw, earthy textures with bold patterns and a sense of relaxed luxury." – Jessica Boyer

### SPOTLIGHT ON PINE PLYWOOD

While not technically new, pine plywood is rarely associated with high-end designer furniture. Daily, however, has pioneered its own techniques to transform pine plywood into refined, design-led furniture and homeware. "Through custom finishing, detailing and joinery methods, we've achieved the warmth, durability and sophistication typically reserved for solid hardwood furniture in our range of pine plywood pieces," explains **Joey Khuvutlu, founder and design head at Daily**. Here are some of the benefits pine plywood offers when used in high-end furniture:

- **Sustainability:** pine is a fast-growing softwood, so its forests regenerate far quicker than hardwood forests. Since plywood uses thin layers of this wood laminated together, it maximises material yield with minimal waste. This makes it resource efficient with a lower impact on forests.
- **Durability:** the cross-laminated construction of plywood gives it exceptional structural stability and strength, reducing the likelihood of warping and extending the lifespan of the furniture – a key principle in sustainability.
- **Accessibility:** using pine plywood makes it possible to offer high-quality, design-forward pieces at more accessible price points, without compromising strength or aesthetics.







Blend new materials with classics for a significant look and feel, Cocoa Bean Interiors.

Details matter – refined piping elevates simple upholstery design, LVN Interiors.

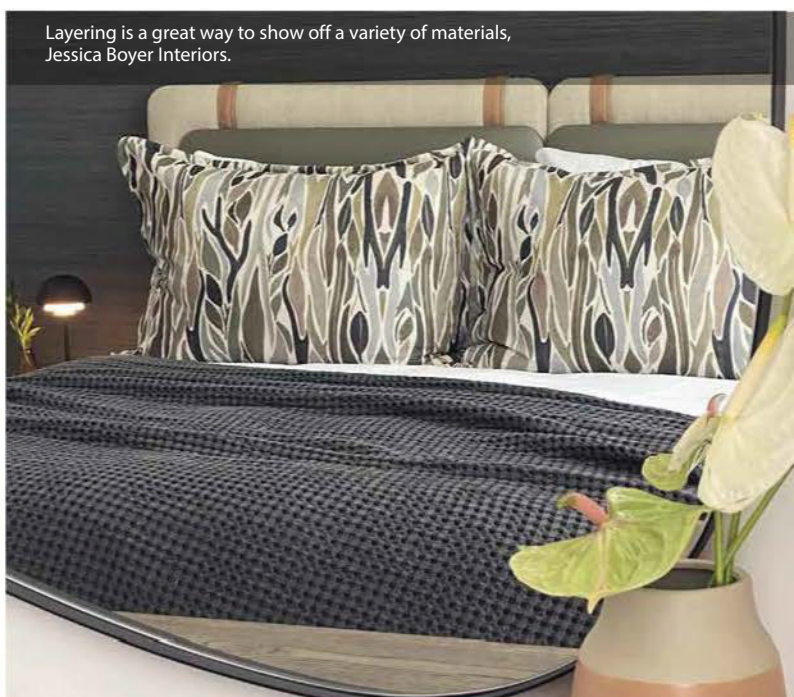


## TOP TIP

"Some materials require specific care, so it is important to respect maintenance. Ensure you know how to clean and maintain these materials to preserve their beauty."

– Deanne McBride, Cocoa Bean Interiors

Layering is a great way to show off a variety of materials, Jessica Boyer Interiors.



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Daily creates pieces made from pine plywood.

"Wood panels also introduce warmth and dimension, while layered linens contribute softness and natural elegance, enhancing both function and atmosphere," adds Kabe, alluding to why these materials are included in the modern interior.

Other materials we are noticing an increased interest in include glass, metals and cork. "Cork continues to impress with its acoustic and insulating qualities, while metals, such as brushed steel, copper and matt black, create refined contrasts and a contemporary edge across styles," says Karin Cawthorne, owner of KARE Johannesburg. She also highlights mycelium, which is gaining a considerable foothold in the home market. "Mycelium introduces a futuristic, plant-based alternative that is strong, durable and perfect for modern, eco-conscious interiors," explains Cawthorne.

### FOR CURATED AESTHETICS

When considering using a material that is not commonplace, Nicholls recommends going bold without fear, "but always edit with intention". The magic, she says, isn't always in the material; it's in the mix.

Kabe adds that to achieve a polished and designer look, balance statement pieces with subtle, thoughtfully layered textures and prioritise quality. "A curated mix creates a space that feels intentional and timeless.">

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Pine plywood, a sustainable material, fashioned into high-end furniture, Daily.







Metallics used correctly add warmth, strength and glamour, Cocoa Bean Interiors.



