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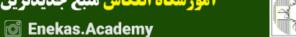
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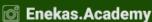


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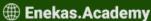
















have always been fascinated by designer Rick Owens and his eccentric wife Michèle Lamy, and have spent many an evening scouring YouTube for obscure video interviews of these two talking about their lives as designers and their unique relationship. He is usually calm and draped in black (naturally, dressed in Rick Owens, the fashion label) and she is smoking cigarettes excessively while gesturing with her hands, which are stacked with bold jewellery, fingertips smeared with dark henna.

Then, one morning at a breakfast brainstorm in Cape Town I asked the team, knowing that it might be an impossible

task, to work on a feature on the Rick Owens furniture line as a design story that I knew would be perfect for our annual 'Back to Black' Transformations issue. Owens' and Lamy's fascination with all things dark, nomadic and ritualistic was the perfect narrative for this moody book.

So I can't even begin to explain how very jealous I felt when our new story editor Garreth van Niekerk casually sent me a message a few weeks ago - saying that he wouldn't be available for a meeting because he was doing a telephone interview with Michèle Lamy. I mean... an old-school live telephone interview, with Garreth scribbling notes as Michèle described the duo's design process and chatted about her favourite materials. There are very few genuine treats in life, and a heart-to-heart with Michèle Lamy about Rick Owens and alabaster furniture is definitely on my list. (You can discover what Michèle told Garreth on page 22.)

For this issue, we have lined up homes that also touch on this spirit of eccentricity and boldness: spaces that march to their own drum, design-wise, and homeowners who love all things monotone. Our cover house this month (p48) is a good example; it's a simple weekend retreat near a lake, but has been given the feel of a slightly otherwordly log cabin via interior walls and ceilings clad in blonde wood, which are perfectly set off by a few carefully chosen pieces of black furniture. Another home has a contemporary brutalist, all-black exterior with a sleek interior (p64), while the abode refurbished by Nick Gluckman of Oggie Hardwood Flooring is a perfect pet-friendly 'tree house' in Tamboerskloof (p72) - with beautiful wooden floors (of course) but also showcasing a strong monochrome aesthetic that feels comforting and warm.

This issue is really packed with the best of the best, and I hope you enjoy it all.

PS While we're speaking of treats, here's a sneak peek at some of the

essentials that make me smile every day.



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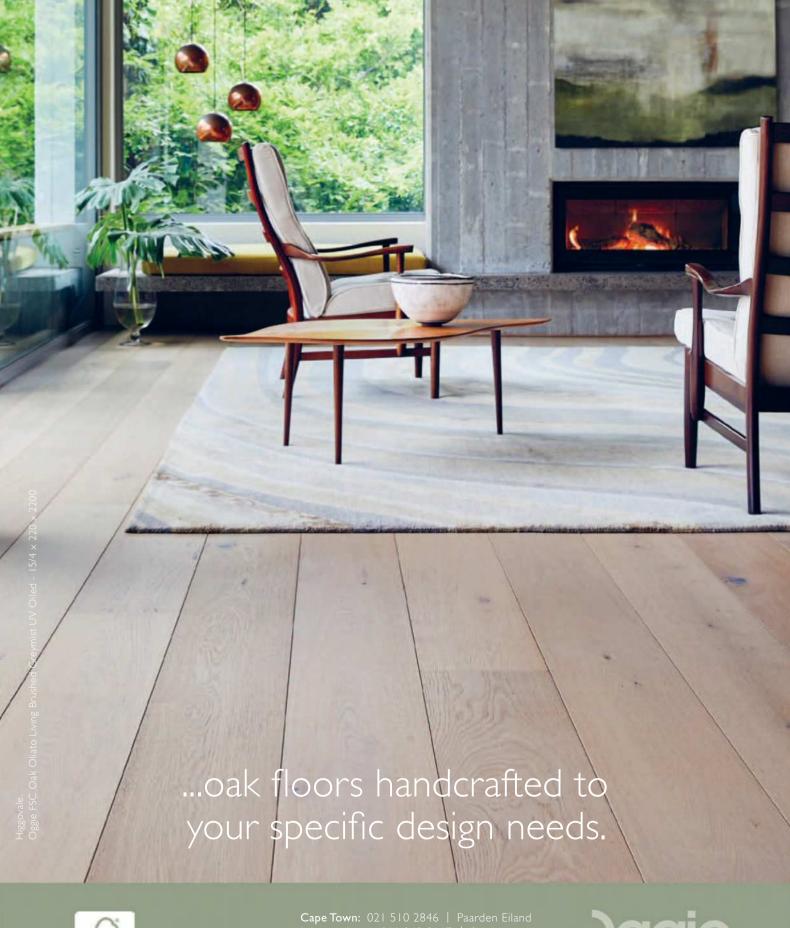








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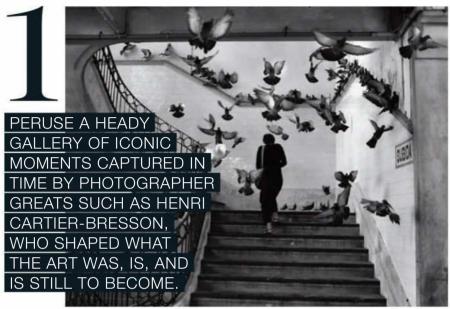






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WHITE NOISE In a rebellious reaction to this issue's transformative black theme, our Instagram feed is all about white, cream and ivory.





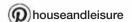






















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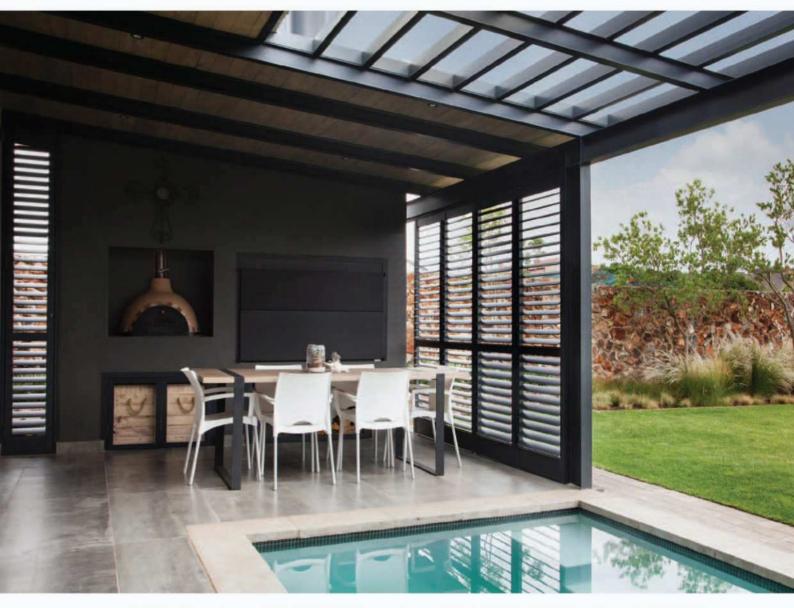








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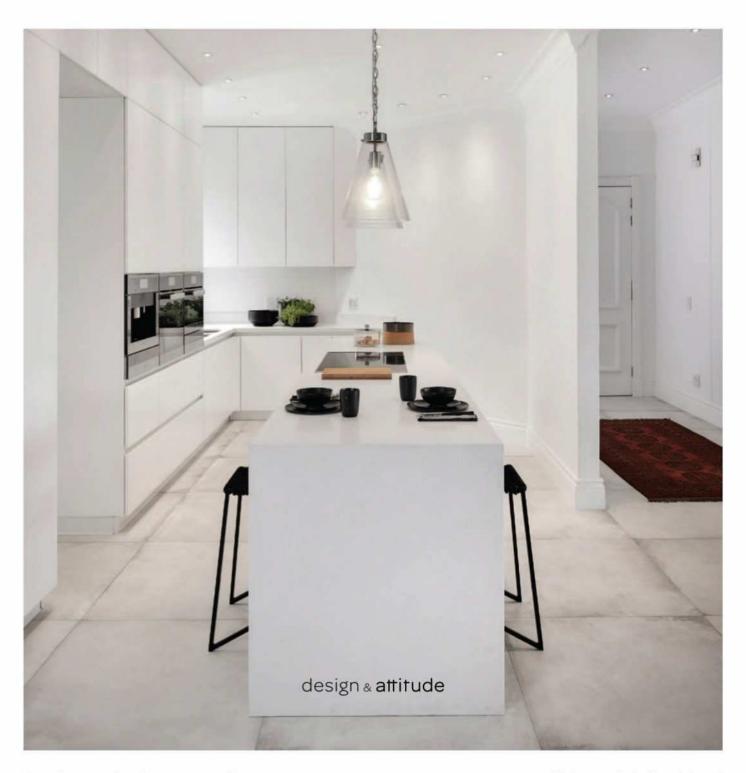
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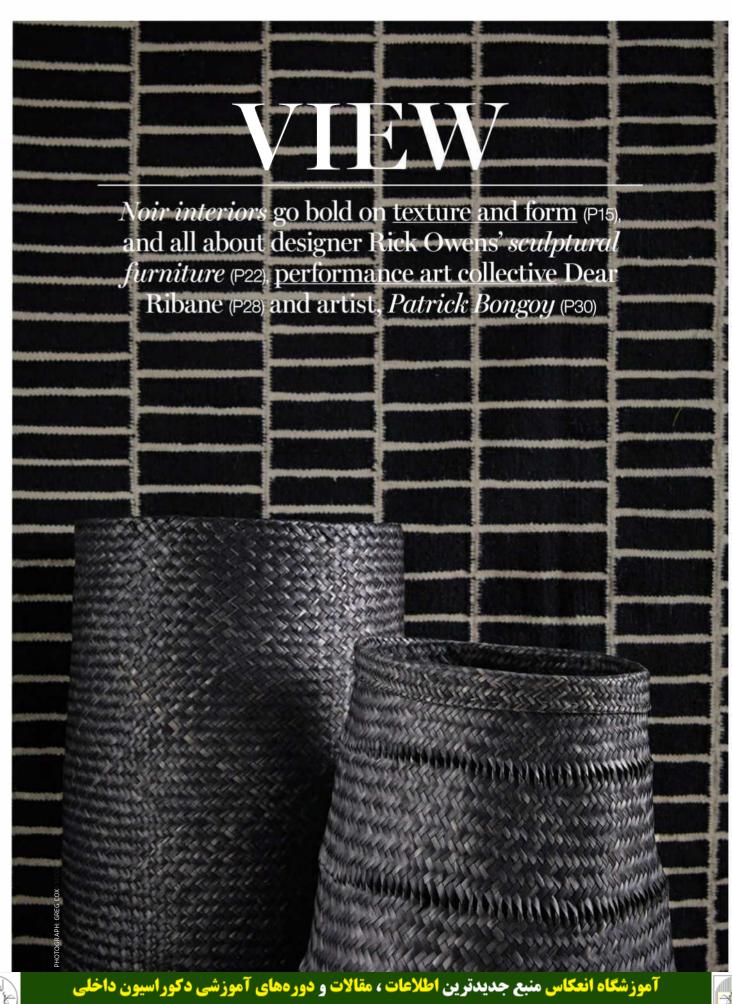
















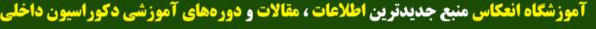


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Armani Stripes **rug** from the Round Tibetan range R27 118 (2.5×2.5m), Gonsenhausers Fine Rugs; Line handpainted **mudcloth** by Ndomo R2 800 (2.3×2.4m), Design Afrika; Zed **dining chair** in Black R1 610, Weylandts; Tapered leg **dining table** in solid oak with Dark Charcoal finish R27 600, James Mudge; (on table, from left): Thick Stripe soft **pot** R5 010 and cylinder **vase** R1 500, both by Lisa Firer, Africa Nova; ceramic matt bud **vase** in Black R60, MRP Home; Front Page **magazine rack** in Heavy Black by Front for Kartell R3 755, True Design; mudcloth **cushions** R2 800 each and woven **baskets** in Black R400 (tall) and R370 (short), all Design Afrika.









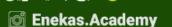
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White line wool dhurrie **rug** R4 995 (1.7×2.4m), Aluminium Cog **table** R1 820, (on table) clay Pisac Ball **vase** R495 and ceramic Colca **vessel** R995 (large), all Weylandts; Zebra handpainted **mudcloth** R1 450 (1.3×2m) and Line handpainted **mudcloth** R2 800 (2.3×2.4m), both by Ndomo, Design Afrika; E.1027 white American oak **credenza** in Black (0.9×1.6m) R31 950, Douglas & Company; (on credenza, back row, from left) Anglepoise Type 7 de**sk lamp** in Jet Black R5 832, Newport Lighting; clay Pisac **vase** in Black R595, clay Chivay **bottle** in Black R595 (medium) and ceramic Colca **vessel** in Black R895 (small), all Weylandts; (on credenza, front row, from left) Maceta **planter** in Black R395, Weylandts; ceramic matt bud **vase** in Black R60, MRP Home; Black **vessel** R149, H&M; Kabuki outdoor **floor lamp** in White by Ferruccio Laviani for Kartell R17 693, True Design.

OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT

Temara **rug** in Obsidian R6 660 (2×2.9m), Haus by Hertex; Zebra handpainted **mudcloth** by Ndomo R1 450 (1.3×2m), Design Afrika; Pilastro **stool** in Black from the 'Kartell goes Sottsass – A Tribute to Memphis' collection for Kartell R5 100, True Design; 'Inside Out' **sculpture** by Martine Jackson R22 000, Robert Sherwood Design; woven **pouffe** in Black R4 450, Design Afrika; Diamond natural fibre 3D **board** painted in Matt Black R329/m², 3D Board; Sunny **chair** in Shadowy from the M'Afrique collection by Tord Boontje for Moroso R17 221, True Design.







