

Delightfully Different

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Francois Marais Architects were commissioned to design this stunning contemporary home. The brief from the client was that the home had to be open-plan and above all, modern. Using his skill and talent, Francois has managed to create the perfect example of a unique, modern South African home.

The design epitomises the New Age style - it is stylish and maximises the use of the minimal space that the site afforded.

By using elements such as butterfly roofs, the architect has created the illusion of larger, more spacious rooms and the use of large windows and sloped ceilings ultimately creates a warm, spacious ambience throughout the home.

RIGHT: CTM supplied the tiles throughout the home. The outside tiles on the front wall and around the Koi pond and water feature, are all imported, full body, black polished porcelain tiles. The tiles have a high reflection quality and are rectified making them very modern and fashionable - complementing the architectural style of the home.

BELOW LEFT: VDM Consulting Civil Engineers also specialises in structures. Specialised input was required due to double volumes, cantilevered sections and large voids in the slab. For aesthetic reasons, beams, columns and other structural elements can be invisibly integrated within the structure, or alternatively they can be introduced as prominent features within the home.

OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: The modernity of this spectacular home is reinforced by its architecture. Uniquely designed by architect, Francois Marais, the home is a classic example of the modern architecture of South African homes. This magnificent home was born from the amalgamation of a variety of different design elements. Large windows and stackable doors create a smooth flow to the outside. The end result is a home that complements its surroundings and a place where the interior and exterior harmoniously interact with each other.

A garden designed by Sycamore and Eagle is not just landscaping, but it is an outward expression of the owner's personality and it captures the essence of the owners. A mystical Koi pond was designed and installed to wrap around the pillar, close to the entrance of the home - producing an ambience of tranquillity and peace.

OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Adding the finishing touches to this trendy home are beautiful artworks from Art Division's Freddie Kruger, whose abstract paintings and sculptures assist in bringing any interior space to life. Freddie's inspiration comes from everything around him and he uses colours according to his moods. Working in mixed mediums with materials such as metal, glass and anything else except oil - Freddie's work ranges from abstract to African ethnic art. Freddie also produces custom-made commissions, and he will personally deliver and hang his artwork on request.



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New Age designs and cutting edge technology make up this delightfully different and modern home. From the superb architecture to the high-tech products, this home offers not only exquisite living, but comfort, safety and style as well.

The owners' love for creativity and modernity is clearly reflected throughout the home and with the help of their architect they have managed to create their perfect dream home.

From the onset, the home owners knew that they wanted a home that, apart from being modern, was also different from common styles. According to the owner: "It is good to take a leap of faith with your architect." She is happy to say that she is absolutely satisfied with the end result and feels privileged to be able to live in such a magnificent home.

The architecture has a huge impact on

the aesthetic success of this home. Having consulted Francois Marais Architects, the owners decided that they wanted a home that above all, would have an open-plan look and feel to it - with a layout that would allow for the interior and exterior of the home to interact with one another.

When designing this home, the architect included various elements that would create unusual, yet functional and visually elegant spaces, such as double volume windows, stackable doors, and an extraordinary butterfly roof. The composition of all of these elements resulted in a spacious home with open-plan living areas that are stylish and opulent.

The main bulk of the residence takes the form of a rectangular cube, accented with an inverted glass pyramid with curved walls that create spatial flow. When designing the home, the architect had to find ways to work

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West Designs styled the interior of this magnificent home using décor that complemented the lifestyle of the clients, and taking the hi-tech feel of the home into careful consideration. Design factors included choice of furniture, curtains, objects d'art and Gabbeh rugs. Simplicity, clean lines and soft lighting creates a perfect ambience for the formal living area. The dining area was decorated using bold coloured fabrics, complemented by the use of chrome, wood and glass, which contrast beautifully with the living area.

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Sheer opulence is a concise way of describing the interior compositions of this home. Design Benedict supplied the luxurious furniture that gives life to this warm and timeless home. Plush Bertha couches, a stylish model 2000 coffee table, accompanied with side tables, mirrors with consoles, as well as a magnificent dining table and chairs, were all supplied by Design Benedict to furnish this home. The company used products made predominately from stainless steel and glass, mixed with Mahogany, to create interiors that are infused with elegance and a sense of modern timelessness.