Patterns and different textures bring a space to life, Jessica Boyer Interiors.

Cawthorne suggests that for a bigger impact, you can update old furniture with stone or wood finishes. "Soft touches like eco-friendly rugs, cushions or recycled glass tiles ensure the look feels cohesive, personal and elevated."

Balance is key, adds Van Niekerk, who suggests that if you are going bold with a unique material, let it shine. "Don't compete with it everywhere else, and always think about the tactile element – how does it feel under your hand, how does the light catch it?" She stresses, most importantly, that you should always work with a professional who understands how these materials behave over time. "The wrong installer can ruin even the most beautiful finish."

"Material selection is vast, offering a range of new and unique materials that are not just attractive, but also stand the test of time."

## PLAY BOLD

"Be bold and daring by mixing material elements – stone, timber, concrete, exposed brick, sisal – and let your raw organic textures shine." – **Jessica Boyer, Jessica Boyer Interiors**







Experience quiet luxury with the PASO Coffee Table, KARE Johannesburg.



Plush chenille fabric sofas crafted for modern living, KARE Johannesburg.



Airy lightness defines the CORINNE Coffee Table, KARE Johannesburg.

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## SUSTAINABLE AND SOPHISTICATED

The strong focus on interiors that are kind to the environment will continue to grow. Our experts provide tips on why selecting sustainable materials is the best way to go and how to make considered decisions.

- "Choosing well-made furniture from sustainable resources, such as pine plywood, reduces demand on slow-growing hardwood forests and helps build a culture of longevity over disposability."  
– **Joey Khuvutlu, Daily**
- "Sustainability also comes down to longevity. Invest in pieces and finishes that will stand the test of time rather than chasing trends. A marble countertop that lasts 50 years is more sustainable than replacing a cheaper surface every five years."  
– **Leanne Van Niekerk, LVN Interiors**
- "Look for long-wearing performance fabrics, such as FibreGuard, which extends the life of upholstered pieces and reduces the need for replacements, especially in high-traffic areas."  
– **Vinette Diab Nicholls, Giava Interiors**
- "Opt for renewable, low-impact choices such as natural fibres (cotton, hemp, wool), reclaimed wood and natural stone. These materials bring depth and authenticity while supporting a more sustainable lifestyle." – **Karin Cawthorne, KARE Johannesburg**
- "Where possible, avoid fast furniture and short-term finishes. Investing in quality reduces waste over time, and locally sourced materials also cut down on carbon emissions while supporting South African craftsmanship." – **Deanne McBride, Cocoa Bean Interiors** 🌱

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## FUTURE-FORWARD MATERIALS

Design is storytelling through materiality – the future lies in embracing innovation while retaining the integrity of traditional, tactile elements that make a space feel soulful. **Deanna McBride, founder of Cocoa Bean Interiors**, outlines the materials we can expect to see more of in the coming years:

- **Mycelium:** a biodegradable composite grown from fungi that creates a beautiful texture seen in wall panelling. Advantages: sustainable, lightweight, naturally fire-resistant and acoustically absorbent.
- **Recycled plastics and ocean waste:** transformed into terrazzo-style surfaces, furniture and textiles. Advantages: reduces landfill and marine waste while offering colourful, durable finishes.
- **Bio-leather (from pineapple leaves, mushrooms or cactus):** a cruelty-free alternative to traditional leather. Advantages: breathable, soft and sustainable without the environmental cost of livestock farming.
- **Carbon-negative concrete alternatives:** concrete substitutes that lock in carbon during production. Advantages: significantly reduce a home's carbon footprint.
- **Metallic finishes (brushed bronze, black steel, brass):** add warmth, strength and glamour when used sparingly in kitchens, bathrooms and furniture detailing. Advantages: durable, timeless and versatile.
- **Smart glass:** glass that can shift from transparent to opaque with a switch. Advantages: privacy on demand and energy efficiency by controlling heat gain.
- **Sintered stone and ultra-compact surfaces:** made from natural minerals with advanced technology. Advantages: highly durable, heat-, stain- and scratch-resistant.
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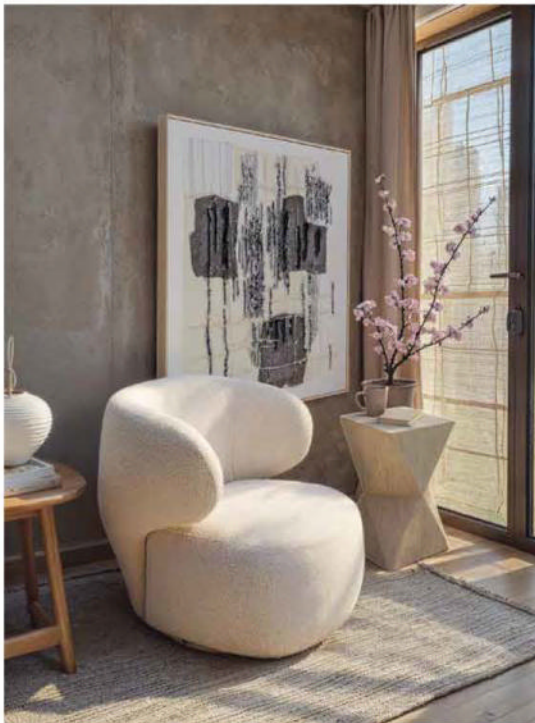
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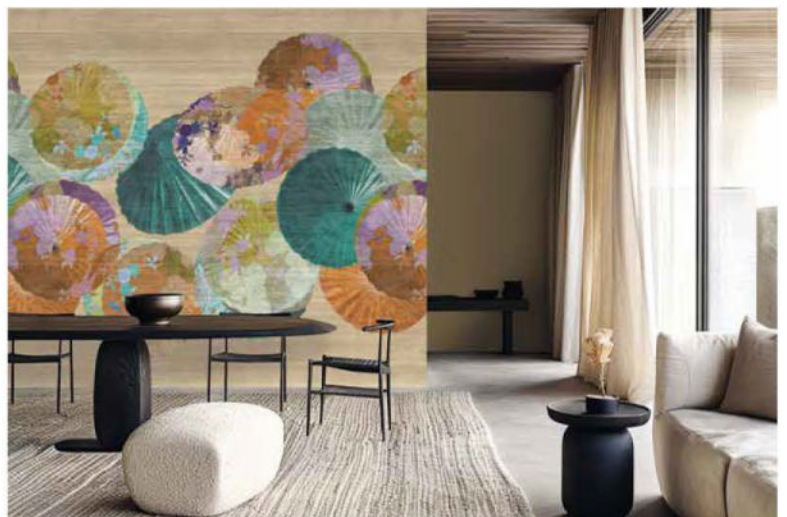
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Double doors add a sense of splendour to the entrance, Sequ-Door.

# Just OPEN IT

Aluminium doors of all types are trendy, and styles continue to evolve, writes **Gina Hartoog**.





Pivot entrance doors can be used in larger openings, Alushop.



Aluminium sliding doors leading onto a deck make for easy indoor/outdoor living, GP Safety Glass & Aluminium.

Doors don't have to be dull. In fact, the right door in the right place can make a big impact. Aluminium is durable and well-known for its use in sliding and folding stacking doors, but hinged doors are just as popular.

## TRENDS

"We have seen that recent trends lean more to black powder-coated windows and doors, and people are leaning towards larger door panels to maximise the use of glass to provide a more open view, inviting more natural light," says Michael

Dyke of Alushop. "Customers either like a more slimline look or a more robust look."

**Dramatic and bold.** Dyke says front doors should make a statement. "For a large full-panel glass door, we like to add a bold and dramatic handle to give it an edgy look," he states. "Oversized handles and full door height handles are making a comeback."

**Different styles.** The Sequ-Door team says that two styles in particular are popular choices for entrances. "Pivot doors create an immediate impression of grandeur. Their seamless swing and striking proportions make them a favourite for contemporary residences." Single- or double-hinged doors are classic yet modern and suit a variety of home styles.

**Customisation.** Doors should reflect the home owner's taste and preferences. "This level of personalisation allows home owners to match their doors to both their lifestyle and architectural design," says the Sequ-Door team. Customisation includes frame colours and powder-coated finishes, glass types (clear, frosted, tinted or laminated), door size and configuration (single, double, folding or multipanel sliders), and any visual decorative elements and design aspects that may be required. >



Sliding doors can be used in place of windows and opened fully when required, D&A Aluminium Windows and Doors.

## THE BENEFITS OF ALUMINIUM DOORS

**Architects are embracing aluminium as a sustainable, durable and robust material for their designs. Here's why:**

**Durability, strength and ease of maintenance:** "Aluminium doors are highly durable and exhibit excellent resistance to corrosion, warping and rot. This makes them ideal for various climates. Typically, the only maintenance required is a wipe down with a damp cloth and ensuring the tracks are swept clear of dirt and debris." – **Niel Schwahn, GP Safety Glass & Aluminium**

**Quality performance:** "Aluminium doors are considered low-maintenance, cost-effective and attractive. They are available in many colour options, and adding performance glass can elevate their insulation and sun-reducing qualities." – **Bronwyn Kuttel, Metal Windows**

**Suitability:** "Aluminium is 100% recyclable and requires minimal upkeep, making it a future-proof investment for home owners." – **the Sequ-Door team**







Aluminium products are a reliable choice for coastal properties, where the humidity is high, D&A Aluminium Windows and Doors.

