

Modern-day country CLASSIC

A BOLD MODERNIST STRUCTURE IN A
RUSTIC COUNTRY ENVIRONMENT

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ABOVE: As the architects on this property, Metropole Architects created a modern home with brutalist undertones that are expressed in the structural design. The property takes on a simple arrangement of monolithic linear forms that project out across the vast manicured lawn and gently sloping paddocks, while still managing to position itself comfortably among the existing mature trees. The home stands out as a bold modernist structure within a rustic country environment, and gives these home owners all they need to enjoy life to the fullest.

According to the owner of this bold and magnificent home, the inspiration came from a vision to see contemporary architecture, equestrianism and nature come together to showcase a reality that is inspiring, functional and unique – all within the context of its spectacular setting.

An organic-shaped concrete wall weaves its way above a shallow reflective pond, which invites guests over a small bridge and through the front door.

“On entering the home, the view of the distant horizon vista through an expansive unobstructed 10m opening is simply breathtaking. Simultaneously, the prominent V-column, Googie-styled floating staircase and the triangulated coffer slab double-volume ceiling set the tone for what lies ahead,” says the owner.

Inside the home there are many features that stand out. Apart from the entrance hall and the dining room with the off-shutter concrete ceiling, the staircase is another highlight. While functioning as the means to transition floor levels, the staircase offers a sculptural



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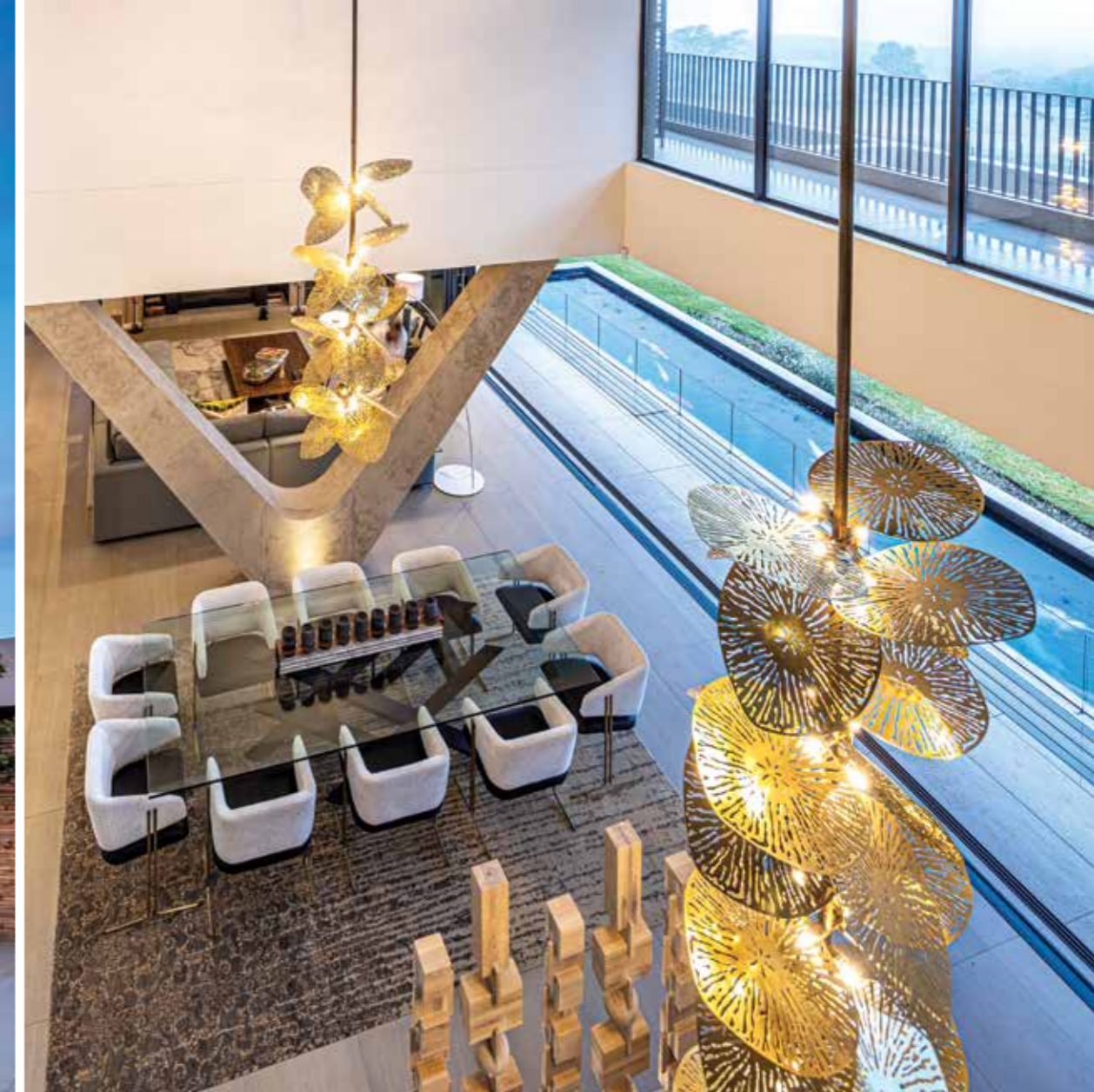
ABOVE: Manufacturers and installers of custom-made aluminium products such as windows, doors, balustrades and showers, PG Aluminium Durban supplied and installed various items in this home including the windows, doors, floor-to-ceiling shower screens, main entrance glass pivot door as well as the glass screen for the koi pond. Graphite grey was the colour selected for the aluminium. Double-glazed glass panels were used for some windows, while other windows were installed with standard safety glass – all compliant with AAAMSA glazing regulations.

RIGHT: Eurocasa Johannesburg specialises in Italian kitchens and wardrobes, and interior design elements of the finest quality and style. Working closely with the client from start to finish, the company helped create a home where quality was above all else. All the products that were supplied enhance the wonderful look and feel of this home.

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backdrop to the double-volume space that leads up to the mezzanine landing.

A feast for the eyes, the interior spaces are styled in a contemporary setting with a mid-century modern influence. As the exterior is bold, so too are the interior spaces, with awe-inspiring lighting fixtures, sculptures, fittings and furnishings that emit luxury, class and comfort, coming together to create an atmosphere of

warmth and a sense of being welcomed home.

An example of this can be seen in the upper section gallery area of the double-volume space, where the series of nine symmetrical formation triangular skylights and the filtered light that moves through the wall of vertical screens come together to create an ethereal and uplifting experience, which tempts a moment of contemplation. >





Having gone through the process of creating nothing short of a dream home that meets all their needs, the home owner offers this piece of advice to anyone thinking of commencing on this journey. "Invest in design – this is the most important factor in the success of the finished product."

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