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ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Zebra handpainted **mudcloth** by Ndomo R1 450 (1.3×2m), Design Afrika; Cube **sidetable** with top in Vanilla Noir stone and base in black epoxy-coated steel R2 800 (small; 30×60cm), Klooftique; Graphic cylinder **vase** by Lisa Firer R1 810, Africa Nova; clay Pisac Ball **vase** R495, Weylandts; Cube **sidetable** with top in Charcoal MDF and base in black epoxy-coated steel R3 400 (45×45cm), Klooftique; Round **tray** R325 (small) and Tangle **artwork** R995, both Weylandts.

TOP RIGHT, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT Diamond natural fibre 3D **board** painted in Matt Black R329/m², 3D Board; Tapered leg dining table in solid oak with finish in Dark Charcoal R27 600, James Mudge; small bowl in Bronze R325, Weylandts; Al nero di seppia (cuttlefish ink) spaghetti R77 (500g), Woolworths; Pompadour Flatware fork and spoon in Matt Black R1 765 (for 16-piece set), Haus by Hertex; black and white vase R299, H&M; Albi timber trivets in Black by Country Road R181 each, Woolworths; beaded placemat R1 900, Design Afrika; ceramic Blume spoon in Black by Country Road R70, Woolworths; porcelain dinner plate R50 and side plate in Black R30, both H&M; tapas condiment **bowl** in Matt Black by Country Road R60, charcoal square snacks R36 (120g), cream cheese R39 (250g), liquorice R29 (200g), Hawaiian black salt R45 (125g), Milu napkin by Country Road R251 (set of four), all Woolworths.

RIGHT, CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT Background: White line wool dhurrie **rug** R4 995 (1.7×2.4m); Maze wool dhurrie **rug** R4 995 (1.7×2.4m); Reversible graphic **throw** R695, Rod pine and Saddlewood Grey steel **ottoman** with seat upholstered in Wakati Matope fabric by Warwick R8 070, all Weylandts; **Books**, stylist's own; Tapas espresso **cup** by Country Road R251 (set of four), Woolworths; Witches Fume teak **stool** in Natural R2 020, Weylandts; black and white **candle** R80, H&M; Stand-up **floor lamp** in Black and White by Estudi Ribaudi for Faro R11 698, Newport Lighting.











WHAT'S THE POINT OF AN EVERYDAY ROUTINE? MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLER MALIBONGWE TYILO SAYS HE'S RECENTLY DISCOVERED THE BENEFITS



just checked on one of those random internet calculators, and counting from the day I was born, this is the 14 430th day of my life. But there are some mildly remarkable things about this particular 24-hour cycle that set it apart from other recent days... so, here goes: I don't watch very many series or movies. My ability to view anything for longer than 10 minutes has almost disappeared over the years as I've become more and more dependent on social media for on-screen entertainment.

But last night, I happened on a Netflix series and couldn't stop until I had seen all eight episodes. I went to bed way after midnight. And that had consequences, because I woke up late this morning and missed my session with my trainer at 6.15am. Sans endorphins to get me into the right mindset, I threw in another dodgy life choice, skipping the egg whites I was supposed to have for breakfast and having a sugar-filled chocolate muffin instead.

It's certainly not the end of the world, and just a few years ago, I wouldn't have even given it much thought, never mind a whole paragraph. I grew up hating routine. Sure, I understood that I would have to wake up every day, that I'd have to take a bath, brush my teeth, go to school, and so on. Those were okay, I had no choice; I could blame my parents for making me go to school every day, just as I reproached them for killing the spontaneity during dinner time by insisting we always sit together as a family instead of eating individually in our bedrooms while watching TV or playing

Super Mario. For years I even hated the fact that my mother made me make the bed every morning. Who was I even making it for, if it didn't bother me?

Naturally, as soon as I left home and was on my own at a very liberal boarding school, I dropped as many of those daily rituals as possible. It took me well into my thirties to get back into regularly making my bed. I've been in two long-term relationships in my life, one for four years in my mid-twenties, and my current one. Both those poor souls have had to deal with my rather petulant refusal to get into the bed-making habit. I wanted spontaneity and unpredictability, to do things only because I felt like them, not because of some prescribed custom.

Fast-forward to just over a decade later, when I find myself upset because a Netflix binge session threw my routine out. And just last week I cancelled on a friend who was supposed to come over for dinner because she was more than an hour late, without much reason. I explained to her that her tardiness meant I would have to stay up past my bedtime, which would compromise my sleep.

When did I become this person? Who put that stick up there? I can't say, but these days, instead of making me fearful of a small and predictable life, my routine is the very thing that allows me to be spontaneous and unpredictable where it truly matters.

It is that unglamorous daily to-do list that helps me achieve my goals; it's in that daily exercise session that I find the vitality and mental focus to hold on to and pursue my dreams. It's that regular post-workout cup of coffee on my balcony that gives me a moment to survey the day ahead, to taste the unlimited possibilities as I charge up on caffeine. And it's that hour spent learning new skills online every evening, expanding my potential to include previously unpredictable capabilities.

Which is why, come bedtime tonight, my neatly made bed will be just the kind of sanctuary I need to reset and get back on track for day 14 431. □ malibongwe

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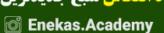
Do your own research to make sure (full disclosure: I'm not a health professional), but according to some of the latest studies, moderate coffee consumption may have multiple health benefits. Who knew something so good could be... good for you?

ESSENTIAL VIEWING

It won't be everyone's cup of tea, but if you were wondering, the Netflix series that ruined my life for a day is called *The Rain*. The set-up: a viral rain comes down heavily on a Scandinavian town, killing on contact.



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Designer Rick Owens is best known for his minimalist clothes and groundbreaking runway shows – but the sculptural furniture he makes with his wife Michèle Lamy has caught the design world's attention, too

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inimalism has always found one of its most inspired expressions in the Rick Owens atelier, where near-brutalist design has long been the cornerstone aesthetic. And the US-born, Parisbased designer's approach has found a new channel in the past eight years: the house's furniture line, which is designed by Owens and produced by his wife Michèle Lamy.

For the Rick Owens furniture line, enormous planks of petrified wood become beds, moulded concrete formwork is fashioned into sofas, engineered tables are created from black plywood and moose antlers form delicate but sculptural chair backs. It is elemental, sculptural design at its most pared back, a pure but functional response to the clothing and accessories that we see on the runway every season.

Arguably one of the design industry's few remaining true eccentrics, Lamy spoke with *House and Leisure* from Paris a few weeks after the duo's new camel skin and foam furniture collection was unveiled at the Milan Furniture Fair. She is

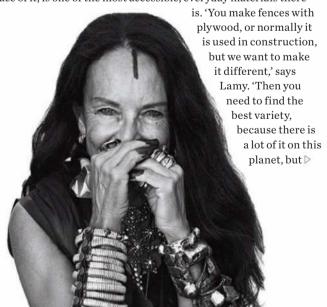
a few weeks after the duo's new camel ski collection was unveiled at the Milan Furr 74 years young and lists her occupations as producer, designer and

creative. We began by asking about the origins of the Rick Owens furniture brand in 2011.

'We started making furniture because we needed it [ourselves],' Lamy says. 'Rick and I moved into a building in Paris that is five floors up, and people were coming to work there, moving this way and that, always bumping things, and so that is where we started. We looked [around] and asked, "What do we need?" Laughing, she adds, 'We couldn't only fill our house with [French Mid-Century furniture designer] Jean-Michel Frank's chairs, you know? So we had to make our own.'

Lamy goes on to explain in detail that you need to 'feel' a space to understand what would make it complete. 'When I design a room, or whole house,' she says, 'my first step is to pace and smoke a lot of cigarettes. You need to do that to feel the space. You need to walk around a lot. The way you are going to move in the space is the real start. And then, of course, it is the materials.'

Rick Owens' furniture is renowned for its use of ultraluxurious components. 'Materials are my favourite part. It starts with that – the concept is in the material,' says Lamy – although the brand began by exploring the use of plywood, which, on the face of it, is one of the most accessible, everyday materials there









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there is only one type that is strong enough for what we needed. So then you research to find the right one for your thing – but the original design concept was the plywood.'

This approach, in which the essence of a material and its form of expression combine to guide the design process, has continued ever since, Lamy says. 'After exploring plywood, if we do something in alabaster, it is the same process. There is a lot of alabaster in the world, but there is a certain kind in Spain that we like – it is pure black. After that, if we do something in marble, we only want marble with no veins, which doesn't look like marble. It is very rare, and expensive, and comes from only one quarry in the world.'

As a kind of 'result' of these painstaking research processes, Owens and Lamy produce furniture pieces that are inspired by the materials themselves as much as they are by notions of use and functionality.

Owens' and Lamy's personalities come through in their work, with an almost punk attitude to objects showing itself strongly in their designs. The point at which to stop designing, Lamy argues, is one of the real challenges of making furniture, particularly in Paris. 'We try to keep it rough, but people don't understand that in Paris. Here people always try to shine things too much... it's exhausting. So that is the tricky part, no? When do you stop?' As a result, Rick Owens' furniture pieces are often left in a deliberately 'unfinished' state, making visible the battle to stop working on a design once it is complete. This is a rigorous approach that the pair, unsurprisingly, have dubbed 'anti-cosy'.

Their philosophy, Lamy adds, is to treat all materials as if they are precious. 'We are doing things with really brutal elements, but they are worked very finely. It could be stone, or pieces of plywood, but treated carefully. That is where Africa, and South Africa, inspires us. You work with what you have. Just good design with regular materials, but you treat it like it is very rare.'

But why make furniture for clients as well as fashion? Fashion and furniture have always existed symbiotically, she explains. 'These two things – fashion and furniture – came together from the start. We needed to live with a few certain things that go with the rest of what we have. Like the way you work, or the way you want to be, or the architecture of the place you are in. At a certain point, they go together.'

Owens' and Lamy's own relationship, and love for each other, also keeps these worlds overlapping and meeting one other, she says. 'I hope everyone sees that it comes from a head that thinks the same way. At the end of the day, we are in it, and the love and fun between Rick and me should be in the objects, in the content.'

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Production moodboards from inside the studio (centre) reveal the experimental approach that the Rick Owens atelier uses to create objects such as the Boudeuse sofa (top) and the Plug table (bottom), both made from petrified wood.

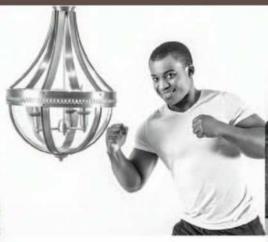






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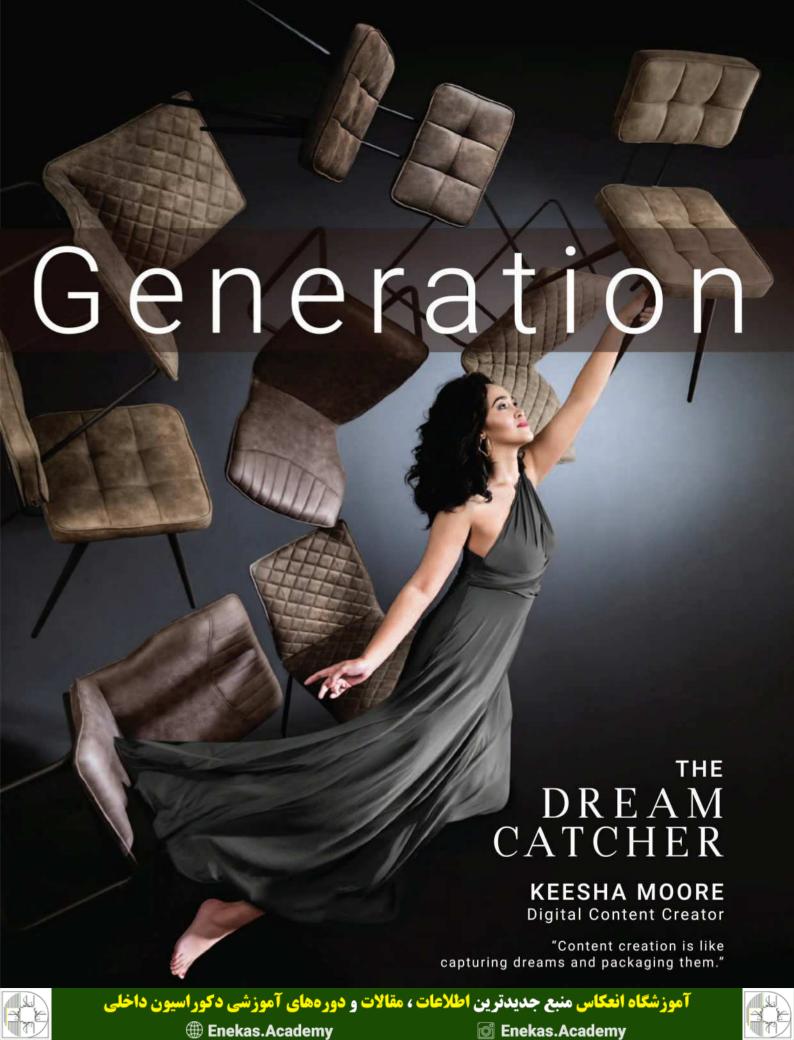


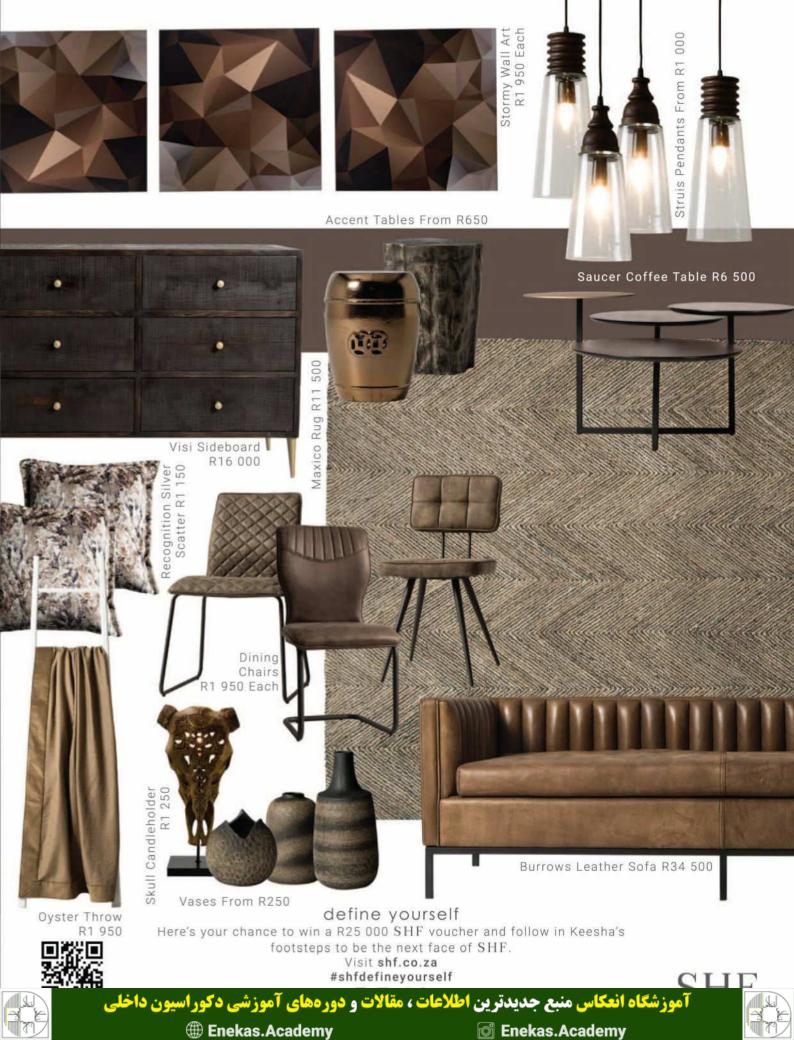




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UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Artist *Patrick*Bongoy's work is concerned with the way human beings might reimagine their relationship with our shared planet – and with each other

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activism. 'I believe that as human beings, we have the ability to shape ourselves to become whoever we want to be,' he says.

