

FAMILY VALUES

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LINEAR CONCEPTS 011 262 4395
Linear Concepts is run by husband-and-wife team Yakup and Selma Zaifoglu, who draw on their backgrounds in European architecture to inform the company's contemporary bespoke kitchen and bar design. It was this aesthetic the owner was looking for when the time came to find a practical kitchen space that could also double up as a sleek entertainment area. Linear Concepts more than met the brief, combining grey and white satin finish sprays for the main colourways and contrasting a warm wood veneer with Caesarstone Rugged Concrete on the kitchen island. This wood veneer reappears to frame the tall unit kitchen appliances, creating a statement feature.



KABU DESIGN ARCHITECTS 011 475 8598

Kabu Design Architects takes pride in designing architecturally unique, high-end homes that are accessible to all economic demographics, and have just opened a new branch in Cape Town. Following a brief from the owner to design a family-friendly home that is still chic and unique, Kabu incorporated treated timber inside and out to allow natural warmth to flow through this modern design. Lighting was another important aspect for the owner, which saw the inclusion of futuristic lines and imagery, making the home bright and elegant.

STEEL STUDIO 011 608 1963

An expert in its field and an opinion leader regarding safety and compliance, Steel Studio is responsible for the design, manufacture and installation of the home's striking custom mild steel staircase with timber treads and glass balustrades. The company takes pride in using stainless steel manufactured to strict environmental guidelines that is 100% recyclable.



Despite building their new home on the principle of "utility first, aesthetics second" since breaking ground almost two years ago, the owners have found themselves living happily with both utility and aesthetics in equal measure.

"We wanted to have open areas that allow everyone to be in their own space yet still within visibility of each other," says the owner, adding: "We love entertaining, and the mix between indoor and outdoor that our open-plan living space affords us is perfect."

A brilliant space for entertaining though it may be, this home has a greater purpose: "We value quality time with our kids to play games, chat and just be together. We wanted cosy and comfortable living spaces on the first floor for private family time, with a large open space leading into the bedrooms, all fully fitted with dressers and en-suite bathrooms."

The owner reveals, "This way we can create awesome memories and teach our kids the value of family. Not to sound too cheesy, but it will always be the people who make a house a home. As much as our home is well thought out and beautiful to live in, when I walk into it alone and there is no one at home, it is just a building to me." >



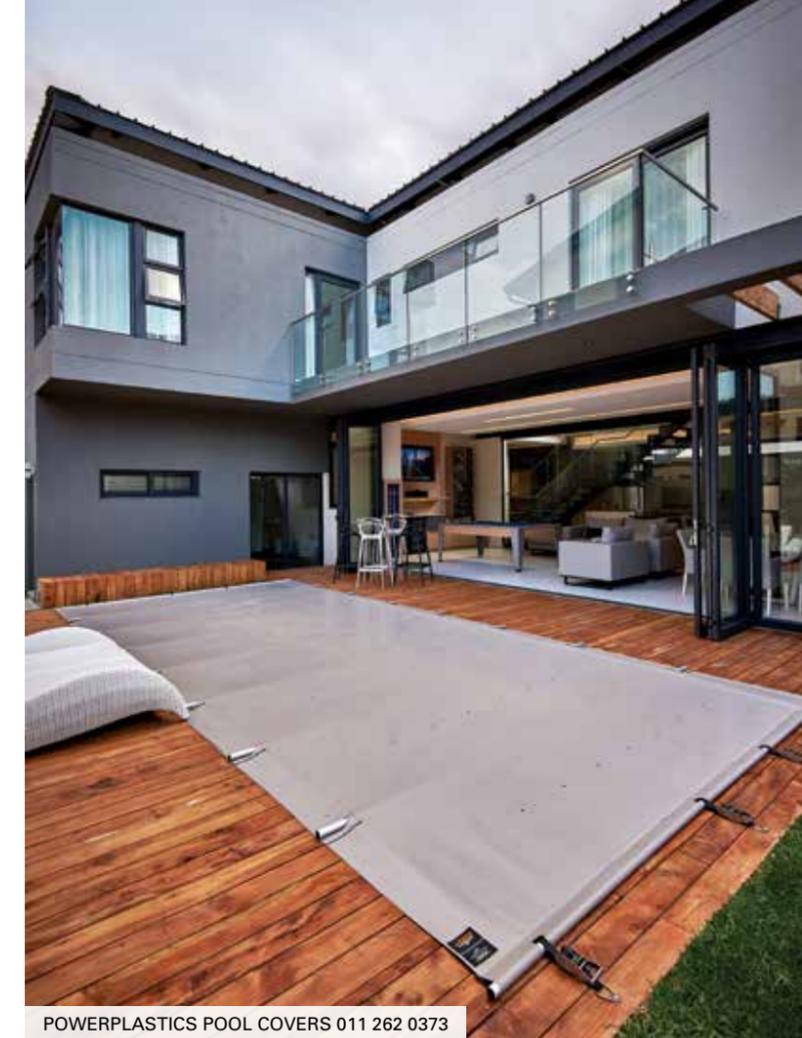


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As for the interior aesthetics, well, the term that describes their self-styled interior best is modern contemporary. “We used neutral colours on all pieces and fittings throughout our home. When choosing pieces of furniture and fixed fittings we always considered utility first and aesthetics second – in this way we kept the peace and had a good blueprint to follow. You can always make a useful thing look good, but it is difficult to make sense of having a good-looking useless thing.