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ABOVE LEFT: The imported kitchen tiles are rectified glazed tiles in neutral hues and were supplied by CTM. A stunning design above the stove was created by the owner and cut out with a water jet by Checca Ceramics. Imported mosaics were used to create a border around the dining room table.

ABOVE RIGHT: CTM supplied the rectified polished porcelain tiles inside the house. These are extremely durable tiles, which have been selected in neutral tones in order to broaden the options for decoration. The tiles for the garage, around the swimming pool and drive-way, are all imported glazed porcelain tiles that are durable and easy to clean.

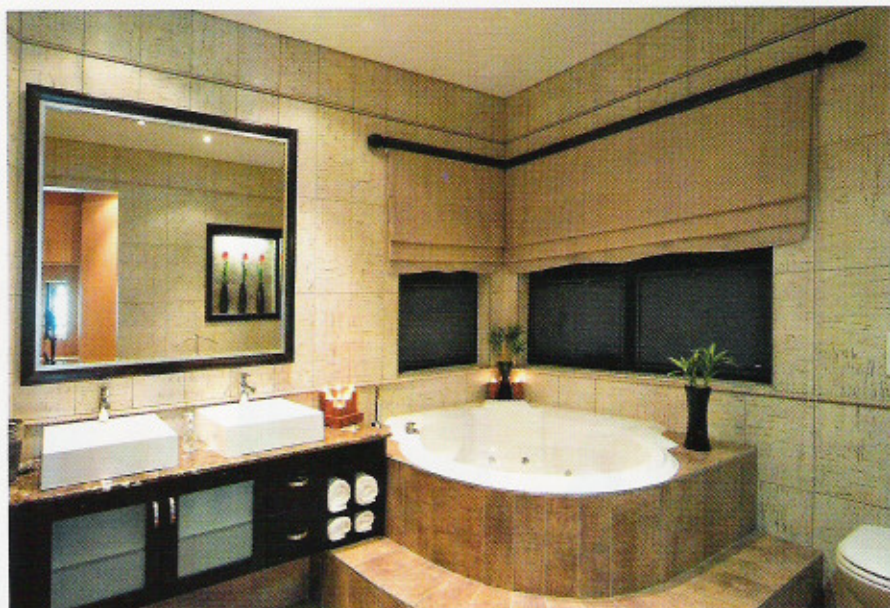
around the restrictive space that the stand presented. He used minimal walls to enhance the feeling of open spaces, as well as designing walkways that lead to the bedrooms to reduce the need for passages. The design catered for impressive double volumes and butterfly roofs to create the illusion of larger bedrooms by increasing the ceiling heights.

Although the theme running throughout the home is one of modernity - in essence this is a very practical home. With the help of an interior designer and the owner's gut feeling, the entire home was transformed into a haven of extreme luxury with opulent furniture, beautiful abstract art and elegant and unusual finishes. The colours throughout the home have been kept fairly neutral to accommodate future décor changes if need be.

All the windows are made from tinted safety-glass, which assists in keeping the heat out on those extremely hot days. The owners opted for under-floor heating throughout the home, and an evaporative cooling system ensures constant temperature control through the home.

In keeping with the modern theme, stunning imported tiles in neutral

RIGHT: The tiles for the bathroom were supplied by CTM. To create an easy flow, the owners opted to use the same tiles on the bathroom walls that were chosen for the floor for the rest of the home. The borders were cut with a water jet and stainless steel cut-outs were inserted into the listello - creating a stunning look in the bathroom.



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shades feature strongly throughout. This not only adds to the New Age theme, but makes the various rooms appear more spacious. Tiles also offer the practical benefits of being easier to maintain and the fact that they are an extremely durable floor covering.

To accommodate the home owners' love for the outdoors, a lot of thought and careful planning was invested in the design the home's exterior areas. A gorgeous exotic Koi pond welcomes guests at the home's entrance, while the perfectly manicured and landscaped garden enhances the striking architectural lines. ■



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