This sentiment is not a bumper-sticker attitude for Bongoy, but the point of departure for his work. He repeats the phrase 'literal and figurative pollution' throughout his responses to questions, talking about how individuals need to rethink and reimagine their relationships with the Earth and each other. Despite working in a country that is not his homeland, Bongoy doesn't believe that his migration affects his medium or his message - after all, we are all engaged in the struggle for the world. Writing about his Ebony/Curated exhibition in Cape Town last year, art critic Mary Corrigall described this as his 'survivalist ethos'.

'What we pursue in our works can be personal, local and universal [at the same time]... I still see myself as being on a personal mission to expose, mirror and amplify what's happening in our world,' he says. The message rings clear. In one of the works, the petrifying yet playfully named 'Killing Time', it is clear that he is deeply influenced by having to leave his home country to avoid persecution. Like many

or Patrick Bongoy, the zero-waste movement and social consciousness take an unusual form. Creating things from discarded rubber, bound together by hand and curated to make work that is at once gripping and gentle, the Cape Town-based artist is shifting the way art, environment and society come together. Far from his native Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), where he obtained two fine arts qualifications, and from

which he fled after staging a work of

protest art, Bongoy continues to push the limit of form and function to give his viewers a new perspective on oftenrecycled themes (pun intended).

At 38 years old, Bongoy is in a liminal space between being well known and still having a long career ahead of him. The nature of his sculptural work requires significant manual labour. Bending, twisting and remoulding his materials, calloused hands are par for the course – and in some ways, speak to his perspective on art, the environment and his visual





of his creations, the work speaks to the heart of violent migration – of people, ideas and the Earth's resources. For the DRC, where the pillaging of natural resources in places like South Kivu province and disenfranchisement of local people has long been on the international news agenda, Bongoy's message couldn't be more urgent.

His sense of consistent crusading reads as earnest and intentional. He is not an environmentalist warrior trying to make a splash, or a disparaging expat with an axe to grind. His mission is simple: excavate information and resources to elevate the viewer's understanding.

This mission takes its next steps in his new body of work, still under (literal) construction. Entitled *Remains*, in Bongoy's words, it 'alludes to what is left behind as legacy, heritage or history'. Not just limiting his interest to human history, the work will speak to the erosion and 'erasure' of Earth and its human societies through the impact of the industrial age. Avoiding the overused 'reuse, reduce, recycle', Bongoy says that *Remains* – and all his work – is instead fiercely concerned with three new Rs: 'remember, resurrect and recreate'. \square patrickbongoy



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Congolese artist Patrick Bongoy tackles the assault on the Earth and its people in his mixed-media installation 'Killing Time', made from fibreglass casts and discarded materials such as recycled rubber and a found wooden log; 'Woven I'; 'The Revenants II'; Patrick Bongoy, Bongoy's recent exhibition *Where Are We? Where Are We Going?* at Cape Town's Ebony/Curated gallery explores themes of migration and the resulting effect on human interaction.















ool, smooth, sophisticated – these words have always epitomised the Aston Martin brand. The formidable sports-car dynasty is now poised to woo drivers with the launch of the new Vantage, with which it hopes to begin a fresh chapter for this legendary model.

A car of such status demands a bold and distinctive design language. The reincarnated Vantage is instantly recognisable but is now even more aggressive looking. Its pure, sculptural form creates an athletic, predatory stance and features new headlamps and taillights set to form a dramatic new signature, giving the Vantage unmistakable road presence. The lines are sharp yet fluid and although it exudes Aston Martin appeal, it has its own strong identity.

Apart from continuing the exterior design language, the sports-car cockpit also boasts standard comforts that will make owning the new Vantage a premium dream. As you can imagine, in a vehicle of this calibre, you'll want for nothing: keyless stop/start, a tyre-pressure monitoring system, parking-distance display and park assist with front and rear parking sensors, as well as a 20cm LCD infotainment system with Bluetooth and integrated satellite navigation system.

The dynamic brief for the new Vantage was simple: make it as exciting and engaging as possible without compromising its everyday usability or making it too challenging for drivers of all abilities. At the heart of the car is a 4.0-litre twin-turbo V8 engine, which boasts performance

figures that will get you to 100km/h in just 3.5 seconds and achieves a top speed of 314km/h. Power is sent to the rear wheels via a rear-mounted ZF eight-speed automatic transmission, and the basis of the engine has been provided by Mercedes-AMG as part of the companies' successful ongoing relationship.

Aston Martin president and CEO Dr Andy Palmer says, 'It speaks volumes for the outgoing Vantage that it is the single most successful model in Aston Martin's history. Creating a worthy successor has been a challenge to relish and a huge source of motivation. I'm enormously excited by what we've created: a new Vantage that's more explicit in looks and intent, wrapping heart-pounding performance and dazzling dynamics into an everyday usable package. A true sports car with a sharper look and keener dynamic edge, the new Vantage is the Aston Martin pure driving machine enthusiasts have been waiting for.'

under the bonnet

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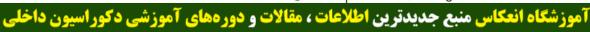








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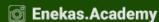


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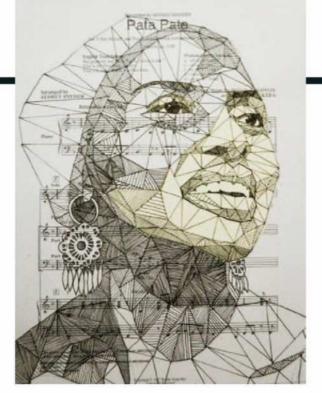


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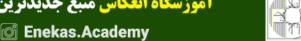
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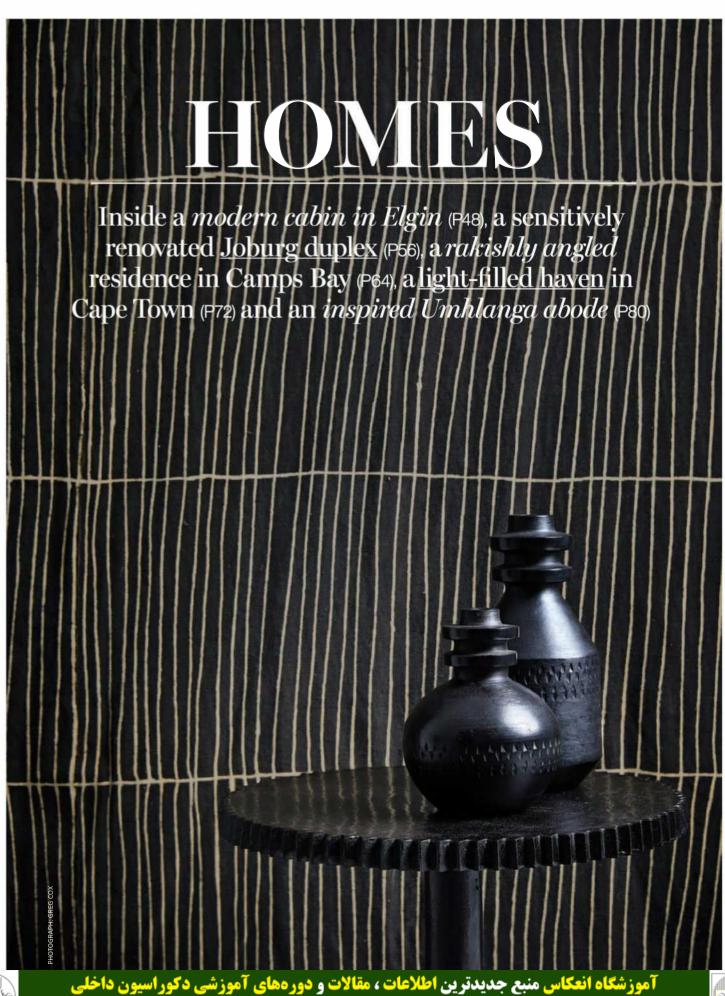
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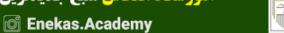


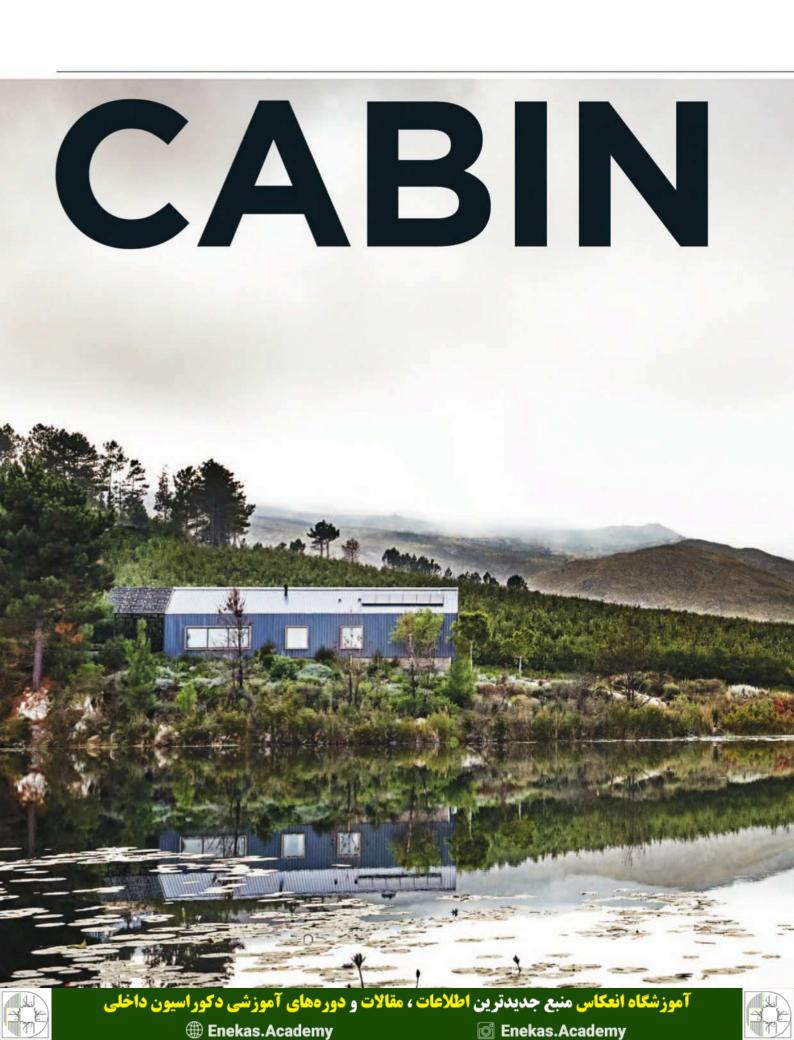












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Among the *apple orchards* of the Elgin Valley, this contemporary take on a traditional barn structure makes for a simple, inspiring weekend getaway for a Cape Town family

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THIS PAGE The co-owner of Old Mac Daddy farm lodge in Elgin Valley outside Cape Town, Jody Aufrichtig, built his private family holiday retreat on the banks of the farm's dam. Its simple, contemporary barn shape, designed by architect Greg Scott, is right at home in the surrounding orchards and vineyards, mountains and nature reserves.

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he Elgin Valley is the apple-growing centre of South Africa. Filled with orchards as well as cool-climate vineyards, the valley is surrounded by mountains and nature reserves, including the protected Kogelberg Biosphere. It's also less than an hour's drive from Cape Town, which makes it the ideal weekend escape from the city. That's why hotelier and entrepreneur Jody Aufrichtig chose it for his delightfully eccentric farm lodge, the Old Mac Daddy, where the rooms are luxuriously and creatively converted vintage Airstream trailers.

In fact, it seemed so perfect that there came a point at which Jody and his family – his wife Deirdre and their four children, Mina Mai, Jai, Sophie and Luca – thought they should build a holiday retreat there, but a private spot that they could make their own.

Architect Greg Scott and his team had worked with Jody on various projects over the years (Scott had designed the main barn-like venue at the resort that includes a restaurant, pool and space for events), so the Aufrichtigs began discussing their idea for a weekend bolthole with him

They'd earmarked a beautiful spot near the farm dam on the property, backing onto an orchard, with views over the water and the valley beyond. 'I wanted to be near water, because the birdlife is incredible,' says Jody. 'Early in the morning, I watch the ducks landing on the dam. It's just lovely.' He and the kids enjoy swimming and canoeing across the dam, too, so the idea of having a house 'right on top of the water' appealed enormously to the family. The site they chose faces west, so in the evenings there are beautiful sunsets over the water as the sun dips behind the distant mountains.