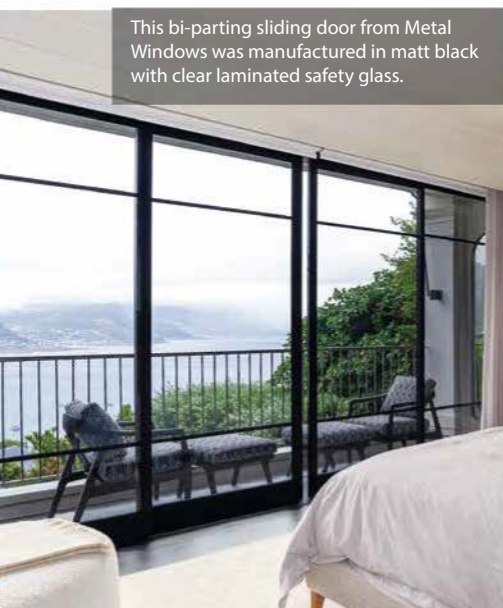
“Aluminium sliding and stacking doors tick the boxes for a modern aesthetic and easy indoor/outdoor living.”

**Practical but private.** “We are also seeing a surge in French-type doors, tall and slimline, generally on verandas, or being used to close off rooms,” says Peter Cocorozis, owner of D&A Aluminium Windows and Doors. “We do a lot of bathrooms where different types of glass make up most of the door with an aluminium frame.” Patterned glass lets in light but adds privacy.

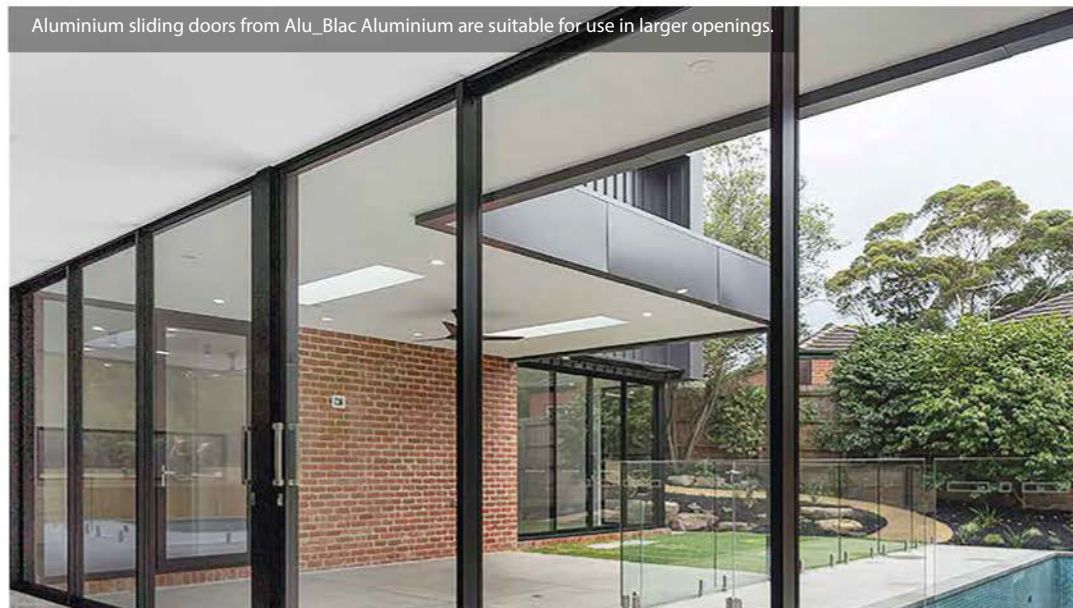
**Indoor/outdoor living.** Aluminium sliding and stacking doors tick the boxes for a modern aesthetic and the South

African lifestyle. “Large openings are becoming more popular in homes with bigger living areas,” says Andre Botha, MD at Alu\_Blac Aluminium. “Alu\_Blac Aluminium systems can produce large sizes and carry heavier weights of glass. This allows for larger openings in double-glazed specifications.” 🏡

**With thanks to Alu\_Blac Aluminium, Alushop, D&A Aluminium Windows and Doors, GP Safety Glass & Aluminium, Metal Windows, and Sequ-Door**



This bi-parting sliding door from Metal Windows was manufactured in matt black with clear laminated safety glass.



Aluminium sliding doors from Alu\_Blac Aluminium are suitable for use in larger openings.





