



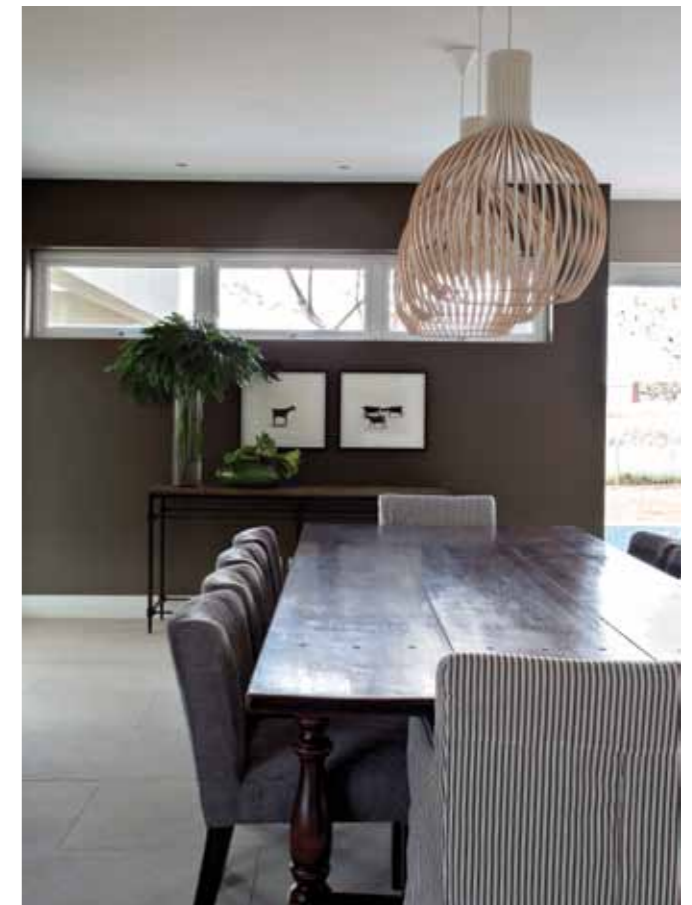
# Delighting the senses

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Often the architecture of a house is inspired by those who choose to reside in the home, while also keeping in mind the regulations and stipulations of the estate, and as such, the decor within is appropriately chosen to reflect and enhance the design of the architecture simultaneously.

However, for this home, the inspiration behind such was a little bit different. Aside from the characteristics of the location playing a major role in determining the architectural design, the inspiration came from the ingeniousness of the architects who created an ideal brief to suit a future Waterfall family.



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**LEFT:** Bosun, a leading manufacturer of value added, complete paving solutions, provided the paving for this home. Bosun Cobble was the paver of choice. With a rustic charm, Bosun Cobble lends character to any architectural design enhancing the aesthetics and ambience of any abode.

“With no one family’s specific needs to work with, we focused the development of the design on resolving the size and flow of the home, so that it could cater for the flexibility required as the needs of a growing family change,” explains Louise Osborne, of Louise O Architects.

The particular shape and orientation of the long narrow stand dictated the ideal structure of which this house was designed around. The concept of the home is based on three simple farm shed-like buildings that are linked together through a central courtyard, which ingeniously allows a plethora of natural light throughout the home. This design also makes it possible for a maximum number of rooms to face predominantly onto the outdoor area in all directions. As such, “the configuration of the rooms was designed around getting good cross ventilation”, explains Louise.

Situated within the breathtaking Waterfall Country Estate, and developed by Century Property Developments and Atterbury, the estate is just a five-minute drive from the Sandton CBD, making it the ideal location for your dream home.

Generously equipped with three garages, this home offers the ultimatum in luxury, boasting far beyond the requirements that any home owner could ask for.



**TOP LEFT:** SmartStone provided this home with its Ibanzi paver, specifically used as a landscaping feature in the garden area. The Ibanzi paver is 500mm x 1 000mm, with an ultra-smooth modern finish and is available in a variety of colours. SmartStone is renowned for being one of the leading manufacturers of cast stone paving, tiling, cladding and landscaping products in South Africa.