Scott had already explored a contemporary barn aesthetic at the main lodge building, and was keen to reinterpret and extend the idea for a holiday house. It's a very pure architectural form, and if you can stay true to it, put some beautiful punctures and apertures in it, and open up the ends, it's an amazing way of building, says Scott. 'And it obviously relates very well to its context,' he adds. A barn shape, inevitably, looks right at home in an orchard.

Barns also make for simple, practical construction – especially in rural areas such as Elgin, where you'd want to disturb the landscape as little as possible. 'The steel portal frame is made off site and can be erected quickly,' says Scott. So essentially, that's what his team did: popped up a steel frame, enclosed it, and clad it in corrugated roof sheeting, layering in modern systems such as solar power to keep the creature comforts sustainable and its ecological footprint small.

The interior is almost entirely 'skinned', as Scott puts it, in spruce. Its pale timber walls and pitched ceilings follow the building's exterior silhouette with simplified, clean lines so you can 'read' the barn shape from inside, too. The furnishings, lights and even the pots and pans were to be black. 'We thought we'd have some fun in the bathrooms: they are predominantly stone with a series of white finishes,' he says. The stone was harvested from the site, and the rough, raw-textured finish stands in contrast to the refinement of the living and bedroom areas.

When it came to the positioning of the windows, Scott was restrained. 'We did very few openings on the sides, but they were very considered and composed,' he says. They've been placed to frame views and create 'a slightly irregular spread of light' throughout the interiors. They are set in deep wooden recesses so that a person can fit right inside them, like a window seat or a little pod off the living area, where it feels as if you're inside and outside at the same time. 'You can imagine sitting there and having a little siesta or reading a book while the kids build puzzles or play with Lego,' says Scott.











THIS PAGE Light, low-slung designs predominate in the open-plan living space - such as the custom-made sofas by Scott and his team, which feature spruce bases to match the rest of the home. The coffee table and steel circular tripod table are from Weylandts (weylandts.co.za), and cork Low Stools from the Corkabitation range by Wiid Design (wiiddesign.co.za) accompany a pair of chairs from Block & Chisel (blockandchisel. co.za).

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP From the abode's front end, the stylised silhouette of its contemporary barn aesthetic is evident. A blackened-wood pergola-style structure shelters the outdoor entertainment area and its semipermeable form breaks up the building's mass visually, subtly integrating it with its setting. The mirrored wall behind the kitchen creates the illusion that you can see through to the other side, and brings light and views into the middle of the house; most of the ambient illumination (vertical strip lights) has been integrated into the walls, making space for Tool Piccola suspension lamps in Black by Diesel with Foscarini (available locally at Créma Design (cremadesign.co.za). In the dining area, the Riempie chairs are by James Mudge (jamesmudge.co.za) and the Spin Table candelabra by Tom Dixon is also from





While the views might be carefully edited along the length of the house, they're 'sucked in', as Scott puts it, and 'bounced around' the living room by a huge, mirrored wall. 'It makes the house feel a lot bigger than it is.' This makes it possible, he says, to sit indoors with your back to the garden and yet see what's behind you. 'It really is an interesting game that you get to play with space.'

Apart from playfully blurring the distinction between inside and out, the mirror also underlines the point that the house is ultimately outward-looking. In fact, as Jody says, it's deliberately small not just to simplify and declutter, but also because the family's weekend and holiday breaks in Elgin are about being outdoors. Jody's favourite spot is the outside entertainment area. 'We have a gas and a wood braai. I braai every night, I think. It's not about the food for me; it's about standing around the fire.'

As the transitional zone between indoors and outdoors, the outside entertainment area called for a creative response that would allow the functional, engineered language of the barn shape 'to blend and knit and mesh' with its setting. His response was a blackened timber pergola structure that extended the lines of the building to break up its mass visually as well as act as a screen against the sun and wind. Inspiration came when they realised that to prevent the long runs of timber from warping and twisting, they'd have to pack the gaps with stabilising wooden blocks. 'Instead of having the [timber spacers] all in the same place, we scattered them randomly, Scott explains. 'The idea is to create filtered, mottled light, so that it feels like you're under a canopy of trees.' At the same time, he says, it is where the strong industrial-engineered architectural forms dissolve and disaggregate into something that's a little bit more organic and natural.

Scott and his team were largely responsible for the interiors of the home, too. They designed a number of the furnishings and finishings and had them custom made, including the steel-fronted kitchen, wooden couches and bed units, and the free-standing bathroom units and mirrors. But they also helped source furniture to complement the timber-skinned envelope with a 'fairly slick, minimal, strippeddown' palette that balances timber with black and dark finishes. For coherence and consistency, the bespoke pieces were all made by the contractor who did the spruce interiors.

Likewise, the black furnishings bring continuity to the rooms. 'I think black offers massive opportunities from a design point of view,' says Scott. 'It's a wonderful way to sew spaces and objects and elements together.' He likes the way black gives each piece of furniture an identity without being 'busy', which is an asset in a small space.

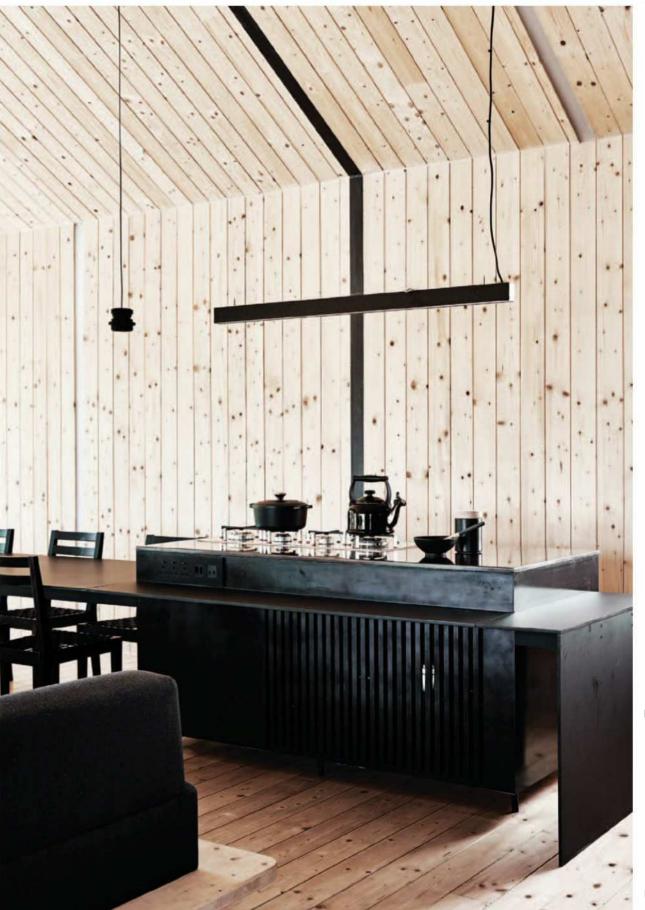
But that's not to say that black is dull or uniform: Scott has found some poetic ways to humanise the somewhat industrial materials. The kitchen counter, for example, is a specially blackened brass, treated with heat to darken its surface. 'It weathers and oxidises over time, so it develops a patina, almost as a character with a story of its own,' he says, 'but underpins the industrial aesthetic that we were working with.'

Although the palette is carefully controlled, there's an energy and dynamism introduced by the asymmetrical arrangement of the interior furnishings. 'I abhor symmetry,' says Scott, 'so you'll see nothing is in the middle of anything, nothing is mirrored, nothing is repeated.' At the same time, the predominantly strong, angular, masculine forms are offset with the occasional circular element, such as a table.

This kind of simplicity suits Jody perfectly. He vehemently believes that part of the clarity and sense of peace, perspective and creative freedom that his visits to Elgin offer him has to do with the eschewal of clutter. 'I don't want things,' he says. 'I don't have technology around the place. It's simple, there's no clutter, and actually, I'm much happier. People seem to walk into the place and smile, for some reason, and that's the foundation for me.' \bigcirc scott.partners







THIS PAGE Like the rest of the furnishings and fittings, the kitchen is black with a permeable design and slim, refined lines and materials. The countertop of blackened brass has been heat treated to attain a specific level of blackness and extends to become the dining surface. Overhead lighting is provided by a black strip pendant light from Spazio (shop.spazio.co.za).

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP In the passage leading from the living area towards the bedrooms and bathrooms, you get a good sense of the 'slightly irregular spread of light' in the interiors that Scott aimed to achieve with the edited distribution of windows along the length of the house; the landscape surrounding the building has been planted with indigenous fynbos to integrate it with its beautiful natural setting, and extend its dialogue with the rare and unique biospheres nearby. Jody finds peace and clarity while watching the ducks land on the water in the early mornings.

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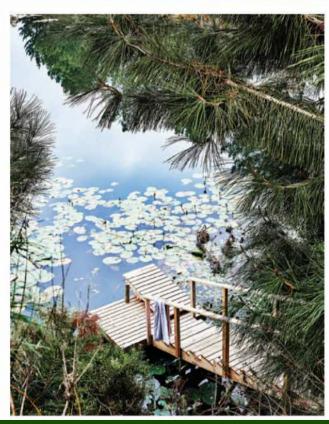


















THIS PAGE In the main bedroom, the bespoke bed unit was designed by Scott. A trio of artworks entitled 'Other Side of the Mountain' by Rose Mudge hangs above the bed, which is clad in linen from Mungo (mungo.co.za).

OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Scott also designed the beds in the children's rooms. The steel ladder in the foreground leads up to an additional sleeping area in the loft, much favoured by the kids; the bathrooms make a playful contrast with the refinement of the living areas and bedrooms, with stone walls built from rocks salvaged on the site; a wooden staircase leads to a private jetty on the dam where the family likes to canoe and swim; Scott introduced a circular motif in the freestanding wash units to contrast with the home's angular













THIS SPREAD The uncluttered kitchen area adds to the sense of calm, with wall-mounted lamps from Superbalist (superbalist.com) illuminating the owner's artworks and a marble clock against the accent wall. A patterned rug from Anthropologie (anthropologie.com) reprises the countertop, atop which rests a mottled bronze

s far as townhouse complexes go, few can be more sought after than Walkways in Joburg's Craighall Park. Designed by the iconic South African architect Michael Sutton and completed in the late 1970s, this suburban gem defies any retro pigeonholing, remaining resolutely timeless in the way of a genuine classic.

Interiors can be far less enduring, though, often seeming almost date-stamped with the trappings of a particular era. When the owner first saw this unit - a heady clash of terracotta tiles and blue paint - she knew that a substantial amount of work was in store. 'At the time, I lived nearby and had always loved this complex. It is ahead of its time, and has set the benchmark for urban living. The challenge was definitely the interior, which was pure '70s, plus decades of wear and tear. Fortunately, I had a very clear vision of what I wanted, so I put in a cheeky offer and moved in two months later,' she says.

A long-time follower of Studio19's work, the owner asked designers Mia Widlake and Debbie Votin to oversee the entire renovation. 'My style has always been contemporary; I like clean lines and spaciousness, and I knew that the team would go all out to achieve that.' Describing the project as a 'complete and utter overhaul', the owner moved out while the interior was gutted and pared back to its shell. 'The original footprint was quite closed off,' says Votin.

tray and glassware, also from Studio19.







THIS SPREAD, CLOCKWISE FROM BELOW Under the stairs, a Smith chair and Leather Top table from Studio19 constitute a quiet nook, together with a cork Low Stool from the Corkabitation range by Wiid Design (wiiddesign.co.za); the home's original, closed-off footprint gave way to a generous, open-plan living area that flows towards a private walled garden, with alfresco seating including a pair of Smith chairs. Inside, custom-woven string lamps, also from Studio19, hang above the L-shaped sofa and sidetable (brought in from the owner's previous home), with a throw from Anthropologie adding a soft touch to the aesthetic; an eye-catching mixed-media artwork by local abstract painter Paul Seynol from Salon91 (salon91.co.za) serves as a focal point behind the bespoke marble-topped dining table and twin City dining chairs, all by Studio19.

Free of internal walls, the area is now one large, fluid space that has a fantastic indoor-outdoor connection,' says designer Debbie Votin.





'There was a separate kitchen and dining room, and the staircase was concealed behind a wall.' On the plus side, a generous ground floor yielded sufficient space for a new open-plan layout: a roomy kitchen, dining and living space now flow towards a private walled garden. 'We opened the whole space out, extending the kitchen southwards and the patio northwards,' Votin explains. 'Free of internal walls, it's now one large, fluid space that has a fantastic indoor-outdoor connection.'

Upstairs revealed a combination of three small, dark bedrooms and two bathrooms. 'The original bathrooms were placed on either side of a light channel, so while they were well lit, there was very little light anywhere else,' says Votin. Retaining the existing clerestory windows, the team created an enormous bedroom suite, adding a single spacious bathroom to one side. Morning light now floods into the space, providing the sense of airy openness that the owner craves. Dividing the two areas is a generous study, its curated gallery walls reflecting her love of art.

Mindful of the building's unfussy aesthetic, the owner envisioned a clean-lined home that complemented the exterior architecture.











'It's also very much about a feeling of calm, a sense of flow that draws you towards the outdoors,' she says. 'My working hours are spent in a high-pressure corporate environment. It's stimulus overdrive, and when I get home, I need an atmosphere of peace and serenity.'

The understated palette of pale greys and charcoal add substantially to the stillness. Throughout the ground floor, ceramic tiles have the look of cool, pewter-toned stone; muted rugs add texture and delicate, restrained pattern. Accent walls appear inky black or grey-green, depending on the light. Together with the simple galley kitchen, the many bespoke furnishings and touches of granite and marble, the result is a bit like a sleek Milanese apartment, albeit with rather more space.