## DESIGNER HANDLES

From doorknobs to door hinges, ironmongery refers to an array of metal fixtures used in commercial and residential construction. Among these, door handles are the most common. They come in a range of styles, designs and materials, are both practical and aesthetic, and suitable for aluminium or timber doors.

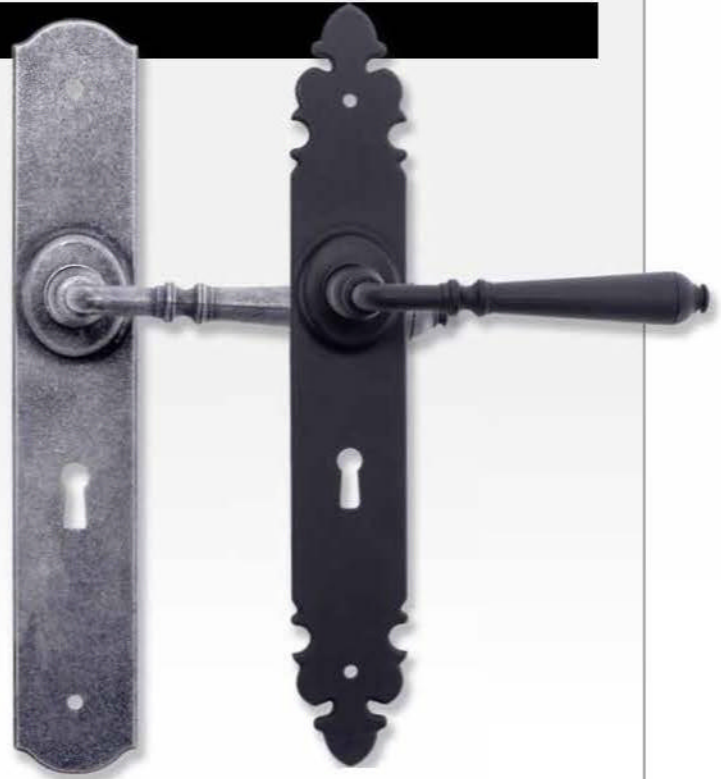
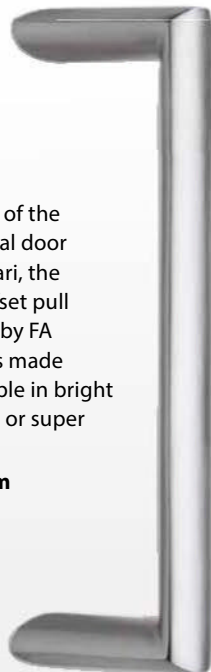
When it comes to aluminium doors, space and durability are two key considerations. Aluminium profiles are typically narrower than timber, which means a tubular handle on a narrow-style plate is the most practical choice. Pictured here is Pello on QS4428 narrow-style plates in a matt black finish.

[www.qsproducts.com](http://www.qsproducts.com)



Manufactured by one of the world's most influential door handle factories, Olivari, the Alexandra 250mm offset pull handle was designed by FA Porsche. The handle is made from brass and available in bright chrome, satin chrome or super stainless-steel satin.

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Both the St Tropez and the Toulon zinc alloy door handles are finished in pewter and black powder coat, respectively. As part of the French La Collection de Provence, they blend classic sophistication with durable, functional design. Available with keyhole, cylinder or blank backplate.

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Prepare early and your garden will look its best by high summer, Plantland.

# Get your garden summer ready

With the summer's best days just around the corner, it's time to get outdoor areas ready for alfresco lunches and garden parties.

**Lisa Witepski** explains how



Add interest with elements like paving stones, Red Daffodil.

**T**his is the time of year when spending time in your garden brings real joy – provided you put in a little preparation.

Victoria Ing and Sarah Fortuin of Happy By Nature say that, before summer's peak heat hits, you should formulate your planting plan. "Think about what you want to plant, taking into account the climate in your area, watering requirements, the type of soil in your garden, shade and sunny areas and the plants you really like." Having all these details on hand before you visit a nursery, and understanding what works best in your garden, will help you get the most out of your visit.

Jolandie Malan of Plantland adds that this is also a good time for a cleanup. "Remove weeds, dead plants, fallen leaves and debris. Prune back overgrown shrubs and deadhead spring flowers to tidy up and encourage new growth of existing plants."

## WHAT TO PLANT NOW

**Melanie Walker, Ask an Expert for Life is a Garden and co-author of Garden Style, advises the following:**

- Opt for water-wise plants as much as possible, but remember this doesn't mean succulents only.
- So many of our indigenous varieties, such as agapanthus, daisies, strelizia and veld grasses, along with salvias, gaura and lavender, can create a lush feel with a modicum of water.