“My wife was our interior decorator for all of our previous homes and this one. The combination of her and Pinterest meant there was no need for us to seek any other decorative advice. We did, however, employ experts for paint colours and the manufacture of bespoke furniture.”

This commitment to their founding principle both inside and out resonated most when they could finally move into their new home for the first time as a family. “It was surreal, like a dream coming true. All of the waiting, planning and shopping was finally over and here we were in this beautiful home. Our four-year-old went straight outside to catch bugs and our 13-year-old settled in her room to chat to her friends about her room, while we made use of the bar and its offerings.” >



POWERPLASTICS POOL COVERS 011 262 0373

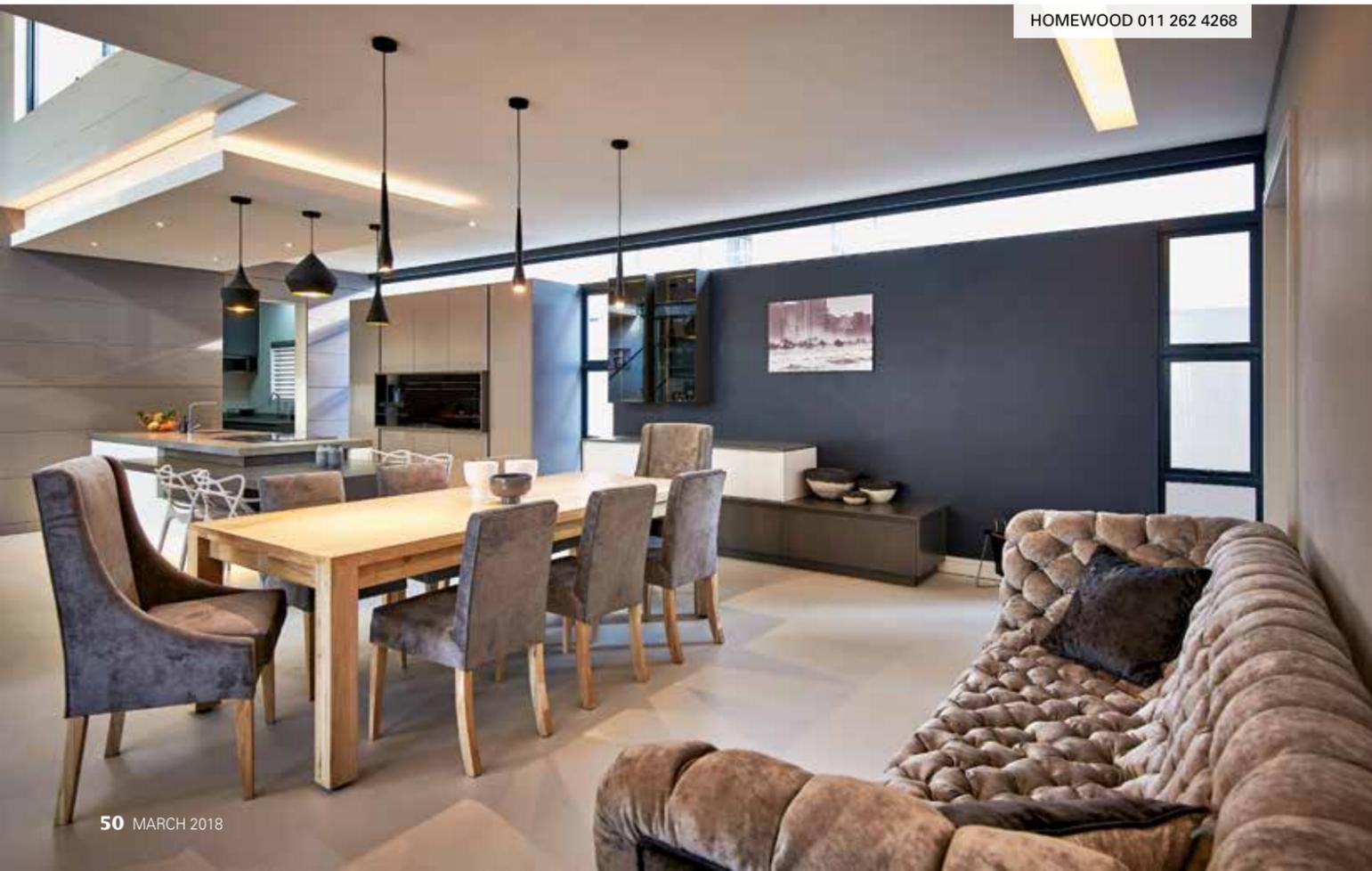
It’s for these reasons and so much more that the covered patio is the “room” that reflects the owners best. “The covered patio is not treated as a patio, as we spend most of our time here as a family without actually being ‘outside’ our home. This area reflects our willingness to share. Our guests are not secluded or kept separate – they become part of our home due to the openness of this area.”