This new, unfettered flow has provided sufficient room for the owner to practise yoga and meditation. It's also ideal for entertaining, with plenty of seating inside and out. 'I love having friends over. We open up the patio doors and it becomes one wonderful integrated space,' she says. But it's the upstairs suite, with its light-filled sense of luxe, that is her true sanctuary. 'I can really breathe up here and it's where I go into a more creative space. It's personal, peaceful and very much "home".' studio19.co



THIS PAGE, CLOCK WISE FROM TOP A spiky urchin sculpture from Spaces and Places (spacesandplaces.co.za) lends an element of whimsy to a mottled bronze tray and contemporary Pill ottoman by Studio19; in the bedroom, the ombré wallpaper, headboard and bed base were all designed by Widlake, with a Studio19 Shady Butler lamp alongside; a pink throw from Anthropologie adds a subtle hint of colour to a Studio19 Legs 11 chair.

















This bold and sculptural alteration in Cape Town is a masterclass in the richness, warmth and sensuality of a dark colour palette

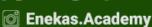
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ngled at a rakish 45 degrees in one of the leafier corners of Camps Bay, Cape Town, is a home that looks out in a different direction to the rest. The drama of the abode's nonconformist geometry is emphasised by its dark, almost black

facade. That said, it's anything but a reactionary rebel. Rather than being forbidding, the house imparts a sense of warmth, offsetting the verdance in and around it in a way that makes it seem somehow elemental – like an abstracted part of its surrounds.

Until recently, this bold addition to the suburban landscape existed in an altogether different incarnation: it was an Art and Craftsstyle bungalow. The owner lived in the building as it was for six years before making substantial changes – just 'feeling it out', as he puts it, and enjoying the setting. 'We loved the greenness and leafiness of the site,' he says.

It might not have had the panoramic sea and mountain perspectives typically sought after in the area, but the property was nestled in a relatively sheltered corner of the suburb, just 12 minutes' walk from the seashore. 'We have a lot of greenery around us, unlike most of the rest of Camps Bay, where it's quite hard and stark,' says the owner. And it had lovely vistas. You can see parts of the beach and the cable car station on Table Mountain, 'and we've got wonderful views on the Hout Bay side, all the way towards the Twelve Apostles,' he adds.

When the time came to make an alteration, the owner turned to architect Greg Scott. 'You could understand the orientation,' says Scott. The original house was angled to catch more of the northern light, and to protect itself from the harsh sun in the west.

So, while the house in its present incarnation is almost unrecognisable, its unconventional stance was already there, and worth keeping. 'Interestingly, that unusual orientation set up a lot of the new building's current geometry,' says Scott. 'It created many of the interesting angles, and a lot of lovely front and back spaces around the house.'



















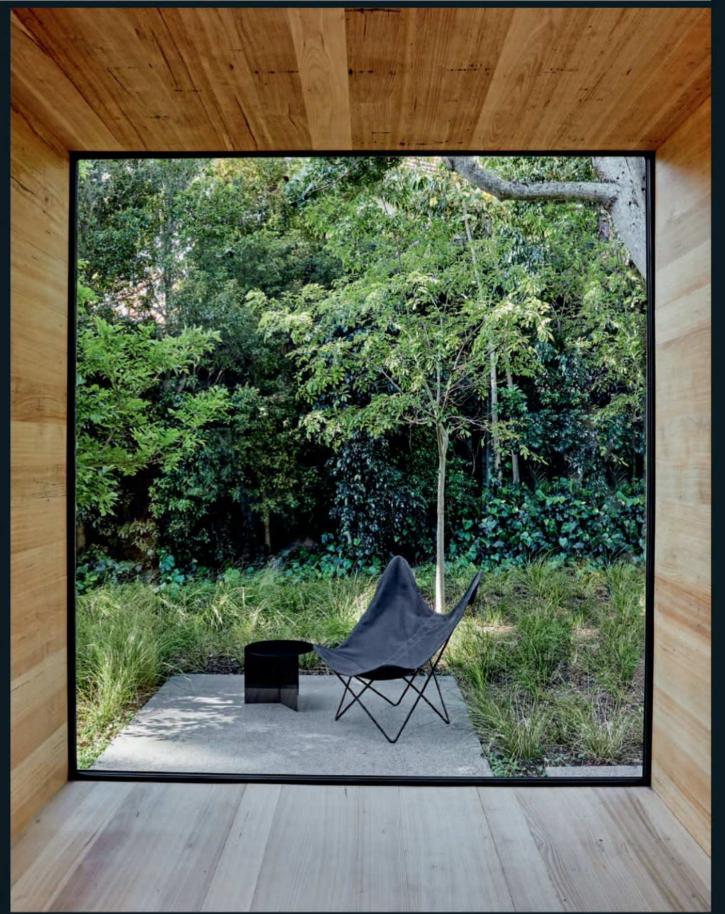
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Matt coffee tables in the living area were custom-made for Site Interior Design (siteid.co.za) and the GT swivel chair is from Okha (okha.com); irregularly edged steps that lead up to the house serve to soften the division between vegetation and architecture as the plants grow; wood-panelled box windows integrate pockets of leafy garden with the house; South African artist Paul du Toit's artwork 'New York Moment' on the kitchen wall is in keeping with the dark palette.











While the more dramatic changes involved pulling off the roof and knocking down most of the internal walls, a large part of Scott's job was framing and editing the vistas. Again, a typical Camps Bay scenario involves a seascape in front, and a mountain outlook behind. 'We also had side views and the little garden pockets,' adds Scott. 'The owner had done a lot of work on the garden already, so there were beautifully established outdoor spaces we didn't want to touch. We worked around the trees and planted banks to achieve something with an element of intimacy.'

He created protruding square windows, some of them designed to make wood-panelled window seats, to frame views and integrate outside pockets of garden with the interior. 'Those wooden-surrounded windows are so great to sit in,' says the owner. 'You capture the beautiful winter sun: it's a nice place to chill out and read the paper.'

The owner says that it was some of the more subtle and thoughtful details that really convinced him of the essential rightness of the design. The balcony from the bedroom on the upper level – a kind of cantilevered pergola structure – not only provided the upstairs outdoor area that he desperately wanted, but also created comfortable outside spaces downstairs, making it possible to include a patio. 'Before, it was just a flat-fronted building, and those overhangs created wonderful shade and depth to the westerly facade,' he says.

The dark exterior actually took its lead from the interior. For Scott, the obvious answer to his clients' brief for 'a sexy space with a lot of warmth' was to use a consistently monochrome scheme throughout the house, with the addition of natural materials such as chestnut flooring. 'A lot of people think [the palette] is cold and dark, but it's not,' he says. 'If anything, it adds warmth and richness.'

'The stone and the steel all work within a fairly narrow range of darkish colours, and then it's just tempered by warmth, which we did with leather, and timber on the floors,' he adds. 'We've also used reflective materials to create depth. The richness comes from balancing the textures and materials, and thanks to their inherent richness, you don't need a lot of stuff.'

The fact that the house is so open – 'A good 30–60% of the walls are glass,' says Scott – means that every room is flooded with natural light. 'So we could get away with it,' he laughs.

While black is clearly a base colour, the interior is predominantly white with black accents. Nevertheless, that translated into a uniformly black exterior. While Scott and the owner initially discussed various greys, they eventually decided to take the plunge and go with black. The inherent darkness of the windows during the day means they 'recede and disappear into the building', as Scott puts it, and the lush greenery pops against the dark background. The house still stands on its original foundations, and now, more than ever, it seems perfectly in place.

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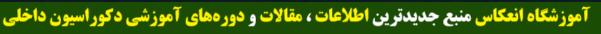














SANCTUARY INTHE CITY

A <u>unique house</u> in *the heart of Cape Town* was transformed into an idyllic, <u>leafy and light</u> <u>refuge</u> for its *animal-loving owners*

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or Nick and Robyn Gluckman, a calm and serene environment to come home to at the end of each day is of utmost importance. As soon as you step into their five-bedroom house at the base of Signal Hill in Cape Town, it's evident that they have got their wish. Light streams in from the floor-to-ceiling steel-

framed windows that encircle the lower floor of the abode. The space flows seamlessly from the open-plan kitchen to the lounge below and out onto a sunny deck at the rear, which is enveloped by a lush garden.

Nick, who is the owner of Oggie Hardwood Flooring, was immediately drawn to the house when he saw images of it on a property site seven years ago. On a whim, he decided to buy it without seeing the space in person. 'I'd been looking for a place to buy for about six months. There were a few properties that I'd seen and liked, but they'd always fallen through. I was on holiday in the Transkei when this one came on the market, and when I saw the photos, I just knew,' says Nick. 'I sent my dad to look at the house, meet with the estate agent and buy it on my behalf.'

It was mostly the location, the surrounding natural environment and the openness of the site that Nick was drawn to. 'It was in no way my "dream" home – it was very masculine, with a lot of concrete, steel window frames and red brick as an accent colour throughout. But I didn't rush to make changes; I knew that when I found my wife, we'd probably want to renovate the place together.' He was right.

Nick and Robyn, who works in marketing, met five years later through mutual friends, and after about two years of dating, tied the knot. 'On our second date, Nick met my four cats and discovered all my cat furniture, and luckily he stuck around. I've had to cut back on spoiling the cats, but we've met each other halfway,' says Robyn.

The pets' requirements played a big part in the couple's brief to Zeanne Duminy and James Goss of Zeanne + Goss Interior Architecture Design, when they began the renovation process.

'I already had my two miniature schnauzers and a cat, so with Rob's four feline additions, we seriously had to take the pets into consideration too,' says Nick. (The couple has since added Harry, a cavalier King Charles spaniel puppy, to the pack.)

Apart from the animals' needs, the pair wanted the space to be less masculine and more open, to maximise the use of space and really bring the outdoors in, with lots of greenery



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A plum tree presides over a goldfish pond in a tranquil outdoor courtyard; floor-toceiling windows welcome light and nature into the living area. with its bespoke Sofaworx couch (sofaworx.co.za), a Webb lounge chair and Rod coffee table, both from Wevlandts. and a grey ceramic Alchemy Lab vase, also by Wiid Design; an easily accessible drinks trolley and floating shelf from Dark Horse (dark-horse.co.za) plus glasses from Banks Kitchen Boutique (bankskitchenboutique.co.za) make entertaining a breeze.





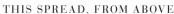






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Open shelving and a magnetic strip in the kitchen allow easy access to culinary tools for homeowners Nick and Robyn Gluckman - who enjoy cooking while Pedersen + Lennard (pedersenlennard.co.za) bar stools encourage conversation. Miniature schnauzers Dickie and Fanny are a perfect match for the home's palette; housing a variety of objets including a bright yellow vase from Pezula Interiors (pezulainteriors.co.za), a display unit in Robyn's office continues the pale wooden aesthetic in the chevron timber floors by Oggie (oggieflooring.com). The ribbed cement stool and Butterfly dining chair hail from Weylandts, the latter a favoured perch for Wally the cat and his feline companions; the openplan, double-volume living area succeeds in bringing the outside in, with indoor plants like the one atop a bronze and glass sidetable from Cécile & Boyd (cecileandboyds.com) adding to the verdance. To the left of the fireplace is an artwork by Galia Gluckman.



and water-wise plants. 'While we gave Zeanne and James a very tight brief based on our human needs, we were also open to letting them take the house in the direction that they felt would be best,' says Robyn. The building was completely gutted, leaving only the structure and steel-framed windows of the original home.

'I believe you need to let the experts do their job. Zeanne's and James' skills lie in architecture, interior and design. I think many people make the mistake of hiring professionals and then thinking that they know better, which often results in a less than desirable outcome,' says Nick. 'This is why we gave Zeanne and James carte blanche from start to finish.'

And it paid off. 'They created exactly what we wanted,' says Nick. 'In fact, they exceeded our expectations; there's nothing I'd change.' Robyn adds. 'They considered everything: from a night light below the loo and an integrated spice drawer next to the oven – because Nick loves to cook – to storage solutions such as the basket drawers under each of the beds.'

'The flooring was pretty much the only thing we chose ourselves. I went with Oggie's smaller chevron panels, as I thought it would suit the space best and, of course, it's suitable for pets,' says Nick. 'We didn't even select the colour palette!'









The upper level of the home is where the main bedroom and Robyn's office is situated (the latter was 'catified' to include various fun yet functional elements for the felines).

Nick and Robyn agree that the main bedroom is their favourite space in the house, but for different reasons. 'I just love the design of the room. I love to sleep in, and chill here. The fact that there's a daybed for all the pets and a cleverly designed headboard incorporating USB ports to charge all our gadgets reinforces the fact that the team met our needs so well,' says Robyn.

'I grew up in the Eastern Cape – always outdoors,' says Nick. 'What I love about our place is that it feels like we could be anywhere in the country, not five minutes from the CBD. In our bedroom, I can watch the sun come up, see the squirrels running in the trees, and take in the beautiful, uninterrupted views – it's very special.'

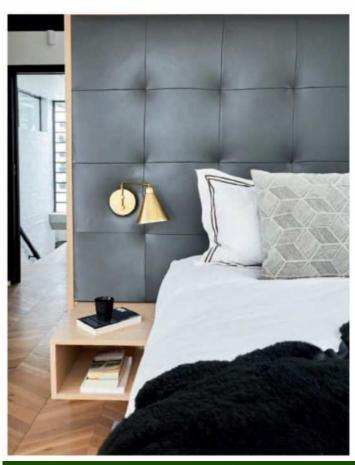
Duminy refers to the main bedroom as an 'adult tree house' and concurs that it's the best space in the house. 'It's great having trusting clients who believe in the role of the designer,' she says. 'Nick and Robyn have keen design eyes and were happy to push ideas and test new proposals. This, coupled with the faith that they had in the professional team, made for a great project.'

Goss says that his two preferred transformed areas are the master bathroom and the kitchen: 'Both spaces now feel open, fresh and inviting, and also answer all of Nick and Robyn's practical needs.'

Robyn says, 'This is our dream home. We plan on living in it for years and starting a family here. We may live here forever – I mean why would you leave?' Why indeed?