Bulbs thrive with deep watering, Hadeco.



Great gardens begin with great soil, Happy by Nature.

## GET YOUR SOIL READY

Any gardener will tell you that healthy soil is the foundation of a great garden. Malan advises testing your soil's pH and nutrient levels with a pH soil tester, then loosening compacted soil with a fork or spade to improve aeration and drainage.

It's also important to add nutrients to your soil to foster better plant growth. "Healthy soil acts as a complex ecosystem of fungi, microbes and insects. We encourage simple, organic fertilisers and composts to build the long-term health of your garden over short-term fixes," says Chris Maddams of Red Daffodil.

You can also add in a little sand if you need to improve drainage, advises Gabrielle Lea of Hadeco.

## MUCH MORE MULCHING

"Mulching is a gardener's best friend," says Lea. "A generous layer of rich compost not only nourishes the soil, but also locks in precious moisture, meaning less time spent watering on scorching summer days. Think of it as a protective blanket for your bulbs, keeping them cool, comfortable and ready to flourish."

Johanita Corbett of Builders says that bark chips and mulch may also be used for this task.

Malan's tips for mulching? Keep mulch a few centimetres away from plant stems to prevent stems from rotting, and replenish mulch throughout the season.

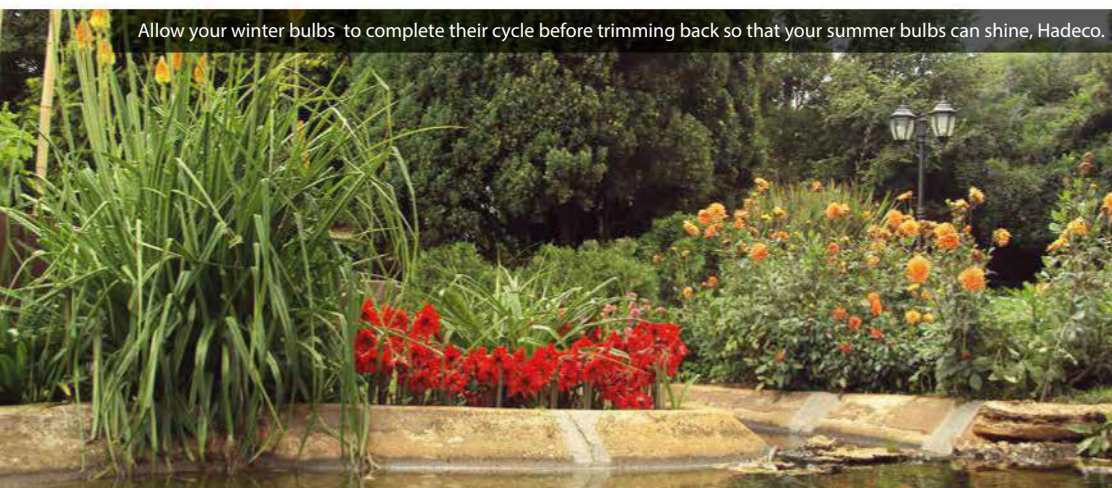


A confetti bush is a lovely addition to your summer garden, Happy by Nature.

## WHAT ABOUT WATERING?

Corbett has a simple rule here: rather than giving your garden a light sprinkling daily, water deeply, less often. Early mornings are best. 🌱

***With thanks to Builders, Hadeco, Happy by Nature, Life is a Garden, Plantland, and Red Daffodil***



Allow your winter bulbs to complete their cycle before trimming back so that your summer bulbs can shine, Hadeco.

"A generous layer of rich compost not only nourishes the soil, but also locks in precious moisture."  
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Aluminium bowl, medium, Babylonstoren.

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Harvest basket, Babylonstoren.

## How to Decorate WITH SHELVING

**Shereen Lurie** shares top tips for incorporating and styling trendy shelving into your home

**S**helves are a vital feature in any home, valued not only for their practicality, but also their visual appeal. They offer an ideal space to showcase your curated collections, giving guests a glimpse into your personality and style.

Use open shelves to display curated décor, plants and books while tucking away necessities in baskets or boxes. By combining materials, such as wood and metal, and varying shelf heights, you can add depth, maximise storage and create a visually striking display.  
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&Tradition Guild shelf, Créma Design.



Refined shelving introduces elegance through design and detail. Crafted from fine materials, it transforms storage into a statement, framing books, objects and art with intention. Subtle yet sophisticated, shelving enhances the room's architecture while seamlessly merging practicality with timeless style.  
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Blending classic and contemporary, this spacious shelving suits both tall ceilings and more compact rooms. It's ideal in offices, beside fireplaces or as a freestanding complement to built-in kitchens. For a display that's practical and captivating, layer heights, textures and colours with kitchenware, books and treasured décor.  
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LA Gorema shelf, KARE Johannesburg.