The size of the stand meant having to compromise on a few extras, like a separate study and laundry room, but the location itself more than makes up for the sacrifice.

“The area is phenomenal. It boasts beautiful greenbelts, walkways along a river and play parks for kids along with a fully fitted gym and restaurant. The cherry on top is the fact that our kids’ schools are at the gates on the estate and our commute to work is a breeze.”

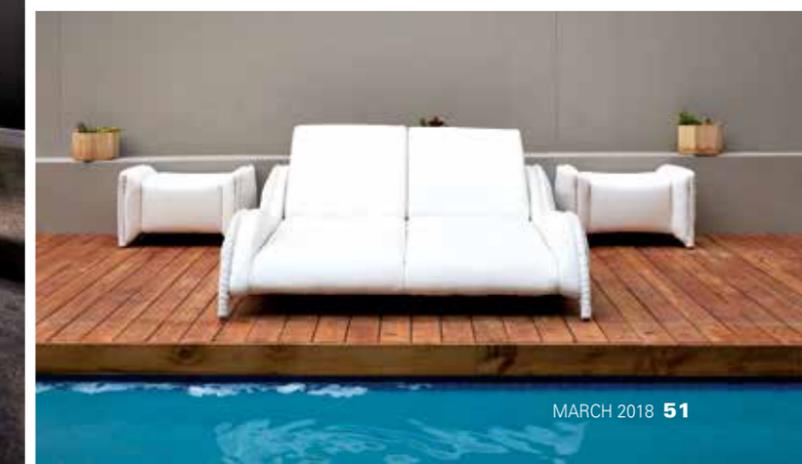
BELOW: With a brief from the owner to create an elegant, custom-made eight-seater dining set to best suit the home’s contemporary interior design, HOMEWOOD chose to use bleached kiaat wood to craft the Omusha dining table and chair frames. Luxurious Ponti upholstery in Steel from Hertex finishes the whole look off perfectly.

HOMEWOOD 011 262 4268



ABOVE: With a weight tolerance of 220kg, the PowerPlastics Pool Covers Solid Safety Cover is SA’s leading safety cover and great for sustainable lifestyles, as it curbs water evaporation and reduces power and chemical requirements. It can be semi-automated with a Vektor Rollup Station to aid single-person use.

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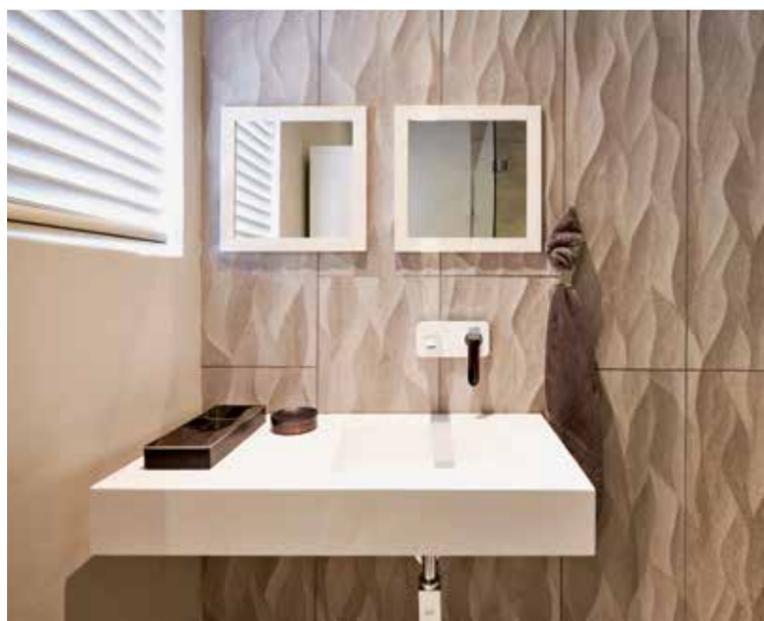
BELOW: Living Divani Interiors is responsible for the design and manufacture of all the custom-made window dressings in this home. As this is a contemporary house with contemporary finishes, the designers opted to incorporate the latest in trending window treatments in the bedrooms. To best create a sophisticated focal point for each space, textured fabrics in timeless neutrals were chosen. The company also made sure to include wave curtains with 100% block-out lining to back the front curtains and block out sunlight.



GEBERIT SOUTHERN AFRICA 011 444 5070

ABOVE: From custom furniture creation to window dressing, Living Divani Interiors specialises in all types of interior design. By taking the needs of each client into consideration, the talented pool of professional designers is able to assist in the creation of space, electrical, lighting and floor planning layouts as well as mood boards and window treatments – saving home owners time, money and potential aggravation. Above all, Living Divani Interiors aims to provide clients with interiors that are beautiful, functional and a reflection of their personal style.

LEFT: Black is trending at the moment, but if used in excess, can be cold and intense, creating an unappealing confined space. The owners' creative use of black fashioned this warm and inviting bathroom – one enhanced by Geberit's unobtrusive concealed toilet system with only the sleek black Sigma 30 actuator plate visible, adding to the charm.



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