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SENTIMENTAL MOOD

Combining shades of darkness and light with <u>layered</u> textures and a grown-up yet playful sensibility, this <u>Durban home</u> is a veritable chart-topper

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t's the abundance of light that makes the dark elements work in this house,' says interior designer Ruth Duke of Chris and Ruth Haralambous' Durban home in KwaZulu-Natal. The architecture in the two-bedroom house, by Dean Jay Architects, was designed to allow for true indoor-outdoor flow between the interior and garden spaces. Floor-to-ceiling doors that stack away completely let in plenty of light, ensuring that the palette of black, charcoal and white with timber accents doesn't dominate.

As the architecture was to be quite contemporary, Chris and Ruth realised that much of their collection of furniture would not work in the new space. Their brief to Duke was to create an interior that sits comfortably within the architectural design. Showcasing their collection of art was essential, too, and Duke explains that the dark, neutral palette allows for these treasured artworks – by South African artists such as Glenn Cox and Kristin Hua Yang – to stand out. 'At night, especially, the dark tones recede and the colours and textures in the art and accessories become almost luminescent,' she says.

Maintaining a balance between detail and simplicity – and between style and functionality - was key in both the architectural and interior design and the process was a collaboration during which Marc Oswell of Dean Jay Architects and Duke both spent time with the Haralambouses to better understand their lifestyle. 'We wanted an easy flow to the house and no wasted space,' say Chris and Ruth. 'We'd previously lived in a big, old house where areas like the separate dining room were almost never entered and we wanted to avoid that here. We'd also discovered that with both an indoor and outdoor dining and living area one was always underutilised, and we decided that we would simply open the house on both sides to give us the feel of sitting outside instead of duplicating these areas.'

The garden and courtyards are all completely private spaces that belie the proximity of the neighbouring houses. 'Elevating the house above the road level has also enhanced the sense of privacy here – despite the home's location on an estate,' says Duke.

This attention to functionality was important throughout the house and elements such as direct access from the garage, a large scullery, speakers throughout the house and stack-away













THIS PAGE, CLOCK WISE FROM TOP LEFT Simplicity, functionality and longevity were key to the design of items such as the dining chairs by Guideline – around a table from Weylandts (weylandts.co.za) – and a bespoke light fitting by Ruth Duke and Morgan Day (morganassociates.co.za) that echoes 1930s design and adds a retro appeal to the living space; Houtlander designer Stephen Wilson stands with Ruth Haralambous in the kitchen area; cavity sliding doors allow the living space to open completely to the outdoor area. The painting by Kristin Hua Yang is also from Tamasa Gallery.



Interior designer Ruth Duke added some unexpected touches with precious materials such as marble and agate, and pops of colour that sing against the neutral backdrop.













doors make for a very liveable home with an easy flow from room to room. The idea was for the couple to feel comfortable and relaxed, wherever they chose to be.

Stephen Wilson of Houtlander created a kitchen that provides a dramatic focal point in the living area. The brass panelling on the kitchen island provides a perfect foil for the matt black cabinetry. 'There is a synergy between the cool neutral and warm neutral here, which we've continued in all areas of the home, adding metallic accents throughout,' says Duke. 'The coherence of the whole design relies on keeping to a similar palette and repeating patterns such as the herringbone flooring.'

This doesn't mean the scheme is bland, however, and Duke also added some unexpected touches with precious materials such as marble and agate, and pops of colour that sing against the neutral backdrop. 'Much of the colour comes from the art, but there are one or two bright items – a patterned cushion, a chunk of stone, a handblown glass vase – that draw the eye and elevate the pared-back aesthetic into a layered, lived-in home.'

'We also wanted the furniture pieces to have an artistic or architectural sensibility, with a focus on local design,' say Chris and Ruth, and items from luminaries such as Dokter and Misses and LIM take centre stage alongside custom-made pieces (several of which were designed by Wilson) that adhere to the contemporary feel of the home while remaining inviting.

'There is such a good balance between stylish and liveable here,' say Ruth and Chris. 'There is an ease, and nothing feels stiff or over-decorated. There are such beautiful pieces, but none feel too precious, and details like comfortable couches and soft rugs allow us to completely unwind.' \(\hat{\top}\) deanjayarchitects.com, ruth-duke-interior-design.business.site





























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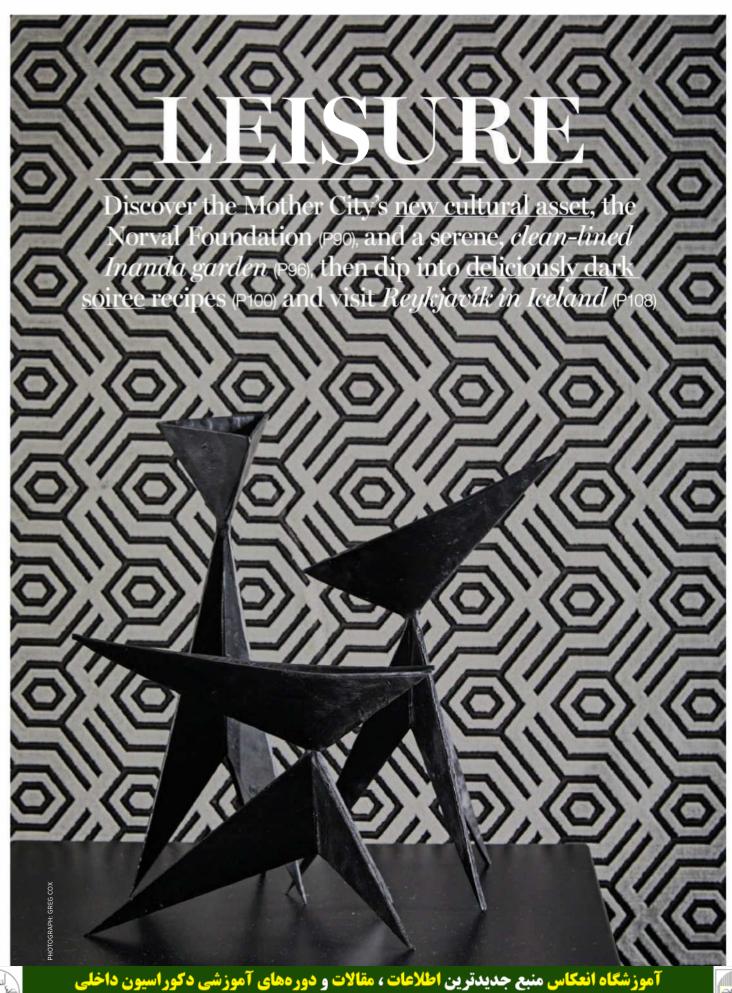


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NATIONAL TREASURY

Cape Town has gained another <u>major cultural asset</u> in the form of the *new Norval Foundation*, a <u>remarkable</u> destination *museum of art*

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To try to express the magnitude of the Mother City's new Norval Foundation in Tokai by simply cataloguing its many parts would be doing a great disservice to the whole. It's not simply a high-profile art museum adjoining a sculpture garden, restaurant and bar, amphitheatre, gift shop and research library. There is something much bigger and more significant at play here: a unifying thread rooted in custodianship and conservation – of art, of nature and of heritage.

It's a cultural and ecological sanctuary of sorts, and you sense this from the moment you step inside the foundation's monumental pavilion, flanked on one side by the urban whir of a main road and the other by the surprising stillness of a revived wetland. 'When I visited for the first time, there was something about the lay of the land and the sensitivity of the building that struck me,' says Elana Brundyn, Norval Foundation's executive director. It was enough to pull her in – straight off the back of years spent preparing for the launch of Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA) in the Silo District of the V&A Waterfront – to help local businessman Louis Norval realise his dream of making art more accessible to the public.

In line with this vision, everything about the design of the institution is geared towards facilitating a positive visitor experience – one that's as relaxed and inclusive as it is empowering. As chief curator Owen Martin puts it, 'Every step of the way, the public must feel like they are being enabled to engage with what's in front of them.'

A solid, rectilinear concrete form was dhk Architects' response to the challenge of crafting a space of international standing that also champions absolute simplicity, so as not to overwhelm the senses. Walls of glass enclose both ends,

lending a feeling of openness to the structure and inviting in wetland and mountain views as a constant reminder of the setting.

Within, an intuitive, linear layout guides guests past the shop and eatery into the triple-volume atrium, and on through eight purpose-built exhibition venues (a ninth sits upstairs). The last of the lot, the 10m-high Gallery 8, is the climactic showpiece of the museum. 'It's just incredible,' says Brundyn. 'There's never been a gallery of its scale here before.'

This means that Norval Foundation can display iconic sculptural works that no other museum in the country is equipped to exhibit. In fact, familiarising audiences with the lesser-shown riches in Africa's cultural vaults is part of the foundation's exhibition strategy. 'We're aware that art history has been written from a specific perspective, so we consider how we can add another lens to it,' says Martin, referencing the opening retrospective show featuring work by Sydney Kumalo and Ezrom Legae.

While the focus of the foundation – which is fortunate enough to have access to the Norval family's extensive Homestead Collection, alongside the estates of Alexis Preller, Gerard Sekoto and Edoardo Villa – is on 20th- and 21st-century art from South Africa and Africa, its scope will extend beyond this to incorporate international works that relate to the local context. Patrons can also expect the exhibitions to change over time, which, next to a curated programme of talks, workshops and live music, makes for an intriguing, evolving offering worth a second visit.

The almost 4ha sculpture garden, on the other hand, will remain fairly permanent. Stretching out alongside the children's playground, this open-air gallery tucks towering





works by the likes of Wim Botha,
Brett Murray and William Kentridge in
and among the reeds and slopes of the
wetland. It's a delicate merging of art
and nature that delights at every turn,
transforming a simple stroll or picnic
into an other-worldly adventure.
Gazing out over this scene, and
directly connected to it by way of a
sizeable deck, is the Skotnes Restaurant
Named, of course, after the great Cecil
Skotnes, the contemporary space does

sizeable deck, is the Skotnes Restaurant. for small-scale farmers and boutique wineries what the museum does for artists: support and nurture their craft, the results of which are turned into a menu that's at once familiar and imaginative. 'I have started delving into South Africa's culinary heritage,' explains executive chef Phil de Villiers, the man formerly behind acclaimed steakhouse Primal Eatery. 'I believe that presenting guests with a version of the flavours they grew up with evokes memories that make dishes taste even better.' It's an approach that puts mains such as confit duck leg with umngqusho and sweetcorn risotto with braaied corn on the dinner table - local masterpieces of their own kind.

Though not part of the same physical space, the Skotnes Bar upstairs is a natural extension of the restaurant. Chic and moody, it is prime sundowner real estate. 'I imagine it as one of those places where artists and art lovers get together to talk, like a breeding ground for ideas,' says Brundyn. 'I love that concept. I hope it becomes that.'









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'City of Moscow' mohair tapestry by
William Kentridge and Marguerite Stephens;
another Edoardo Villa sculpture, 'Industrial
Figure'; Kentridge and Gerhard Marx's steel
'Fire Walker' commands attention in the
sculpture garden; Igshaan Adams' 'The Path
of the Upright'; 'Form Ephemeral VII' by
Serge Alain Nitegeka; chief curator Owen
Martin; Brett Murray's 'Again Again' in bronze;
'Volition' by Michele Mathison.

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Buttons and bugle beads make up most of US artist Nick Cave's 'Soundsuit'; moss-green upholstery in the Skotnes Restaurant speaks to the natural palette outside, visible through expansive glass panes; a deceptively dessert-resembling starter on the restaurant's menu: duck-liver parfait, Cape vintage and plum jelly, and mosbolletjie toast; a view of the foundation's main building from the sculpture garden.



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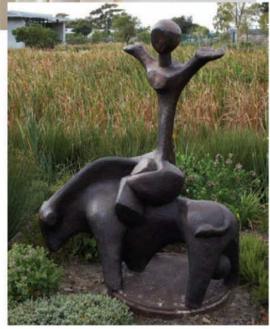








Wim Botha's 'Prism (Flush)' installation looks right at home amid the indigenous vegetation of the rehabilitated wetland; executive director Elana Brundyn stands next to Edoardo Villa's 'Homage to Maillol'; 'Riding the Bull I' by Speelman Mahlangu; Japie se Gunsteling: roasted naartjie, marmalade caramel, burnt honey and macadamia ice cream dessert; an installation view of the Edoardo Villa opening exhibition; panels from Cecil Skotnes' 'The Progression' are a main feature in the chic upstairs Skotnes Bar; 'Mother and Child' by Villa; Serge Alain Nitegeka's monumental 'Structural Response III' installation fills the museum's atrium: visitors immerse themselves in the work in order to pass through to the other gallery spaces.

















NEW ORDER

A <u>profusion</u> of *textures* lies at the <u>core</u> <u>of this serene</u>, modern *Johannesburg garden*

TEXT TESS PATERSON PHOTOGRAPHS ELSA YOUNG

THIS SPREAD, FROM LEFT White waterlilies bloom in the tranquil garden of a modern Inanda townhouse, which was designed by JVR Architects (jvrarchitects. co.za); using the entrance hall as a central axis, landscaper Gregory Mark extended a sunken courtyard westwards towards the boundary wall. Here he created a granite-clad reflection pond, in which he planted common rush grass (Juncus effusus) to accompany the waterlilies, which flourish throughout summer and give way to

waterblommetjies in the winter months.









ucked away in a leafy complex in
Joburg's Inanda, there's a pleasing
dichotomy to this compact garden. For
starters, there's the low-rise entrance –
simple wooden gates set into a slate wall
– which is flanked by two vast charcoal
planters. It's the antithesis of the
triple-garage arrival often associated
with estate living. By contrast, it says, 'Come on in,
the gates are only here to keep the pets inside.' 'We
wanted to create a sense of welcome,' says landscaper
Gregory Mark. 'From the driveway, you head towards
the residence via a timber-decked courtyard. The
overscaled pots are repeated at the front door, and it's
here that the full indoor-outdoor impact is revealed.'