Shelves are perfect for storytelling. Display travel souvenirs, family photos in chic frames or quirky design finds that reflect who you are. Think of shelves as mini-curated galleries rather than clutter catchalls. Leave negative space to avoid overwhelming the eye.

<https://www.kare-design.com/za-en>

Murano display cabinet, La Grange Interiors.



Shelving is an opportunity for both display and storage – one of those décor features that allows for creativity and practicality. Units that combine open and shut shelving or include slots of different sizes are a nice way to create pace and interest. Think of each block as a frame and compose accordingly.

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Aria by Porada bookcase, Maldini.



Shelving becomes impactful when it balances purpose with personality. Mix functional items with treasured pieces – books, ceramics, greenery or art – to create rhythm and contrast. Thoughtful styling transforms shelving into a design feature that is as practical as it is beautiful. [www.maldini.co.za](http://www.maldini.co.za)

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Shelving is both practical and transformative in the home, offering storage while enhancing visual appeal. Style shelves with a thoughtful balance of books, décor objects and greenery to create layers of interest. A well-considered focal point like a beautifully designed shelving unit adds dynamism and energy, elevating your space into a design-led feature. <https://softandco.co.za>





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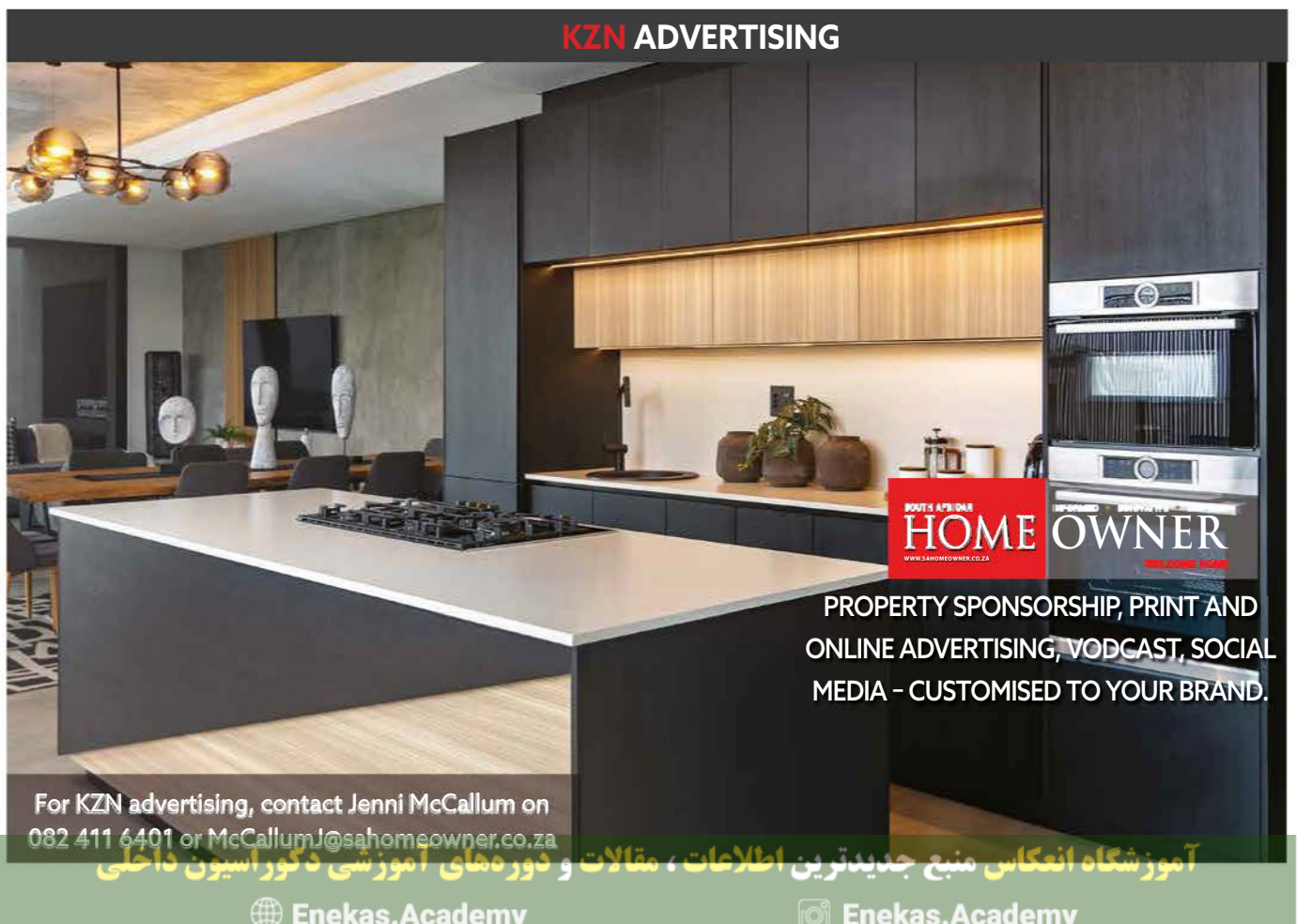
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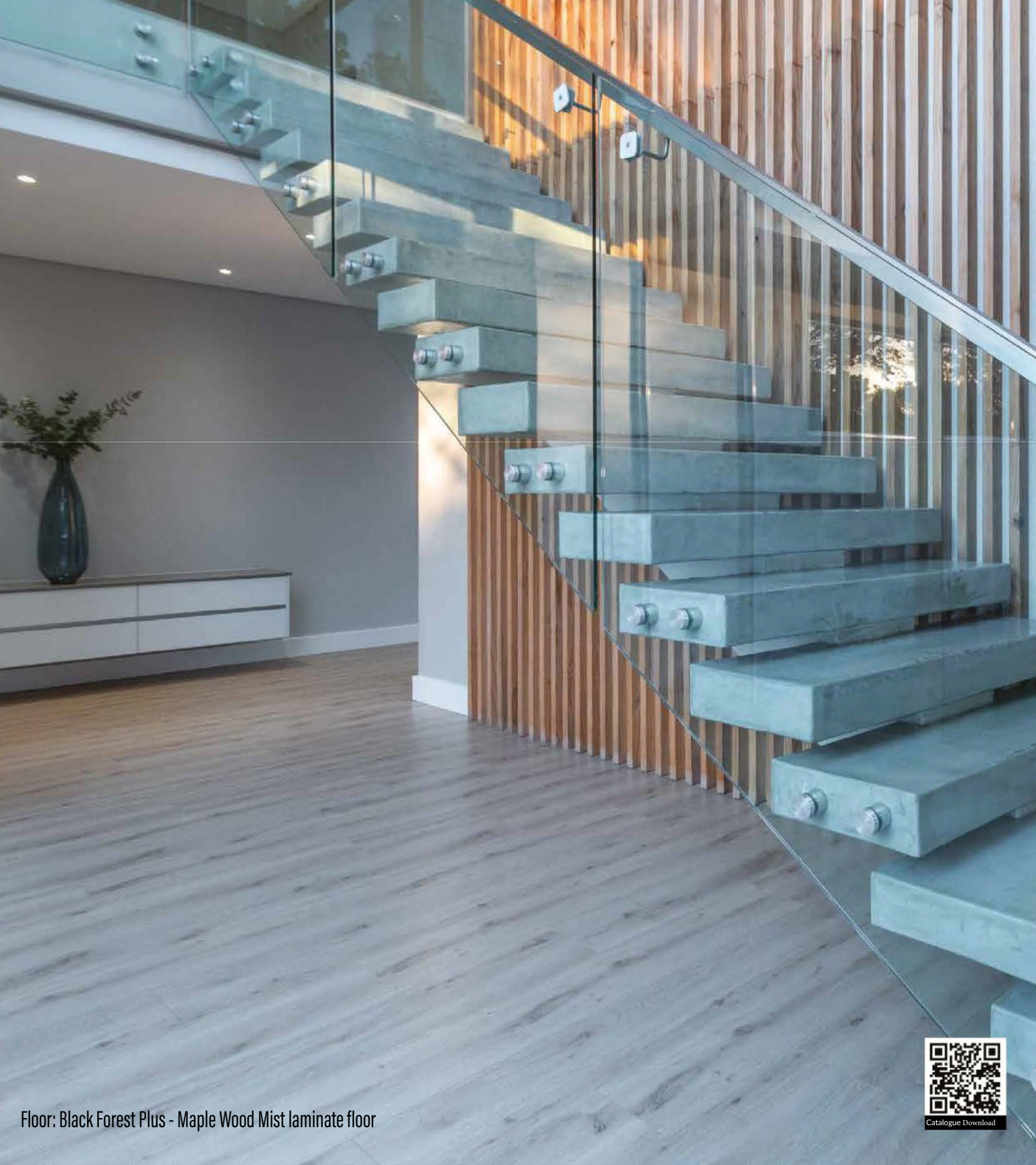
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