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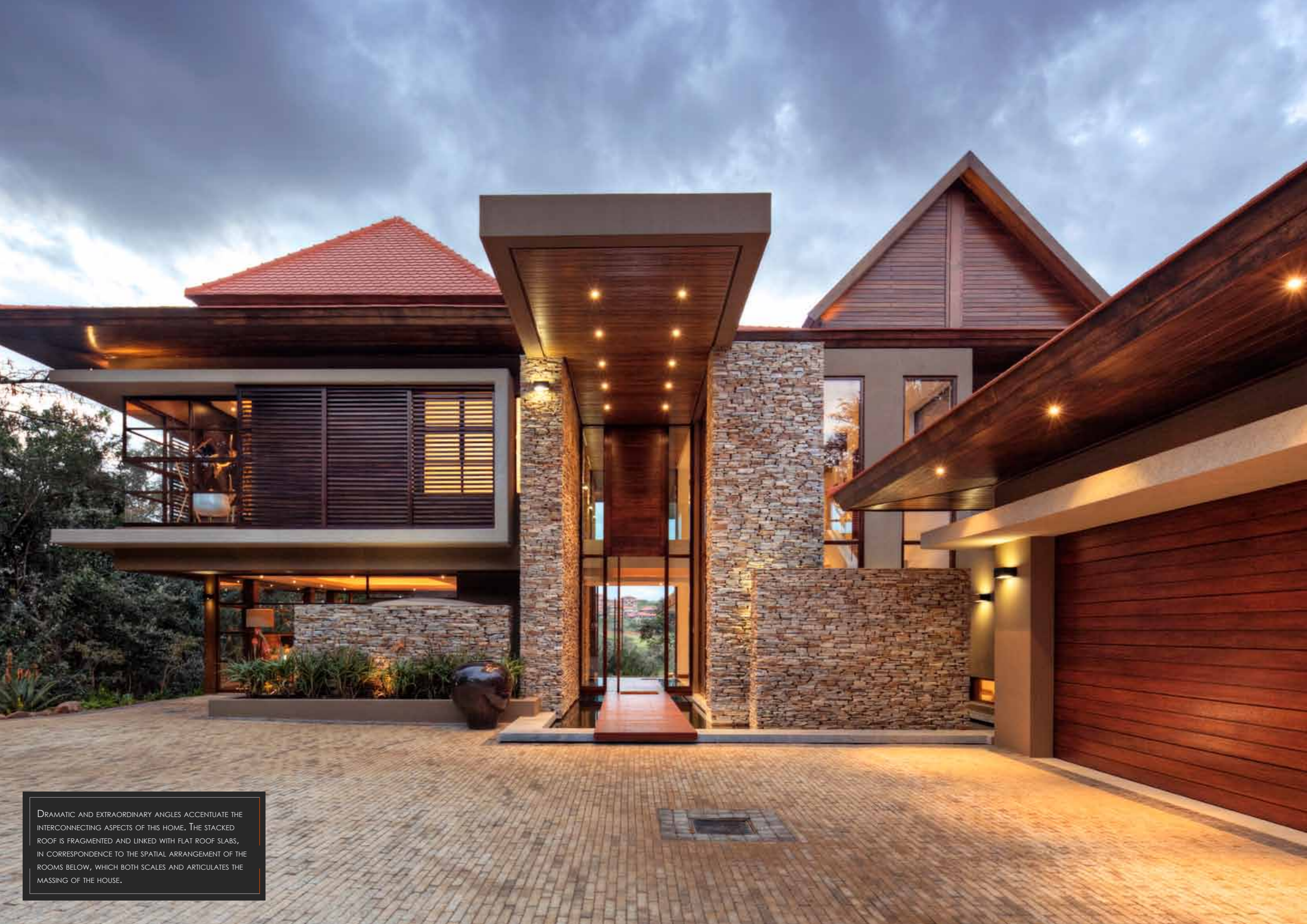
CLEAN ARCHITECTURAL LINES WITH A WARMTH
AND ZEN LIKE AMBIANCE

Elegant simplicity with bold, clean, contemporary lines, infused with echoes of Balinese architecture, these are the defining features of SGNW House, a spacious, open family home designed by Metropole Architects, located in Kwa Zulu Natal on the exclusive prime Zimbali forest estate.

Commissioned to design this contemporary family home the Durban based architects, headed by Nigel Tarboton, have adopted their signature "Organic Modernism" angular architectural style. The stacked roof is fragmented and linked with flat roof slabs, in correspondence to the spatial arrangement of the rooms below, which both scales and articulates the massing of the house. The main bedroom suite cantilevers six metres over the patio below, providing protection from the weather, as well as an added "wow" factor. ▶



LOCATION
ZIMBALI FOREST ESTATE, SOUTH AFRICA
PROPERTY
SGNW HOUSE
ARCHITECT
METROPOLE ARCHITECTS
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DRAMATIC AND EXTRAORDINARY ANGLES ACCENTUATE THE INTERCONNECTING ASPECTS OF THIS HOME. THE STACKED ROOF IS FRAGMENTED AND LINKED WITH FLAT ROOF SLABS, IN CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SPATIAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE ROOMS BELOW, WHICH BOTH SCALES AND ARTICULATES THE MASSING OF THE HOUSE.

THE KITCHEN IS SENSATIONAL, WITH CLEAN LINES THAT EXTEND TO THE OPEN PLAN LOUNGE AND DINING AREA FLOWING THROUGH AND OUT TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY.



Large amounts of glazing optimize views of the indigenous bush that encapsulates the house, and together with the palette of raw materials including natural timber, off shutter concrete, water and natural stone cladding, offset the clean architectural lines with a warmth and Zen like ambiance.

With the owner being a great lover of koi fish, the home has a sensation of being wrapped by water, first with the koi pond that surrounds the entrance and then flows through the house to meet the swimming pool that then cascades around the entertainment patio on the other side. ▶



SEVERAL BODIES OF WATER, INCLUDING KOI PONDS, WATER FEATURES AND A RIMFLOW SWIMMING POOL APPEAR TO COALESCE INTO ONE AND FLOW THROUGH THE HOUSE AND OUT INTO THE FOREST BEYOND.



Interior designer Michelle Throssell, who has been creating unique interiors inspired by natural organic elements for over 15 years, has brought her elegant individual style to the door of the home.

A unique mix of old and new with a sense of laid back glamour has been crafted by using both textured and natural palette and tones, with carefully selected bespoke furniture items. These organic tones and textures of stone and bleached wood add a natural feel throughout which compliments the approach taken by Metropole Architects in bringing to life the Balinese architectural style of SGNW House. 

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