

A tropical PARADISE

NATURE TAKES CENTRE STAGE IN THIS
MAGNIFICENT COASTAL FOREST HOME

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Crest Developers was responsible for the complete build and finishes of this bespoke home. The brief from the owner was clear: "build me my dream home". With a reputation for building innovative homes to the highest quality standards, Crest Developers was able to deliver this and more.



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ABOVE: Metropole Architects provided a full architectural service for the home, including fulfilling the role of principal-agent during the construction phase. In addition to their architectural service, Metropole Architects provided a significant amount of interior design input during the process. The result is a home that epitomises global boutique living while integrating harmoniously with its surroundings. Metropole Architects used travertine marble slab wall cladding and Balau timber screens to achieve this on the exterior, while the interior's contemporary tone has been created with seamless marble floor tiles and backlit onyx and panellised walnut wall cladding.

Boasting a sought-after vantage point overlooking the Indian Ocean, large expanses of glazing allow for spectacular sea views. They also ensure that the home fills with natural light. Yet even with the sizeable glazed door and window openings, the home offers considerable privacy because of the ample indigenous landscaping between neighbours.

The home has been reconstructed and redesigned with a distinctly tropical modern look. There are large overhangs on the roof eaves, plenty of screening and natural exterior finishes with timber and stone cladding. A double-volume steel and timber louvre screen framed by a monolithic travertine marble-clad element encases a shallow water feature. Aside from providing an aesthetically pleasing transition from the hard-surfaced parking area outside to the cool interior with its spectacular ocean panorama, this arrangement serves as a transparent veil that absorbs the aggressive afternoon sunlight. >

ABOVE: The owner wanted an emotive kitchen that makes an impression. blu_line used glass as a dramatic accent feature, while the timber veneer and bold use of stone on the island and in the cladding add to the sense of luxury. The aluminium touches add yet another level of sophistication to this exquisitely curated space.





The owner says the main bedroom suite with its private lounge, office and a sauna, resembles a presidential suite in a luxury hotel. The entire front facade of the suite opens onto a furnished roof terrace with breathtaking sea views. For added luxury and comfort, the home has full smart home automation, and the lighting, sound, air conditioning, underfloor heating, automated blinds and curtains, fireplace, and home cinema can be managed using the Control4 system.

Marble floors, backlit onyx features, walnut cladding, brass inlays and antique mirrors have been used to create luxurious contemporary spaces with a mid-century, modern influence. Carefully considered and selected artworks add a layer of visual interest and complexity to the home, reflecting the owner's love of art. Remarkable pieces include a bronze leopard in the courtyard and a striking large-format painting in the double-volume space at the stairs. These selected pieces enrich the experience of the already crafted spaces, says the architect.

The placement and selection of the fittings for the architectural and feature lighting ensure that the interior's features, materials and focal points stand out, especially at night. 🏡

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