Designed by architect Joe van Rooyen, the abode has a timeless glass-and-steel simplicity. Timber cladding and a pair of silo-like structures allude to a modern barn aesthetic. 'The garden had to speak to the architecture,' says Mark. 'The abundance of glass allowed for fantastic views from within the house, and it also meant a seamless connection between the interior and exterior spaces. We wanted something serene and orderly, with lots of interest. It's friendly rather than minimalist, and intentionally leads you from one area to the next.'

Another contradictory aspect is the garden's age. Planted just a year ago, it has an air of long-established, cared-for seclusion. It's always first prize to begin a garden before the building works are complete. Our biggest challenge was to manoeuvre a number of substantially sized trees through the doors,' says Mark.

While the unevenly sloping ground could have been planted with lawn, Mark had something more enticing in mind. Using the entrance hall as a central axis, he extended a sunken courtyard westwards towards the boundary wall. Punctuated by a rectangular pond, it's bordered by neat buxus hedging and a series of low packed-slate walls.

Texture abounds, as does a variety of verdant tones. In a nod to what he affectionately calls 'old-fashioned' plants, Mark included mass plantings of acanthus, and white and pink Pride of India trees. 'The only existing tree was a lovely old bottlebrush, which we retained.' Although green is the dominant palette – glossy pittosporum, star jasmine and carex grasses all make a statement – the garden is not without accents of colour. 'Photinia shrubs add a bright hit of pink, as does the Pride of India blossom, but we also wanted to ensure yearround interest,' says Mark. The waterlilies, which flourish throughout summer only to be eclipsed by waterblommetjies in the winter, are a case in point.

Water is a strong focus, too, with the spacious living area opening up to the pond on one side and a sun-dappled pool on the other. As the owners are great art lovers, sculpture plinths were incorporated into the pond and pool. 'Choosing the ideal sculpture can't be rushed,' says Mark. 'My clients will know when they have found it and I'm looking forward to seeing this extra dimension unfold.'

In line with the house's modern edge, dark accents serve as a bold counterpoint to all the green in the garden. The boundary walls are painted a deep, almost black tone that mimics dappled shade, and Mark painted a Lutyens bench black, too. 'There's a sexiness to black and it marries well with the deep grey of the pots.' With its juxtaposition of clipped hedges and gnarled stems, clean lines and wayward grasses, this garden truly does entice. A space for contemplation and entertaining, it's a serene adjunct to this modern home. Gregory Mark Landscapes, 082-443-7251, G gregorymarklandscapes







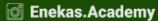














Endives with blue cheese and a balsamic vinegar reduction.







BOTANICAL GIN FIZZ

60ml helichrysum gin (or botanical gin of your choice) Juice of 2 limes 300ml soda water 300ml tonic

Mix the gin with the lime juice. Pour the mixture into four glasses filled with ice. Add 75ml soda water and 75ml tonic to each glass. Stir with a cocktail mixer (or spoon) and serve immediately. **SERVES 4**

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ENDIVES WITH BLUE CHEESE AND A BALSAMIC VINEGAR REDUCTION

100ml balsamic vinegar 30ml honey 200g fresh endive heads 100g creamy blue cheese, cut into thin slices 10g fresh baby salad leaves, such as red and green sorrel

For the balsamic reduction, bring the balsamic vinegar and honey to the boil in a small pot, then lower the heat to a simmer and reduce the mixture for about 10 minutes until the consistency is as thick as runny honey. Set aside to cool.

Carefully separate the endive leaves and arrange on a serving platter. Place slices of blue cheese in the inner curves of each endive leaf and sprinkle the salad leaves over the top. Drizzle balsamic reduction over each portion just before serving.

SERVES 8-10 (as a snack)

HOT AND SOUR FISH CEVICHE

2 green chillies 6 spring onions Juice of 3 limes A pinch of white sugar 1 large (400g) fresh hake fillet 10g fresh coriander leaves, roughly chopped 10g fresh baby salad leaves Activated charcoal squares* (or plain crackers), to serve

Slice the chillies and spring onions as thinly as possible. Combine the lime juice and sugar, and add the chilli and spring onions. Dice the fresh hake into small blocks. Add the lime-juice mixture to the fish and mix well, with care. Allow to stand for 10 minutes to steep.

Add the coriander and salad leaves to the ceviche. Serve in a bowl with activated charcoal squares on the side.

SERVES 8-10 (as a snack) *Available at Woolworths.

BEETROOT AND BLACKBERRY VAMPIRE VODKA

400ml fresh beetroot juice 200ml mixed-berry juice Juice of half a lemon 60ml vodka 100g blackberries Black pepper, to serve

Combine the beetroot, berry and lemon juices with the vodka in a large jug, and refrigerate for about half an hour.

Place two blackberries into each of four small wineglasses. Mix the juice well and divide it between the glasses. Grind a little black pepper on top of each drink just before serving them, with extra blackberries on the side.

SERVES 4

T-BONE STEAK SLICES WITH THYME BUTTER AND ROASTED GARLIC

1×500g, thick-cut T-bone beefsteak 1 garlic bulb 2t honey

1t ground black pepper 6T olive oil, for frying 6T butter 2T fresh thyme leaves Black salt, to serve

Remove the steak from the fridge so it reaches room temperature. Preheat the

oven to 180°C. Cut the garlic bulb in half lengthways, place on a baking tray, cutside up, and drizzle a teaspoon of honey over each half. Roast the garlic for about 25 minutes until golden and soft.

Season the meat with black pepper and heat the oil in a pan until almost smoking. Sear the steak for 5 minutes on each side. Reduce the heat to medium-low and add the butter. For a medium-rare steak, cook for a further 3 minutes on each side (this also depends on the thickness of your steak). Add the thyme leaves after turning (3 minutes before the end of cooking) to infuse with the butter.

Remove the steak from the pan, place on a board or serving platter and allow it to rest for 10 minutes. Cut into slices, each about 3-5mm thick, and arrange them next to the bone on the serving platter.

Push the roasted garlic cloves out of the bulb and distribute evenly over the top of the steak. Reheat the butter for 30 seconds until hot and spoon over the top of the slices.

Sprinkle a little black salt over the steak and serve immediately with a small pile of black salt on the side.

SERVES 8-10 (as a snack)

ACTIVATED CHARCOAL AND BASIL COCKTAIL (NON-ALCOHOLIC)

500ml activated charcoal juice*
Juice of 1 lemon
100ml freshly pressed apple juice
10g fresh basil leaves
4t tukmaria (sweet basil) seeds
Basil flowers, to serve

Combine the charcoal, lemon and apple juices. Roughly tear the basil leaves, drop them into the mixed juices and set aside to infuse for about an hour. Pour the mixture through a sieve to remove the basil leaves.

Decant the juice into chilled glasses and sprinkle half a teaspoon of tukmaria seeds gently over the top of each glass.

Allow the drinks to stand for 10 minutes to allow the tukmaria seeds to swell (they will form opaque 'skins'). Garnish with the basil flowers and serve immediately.

SERVES 4 *Available at Woolworths.







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T-bone steak slices with thyme butter and roasted garlic.













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ome to more than two thirds of the country's 300 000-person population, Iceland's capital Reyjkavík is as bustling a metropolis as you could expect to find on a volcanic island in the middle of the Arctic. Its authentically Scandi design influences are evident from the moment you set foot in your Airbnb. The combination of the city's innovative architecture, perfectly puttogether coffee shops and plethora of bearded men make it feel like this is where hipster style was born. Reyjkavík is small and pleasantly walkable (as long as you can brave the cold in winter). With as little as 48 hours at your disposal, you can easily get a real feel for what makes this one of Europe's most liveable cities. A word of warning: Iceland is not inexpensive. In fact, try

as I might, I just couldn't find a way to see it on a budget. That said, I'd definitely visit again

if I had another credit card handy.

The easiest and most delicious way to acquaint yourself with the place in a single afternoon is by foot (and mouth), as part of one of Wake Up Reykjavík's popular food tours. Guided by passionate locals, the excursions start at the iconic Harpa Concert Hall, home of the Icelandic Symphonic Orchestra. Having won numerous awards for its design and architecture, which was created by the Danish firm Henning Larsen Architects in cooperation with Iceland's Batteríiò Architects and Danish-Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson, it's the perfect first glimpse of the country's design-minded approach to life. It's a good idea to arrive a little early, because that'll give you time to browse the goods on offer at Harpa's branch of the nation's leading design shop, Epal. For the past 35 years, Epal has been offering a wide selection of the best of Scandinavian design - from small gift items to large furniture pieces - and stocks work by Iceland's most prominent creatives and design brands, from Alvar Aalto to Marimekko.

The food tour starts with a taste of kjötsúpa – the classic lamb soup on which every Icelander was raised – at the supremely popular bar Íslenski Barinn. Delectably hearty and warming, it sets you up for the chilly walk, which takes in several architectural landmarks.

Over the course of the afternoon, you'll have the chance to learn about Reykjavík residents' unique approach to combatting the winter blues during the heart of the snowy season by painting their homes bright, happy colours. These cheerful red, blue and yellow houses cut little smiles into the







rather bleak scene set by snowy streets and a grey sky. You'll also discover more about the Viking way of life through sampling some traditional delicacies, such as fermented shark (ammonia in chewable form), cured horsemeat, rye-bread ice cream (I'll take thirds!) and a decadent lobster stew.

Along the route you'll pass many warmly lit creative spaces; in fact, you'd be hard-pressed to spend an hour in this city without finding yourself outside a gallery or studio of some description. Make sure to come back to the number-one venue for Icelandic design, SPARK Design Space, which is the island's only design-specific exhibition gallery. For art enthusiasts, the Museum of Design and Applied Art, situated a short walk from the city centre, is a must-visit, too.

Following the boom of Iceland's tourism economy (identified as a strategic incomegenerator during the 2008 recession, when the country's inhabitants were hit hard by Europe's financial crisis), you can't walk a block without passing a souvenir shop. But you won't find cheap trinkets here: these are not your typical garish plastic replicas that light up until the batteries die and are then relegated to the charity-shop box. In typical Icelandic fashion, gifts and curios include thoughtful and unique items such as Arctic salt packaged in mermaid-adorned origami boxes, sepia-toned illustrated maps of the island, handcrafted leather goods and cosy woollen garments.

When it comes to culinary inspiration, you're spoilt for choice. The Icelandic attention to practical detail combined with aesthetic loveliness very much spills over into the world of food, too. At Grillmarket, patrons are ushered down an enormous spiral staircase into a romantically lit underground dining space where each new plate of the eight-course tasting menu is more delectable than the last. And at the more everyday Reykjavík Roasters, coffee preparation is made to look like a form of traditional dance. They even do patisserie and dessert perfectly here. At Apotek, a restaurant so beautiful you'll probably want to live in it, the sweet treats are almost too pretty to eat (but do so anyway!).

When you've had your fill of food and eye candy, take some time to relax in the milky waters of Blue Lagoon. Located just 30 minutes outside Reykjavík, it's easy to reach by bus. After a pre-dip shower, submerge yourself in the otherworldly thermal baths and slather a layer of cleansing natural silica mud onto your face. When in Iceland, right?















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Geysers like this one – a spectacle to watch – emit sulphurous gas into the air; Icelandic blue mussels with passionfruit, chilli, white wine and truffle-Parmesan fries from Apotek Kitchen + Bar (apotekrestaurant.is); snow-covered trees make it feel like Christmas all winter; a guided glacier walk will take you inside Europe's oldest glacier, where Crystal Cave will take your breath away; pure-bred horses, a common sight in Iceland, were originally brought to the island by Vikings in the 9th and 10th century; Reykjavík's main landmark, Hallgrímskirkja church.

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The exquisite glass panes of Harpa Concert Hall; Reykjavík's streets are lined with traditional corrugated-iron homes; Reynisdrangar is the name given to the basalt sea stacks that stand off the coast of Reynisfjara, not far from the town of Vik; buildings are painted in bright colours to bring life to the icy city; Apotek restaurant is a shining example of Scandi design; a frozen tunnel inside the Vatnajökull glacier; churches such as this can be found across the country.





















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One of Reykjavík's most popular bars, Íslenski Barinn, serves up delicious kjötsúpa, a traditional Icelandic lamb soup (islenskibarinn.is); Nordurgardi lighthouse, one of two on either side of the harbour; summer country homes such as this barn sit patiently in wait during the winter months; basalt columns - which are formed when melting lava cools and reforms into hexagonal shapes - are abundant on the world-famous blacksand beach, Reynisfjara, on Iceland's south coast; one of many scenic stops along Ring Road; a wooden cottage pops against the stark snow-clad landscape in the quiet village of Hvammstangi; coffee shops and retail spaces are warmly lit and provide the perfect place to escape the cold for a few moments; glacier pieces that wash up on Diamond Beach can be the size of boulders during the coldest months of the year.



