

VERSATILE LIVING

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Having spent his early adulthood in Johannesburg, this home owner has returned to his Durban roots, settling in a golfing estate. The home is all about style and versatility – a series of shape-shifting spaces that allows the household the freedom to enjoy open-plan living to the full.

Being in the business of design development and project management, the owner relished the opportunity to build his own home. "I was very involved with set ideas on space and feel. The architect was instrumental in interpreting my dreams and ideas," he says.

As with many estates, there was a design code that the building had to adhere to. From the road, the structure affiliates itself with the surrounding properties, with a gable facade and entrance clad in a variegated stone. >

TERRANOVA DEVELOPMENTS 082 458 9018



LEFT: Designed and project-managed by Terranova Developments, this family home was conceived with entertainment in mind. The easy, free-flowing design focuses on delivering a relaxed family lifestyle that integrates all of the living areas of the home. The space is contemporary and clean, with maximised views of the golfing estate.

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As you enter, you are greeted by a light-drenched atrium. "I wanted high volumes and big, flowing open spaces," the owner explains. The exposed ceiling has almost cathedral-like qualities, with a steep pitch and intricate truss detailing. In contrast, the cutting-edge floating staircase and feature raw-concrete wall offer a striking, modern flavour.

From the spacious entrance, four steps lead you down into the main hub of the house. At night, these are lit from under each tread, the glow spreading warmth across the floors.

The kitchen has been designed for simplistic elegance. The white countertops reflect the natural light coming through the low-level window, while the oak wall units are a natural touch that balances out the cool colour palette throughout the house. >



ELIM POOL SERVICES 031 269 2685

ABOVE: The swimming pool was installed by KwaZulu-Natal company Elim Pool Services. Constructed of gunite with a marblelite finish, it is designed in a simple form, in harmony with the surrounding timber deck. Elim Pool Services offers both construction and maintenance of swimming pools, focusing on quality and efficiency.

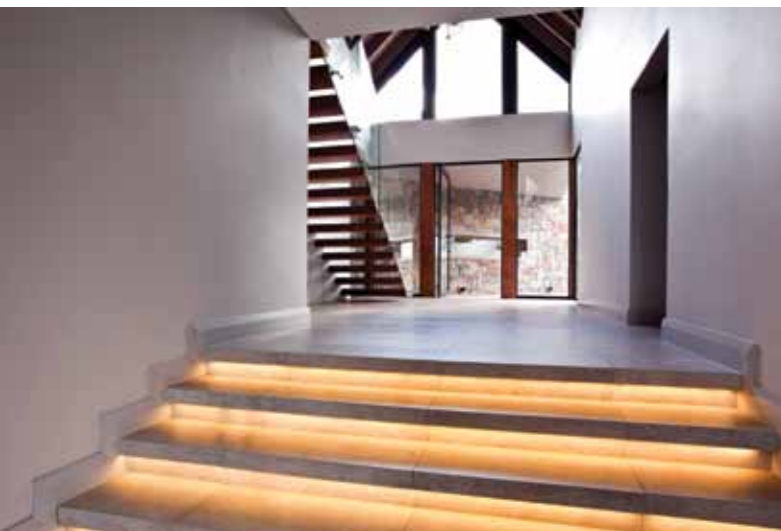


KALJON 031 700 3910

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ABOVE: With 30 years of experience, KwaZulu-Natal firm Kaljon was commissioned to manufacture and install the solid oak treads around a steel frame, as well as the cladding of the steel posts that frame the front door. The timberwork was finished with an in-house-designed stain, providing a warm, rich glow to the oak, designed to offset the minimalist elements of the raw concrete wall and frameless glass balustrade. Kaljon specialises in designer solid timber staircases, balustrades and cladding solutions.

ABOVE: In order to achieve their goal of a high-end contemporary aesthetic, the owner of this home opted for frameless glass interior solutions throughout. KwaZulu-Natal firm Transparency was called on to supply and install the glass balustrade on the staircase and landing, as well as all of the frameless glass shower doors. As the name suggests, Transparency specialises in glass architectural products, offering a comprehensive service to bring a sleek and contemporary finish to all interior and exterior applications.



FAIR DEAL WINDOWS & DOORS 031 564 1195

ABOVE: Responsible for the majority of the doors and hardware in this home, Fair Deal supplied and installed this garage door, constructed of meranti and finished in a specialised oil-based sealer, Silkwood. All of the ironmongery is either brushed stainless steel or satin nickel, to complete the modern approach.



AFRIGRAN 031 577 8090

LEFT: Giving a fresh, modern look to the kitchen are the countertops supplied and installed by Afrigran, a stone fabricator that works with Caesarstone, Neolith, marble and granite products. Here the stone is Alaska Caesarstone, chosen for its neutral palette of white, black and wood.

RIGHT: Following a precise design brief that called for a kitchen of understated elegance, The Kitchen Depot was careful to acknowledge the design language throughout the home. The cupboard fronts were finished in Satin White Duco, while the stylised wall units are natural oak, topped off with Caesarstone tops in Alaska.



THE KITCHEN DEPOT 031 705 1184



"I wanted to reduce the number of indoor dining/lounge areas by using the big sliding doors, which, when opened, convert the lounge and dining rooms into 'outside' areas," the home owner adds. This style of living makes a lot of sense in the tropical climes of Durban, especially when you have such beautiful views.

One area of interest is the concealed TV "snug". Hidden behind corner pocket doors, this modest-sized room allows

for privacy or somewhere to cosy up in winter.

In the upper-highway area of KwaZulu-Natal, the temperature can drop dramatically at night, so the owner has opted for built-in wood burners. Deliberately offset and with no embellishments, they reinforce the minimalist influence of this home, further evidence of which comes in the form of uncluttered room layouts.

Undertaking the interior design himself, he stuck to >





practical yet elegant materials. The dark-brown leather couch and burnt-amber wall tiles in the lounge establish a sense of warmth, while the stark contrast between the grey tones of the concrete-looking floor tiles and walls and the crisp black aluminium glass doors bring style and elegance, framing and focusing the eye on the views beyond.

"My intention was to create an entertainer's delight, where entertainment can take place as easily around the kitchen island as at the dining-room table, or outside around the pool," the owner says. 🏡



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