The two flexible additional living spaces, which are accessible from the main entrance, are ideally separated by a choice of a cavity slider and/or plantation shutters, and provide both the future guest and the home owner privacy.

The great thing about the design of these additional spaces is that if the home owners require they can easily transform this area into an extra living space, whether a playroom or study.

The courtyard is located at the centre of the home, with the family room conveniently opening out towards this area, while on the other side it welcomes residents to the generous covered patio.

As with most South African architecture, this home takes in most of the ideal climate, maximising the use of glass throughout, including two



outdoor entertainment areas. The open-plan nature of the home ensures that each space is visually connected while maintaining a unique and distinctive interior, and simultaneously allowing for appropriate ventilation.

The design of the kitchen (which was supplied by the brilliant Slavin and Company – who are renowned for their creative and out of the box thinking), dining and living rooms enhance the ergonomic flow, while the double-sided fireplace and the change in level, creates the perfect divide between the dining and lounge area. Totem Kitchens, renowned for its expertly crafted designs, was responsible for all bedroom and bathroom cabinetry among other things in this home. Working in collaboration with the architects, Totem Kitchens ensured that each design was specifically

selected for the elegance and ambience that the house portrays. While this home displays distinct architecture, it also makes use of passive design principles, “that make it an environmentally-sustainable environment to live in”, explains Louise.

Teva Doors and Windows provided all the windows and doors – the double-glazed window and door units offer one of the best thermal and acoustic properties available in South Africa. Not only do these windows reduce noise and heat loss, and keep out draughts, but they also allow a comfortable temperature in the home all year round while reducing your electricity bill. Using these principles throughout the home ensured its success in winning the Green Award for best energy efficiency.



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**RIGHT:** Slavin and Company supplied the kitchen and scullery together with Gaggenau appliances. A new profile door was specially designed, with a dark grey finish highlighted by aluminum, as a “contemporary farmhouse” to complement the award-winning architecture. The company is renowned for combining its unparalleled ideas and excellent workmanship to create a contemporary and unique lifestyle.

**BELOW:** Handles Inc supplied the specialist door handles for this unique home. The company used exclusive stainless steel, polished and brushed door handles, adding to the elegance and ambience of each interior. Handles Inc, the exclusive importers of the Piet Boon range of products, is an importer, wholesaler and retailer of the finest Italian, Spanish and German door handles, locks, bathroom accessories and cabinet handles.



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**LEFT:** Specialising in the sales and installations of fireplaces (wood and gas burning) and braais for domestic homes, Cosy Heating supplied and installed the highly efficient Scan DSA 12 double-sided wood fire (which is capable of heating most of the ground floor of this home), as well as the Jotul G1160 balanced flue gas fire in the main bedroom and the Infiniti Fires charcoal braai on the patio.

**BELOW:** The Plantation Shutter Co. installed Plantation Timber Shutters as a divider solution between the living area/playroom and the main entrance into the house. The solution has been designed as a flexible floating system, meaning that the shutters can open four leaves to the left and four leaves to the right, or the shutters can open all to the left or the right. This allows you to stack or partially open the shutters in whichever configuration you require, allowing you to either have the openness and flow between the two areas or close off a space completely.

**OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE LEFT:** Classic Trading's expert team worked closely with these clients to provide custom solutions that suit their need for minimalist, contemporary and timeless products. Featured here is Classic Trading's exclusive selection from its broad range of global brands, including Hansgrohe taps and Catalano sanitaryware – all of which complement the contemporary design of the house.

**OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE RIGHT:** Stoneform manufactures to the age-old tradition of terrazzo, adapted to reflect the contemporary styles of modern-day living. Bespoke hand-finished cast concrete counters was used throughout, in natural stone colours (unpigmented) for bathroom vanities, floating window ledge, niche counter and a braai server cast with an integrated prep bowl.



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What more could you ask for in a home? While it is shaped in a contemporary yet elegant and comfortable design, meaning that your stress levels will automatically ease the moment you step foot into the home, this sterling abode also allows for all your senses to be captivated, and its green design gives you peace of mind knowing that you are part of the solution to the ever-increasing green issue. ■

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