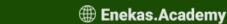




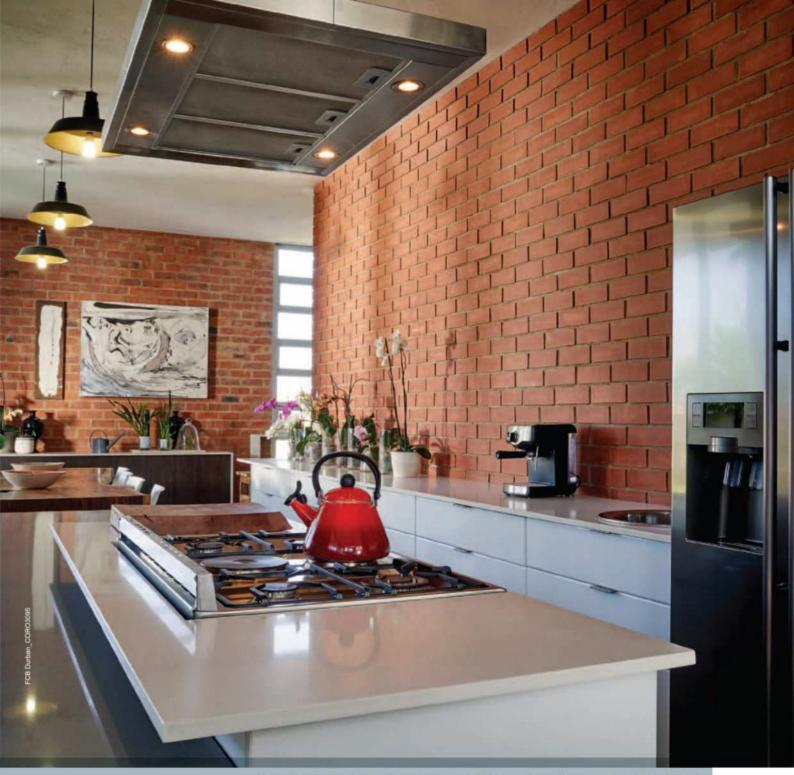












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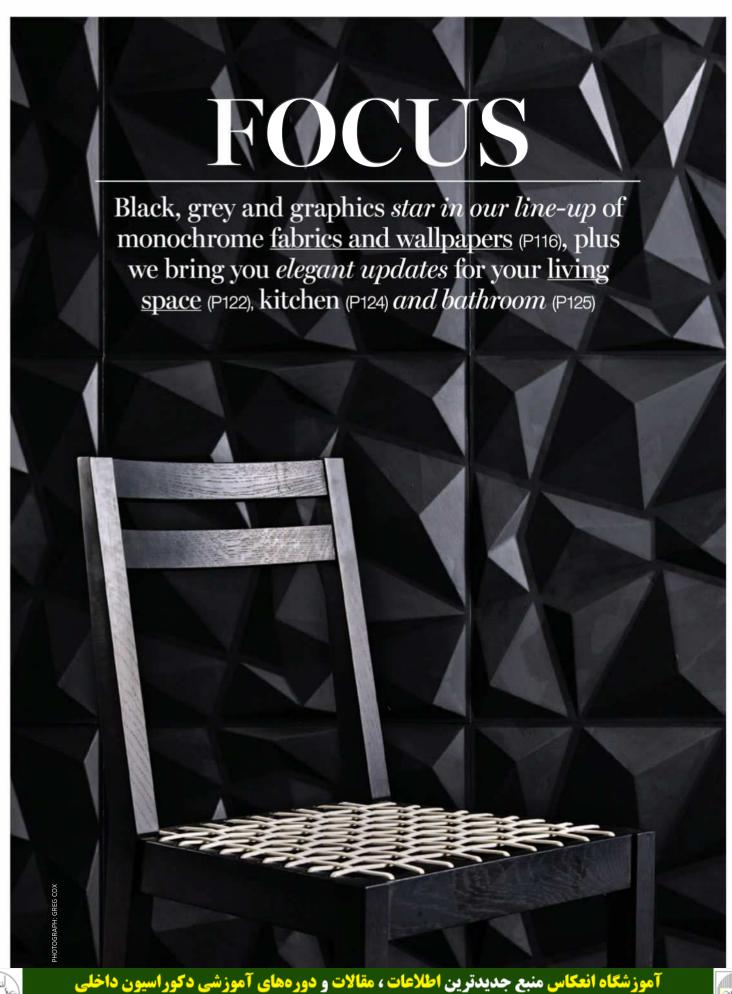


















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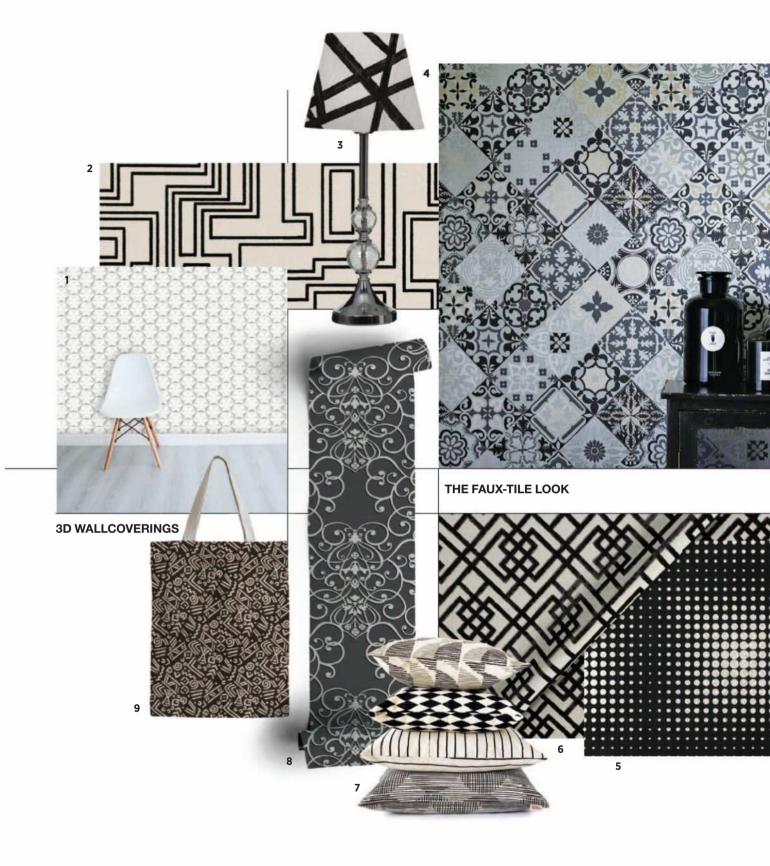












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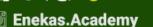






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1. Midnatt wall mural in Black by Sandberg R4 514/roll (270cm×10.8m), The Silk and Cotton Co. 2. Bali fabric in Charcoal from the Spice Route collection R968/m (295cm wide), Black Fabrics 3. From left: Rain Dralon fabric in Air, Storm Dralon fabric in Air and Canyon Dralon fabric in Air, all from the Elements Outdoor Collection R560/m (140cm wide), Halogen 4. Snorkel fabric in Caviar from the Sunburst collection R1 225/m (138cm wide), Hertex **5.** Maluti **fabric** in Black from the Sub Sahara collection R603/m (139cm wide), St Leger & Viney **6.** Pulse of Passion **wall mural** by Rebel Walls R1 108/m², St Leger & Viney **7.** The Surface of the Sea **fabric** in Black, handpainted on White Libeco Belgian **linen** by David Bellamy R1 600/m (135cm wide), Bbellamyandbbellamy 8. Trifol wallpaper in Black and White by Stroheim R2 869/m (52cm wide) and 9. Hannes wallpaper in Grey/Black by Sandberg R2 013/roll (53cm×10.05m), both The Silk and Cotton Co. 10. Bamboo Stripe fabric in Charcoal from the Indochine collection R673/m (139cm wide), St Leger & Viney 11. Zelva Flock wallpaper in Charcoal R4 014/roll (52cm×10m), Romo 12. Gridded Landscape fabric, handpainted on White Libeco Belgian linen by David Bellamy R2 200/m (135cm wide), Bbellamyandbbellamy.



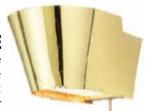






GOLDEN OLDIE

With its attractive curved shape and gleaming brass shade, the 9464 wall light (R8 901) is a perfect example of how Finnish designer Paavo Tynell turned illumination into an art form for Danish brand Gubi. cremadesign.co.za



Entertaining is effortless with the compact Quinita small bar cart (R9 500). dark-horse.co.za



BLACK BEAUTY

The picture of versatility, a Lancaster Double Chaise Leather sofa in Coal (large; R55 500; 0.88×3.92m; available in fabric or leather) can be configured to adapt to any interior.

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roche-bobois.com



Stubborn marks are no match for the Tufted Colour Placement range of stainproof carpeting, pictured here in Cracked Earth (R550/m²). belgotexfloors. co.za

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SOFT SPOT

Elegance marries comfort in the Nuvola three-seater sofa by Paola Navone for Gervasoni (R180 950), upholstered in 3D Grigio fabric. A multilayer solid-wood frame forms the foundation for goose down and polyester-fibre quilting – just the thing for cool-weather snuggles. modernhome.co.za

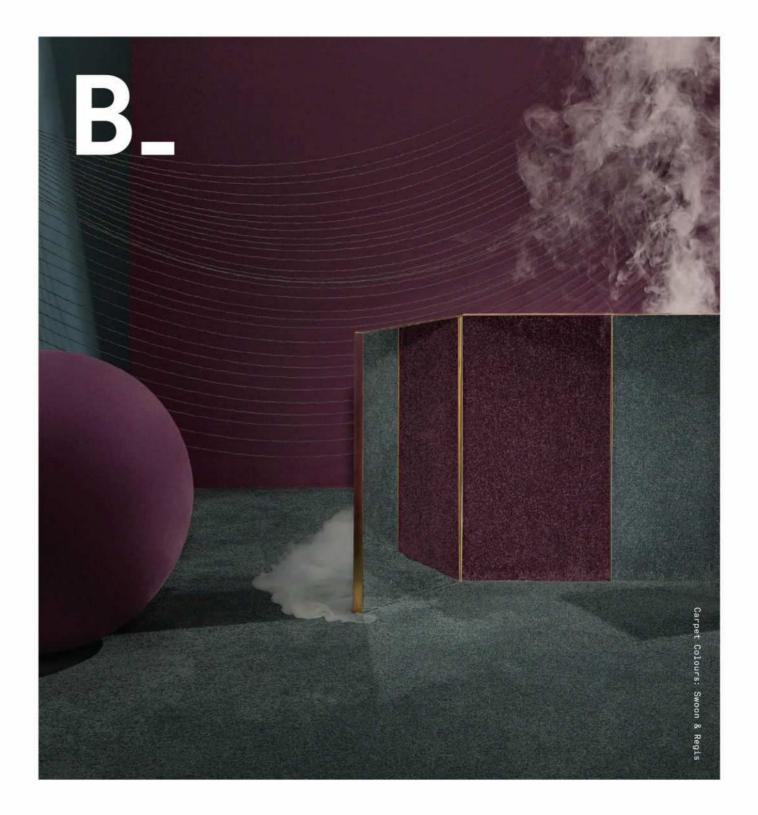


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eggdesigns.co.za

ROUGH DIAMOND

The faceted exterior of the Rock Suspension lamp in Black by Diesel Foscarini (R13 867) reveals a bright iridescence that can be directed up or down as you wish. cremadesign.co.za



FAIR AND SQUARE Looking for stylish flooring

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Grey aluminium wall panels (from R500 000; excludes

appliances). domum.bulthaup.com

THESE BLACK TRIANGLE-PATTERN PRINT ASSES (R35 EACH) ARE A SIMPLE TO INCLUDE A GRAPHIC ELEMENT COOKING SPACE. WEYLANDTS.CO.ZA

NEXT LEVEL

Artistry combines with craftsmanship in the bold Hindi Iron sideboard (R10 999). Handcrafted from wood and steel, it's just asking for a culinary display. home.co.za



APPEAL ROQUE Embossed steel cutlery, such as

this Pompadour flatware set in Matt Black from R1 750 (for a 16-piece set), bestows functional elegance on a moody setting. hertexhaus.co.za







WARM & FUZZY

Me-time calls for a relaxing read and a hot soak, followed by the cuddly comfort of a fleecy Mr gown in Black (R449). Cocoa, anyone?

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OUT OF THIS WORLD

Set the scene with this space-age-inspired Mirror Ball Pendant light by Tom Dixon in Gold (from R7 740; 25cm). cremadesign.co.za



VANITY FAIR

Jet-black faux fur lends whimsical interest to this Victorianesque Lammy Black stool (R3 995). lagrangeinteriors.com



Flaunt your greenery in a Multi-Stripe Planter by Studio W (R161). woolworths.co.za



Luxuriously soft and super absorbent, the Talle bath sheet in Pale Grey by Country Road (R453; 91×165cm) brings a spa feel to the bathroom, woolworths.co.za METALLIC ACCENTS MEET MOODY BASICS IN A PEACEFUL SPACE THAT'S ALL ABOUT RELAXATION

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HANDY HOLDALL

Keep bits and bobs tucked away in this satin-finish bath canister in Black Cobra Marble (R295).

weylandts.co.za



Silky smooth and warm to the touch, the generously sized Victoria & Albert Terrassa freestanding bath in Matt Black (R22 929; 0.76×1.7m) is made from a state-of-the-art solid-surface material, with amazing insulating properties. italtile.co.za





The LED antique bulbs behind the '70s-style brass frame in the Inception Round Mirror (R39 995) ensure soft, mellow lighting. weylandts.

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- · Avoid exercising or eating too late in the evenings, as this increases your body's metabolic rate.

- · Limit caffeine in the latter part of the day.
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I was born in Tazewell, Virginia, near the Appalachian Trail in the US. I am the designer of Paradise Found Fine Erotic Jewellery and author of The Boudoir Bible: The Uninhibited Sex Guide for Today. Sex and jewellery go together like Champagne and chocolate. My earliest memory of good design is the kitchen cabinets designed by my father in my childhood home. The most seductive thing a partner can do is to surprise me. My favourite pieces of sculpture in Paris are Constantin Brâncuși's totems at his atelier in the Georges Pompidou Centre. **Every woman understands** the difference between the way a sports bra or a corset or other feminine undergarment makes her feel. Underwear design affects the way you present yourself to the outside world. Sex toys should not be used for massaging aching calf muscles, as is recommended in the instructions for vibrators that are sold in the USA. When I dress up, I wear high heels. My kitchen cupboard staples are brown rice, almonds and other nuts, algae and olive oil. My go-to comfort foods are halva, miso soup and spaghetti with arrabbiata sauce. My favourite restaurant is Table in Paris, by chef Bruno Verjus. I always travel with my running gear.

A country that I'll never forget is Tibet.

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From my travels I always like to bring back artisanal tableware and kitchenware. My next dream holiday destination is Japan. If money were no object, I'd treat myself to purchasing a borgo [a small village or section of a town] in Italy. I'm reading The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan and listening to theta brainwave frequencies. I hate it when people miss out because they are using their phones rather than being present. I'm definitely not a morning person. If I could change one thing about the world it would be that there would be no borders, and therefore no wars. Don't leave Paris without trying fresh oysters from Jean-Luc at Bastille Market on Sundays. When I was younger, I used to think that I would become a doctor. The best advice I have ever received is 'Be the master of your own destiny.' Destonyvernon







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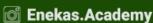
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