

Home at the sea

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Many people dream of living in a house at the sea, looking for tranquillity, open spaces and walks along the shore that promote a healthier lifestyle. But these proud home owners have turned their dream into reality.

This beautiful home boasts breathtaking views of the ocean, Table Mountain, Robben Island and Blouberg beach. Drawing inspiration from the sea, the owners aimed at creating a fresh, breezy home, one that reflected the tranquillity of the beach, while still being stylish, contemporary and suited to the family's lifestyle – a home with straight lines, open spaces and plenty of light. Another goal was to make the home as energy-efficient as possible, using solar panels, solar geysers, pellet fireplaces, LED lighting and an energy-saving induction stove.

The house consists of three levels: the basement with three garages; the ground floor with entrance hall, lounge and five en-suite bedrooms; and an upper level. The first floor, which is the home owners' favourite space in the

ABOVE RIGHT: The client wanted his iPad to control lighting and music throughout the house from anywhere in the world. The Modern Group provided the home automation system, which included wall-mounted iPads with Schneider C-BUS automation with the minimum use of wall switches. Light occupancy sensors in various areas ensure energy-efficiency throughout the home.

home, consists of a gourmet kitchen with separate pantry and scullery; open-plan dining area and lounge with pellet-burning fireplace, entertainment area with gas and wood-burning braai; and magnificent sea and mountain views

"We fell in love with the entrance-hall chandelier even before the house was built; it reminded us of the foam on Blouberg beach. The glass bubbles reflect the outside light and are a beautiful introduction to our stylish home," the home owner says.

A bubble-inspired chandelier was also added to the main bedroom, adding a touch of glamour to a space



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TOP LEFT: This striking glass staircase with timber top rail was finished to perfection by Coenie Marais Inhouse Finishing. Lobasol oil, supplied by the company, was used to oil the American walnut door and staircase. Coenie Marais specialises in custom joinery, and installed internal doorframes, doors and sliding doors throughout the house.

TOP RIGHT: This striking door handle, courtesy of Handles Inc, is made of stainless steel; it can be supplied in a brushed or polished finish, and is available in several lengths. Handles Inc supplied all door handles, locks, bathroom accessories and ironmongery in the house.



decorated in tranquil shades of white, grey and walnut. These colours dominate in the most commonly used areas too, such as the dining room and lounge, where splashes of blue bring the beach palette into the home.

The beautiful grain of the American walnut cabinetry adds character and depth. In the children's bedrooms, touches of colour take into account the girls' personalities and preferences. Throughout, natural wood and whitewashed floors create that "beach" feeling.

The home owner says one of the most enjoyable experiences of building this home was working with an interior decorator, who was invaluable when it came to artwork, wallpaper, soft furnishings, upholstery of chairs, bathroom tiling and chandeliers.

Most of the soft couches and chairs are neutral shades, and splashes of colour were added using textured cushions, rugs and art pieces.

According to the home owner, after two stressful years



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ABOVE LEFT: This Olivari door handle, exclusive to Handles Inc, has an elegantly modern, two-tone finish. Cisa locks and cylinders, and Dorma hinges were used. This handle is factory-guaranteed not to corrode for a period of 30 years. Handles Inc focuses on quality products, unique ranges and service excellence.

TOP: The client's brief was for effective lighting solutions, which would include ambient, decor, bulkhead and splashback lighting throughout the home. All lighting was to be LED, for energy efficiency. Multisource Technologies, one of the largest LED lighting manufacturers in SA, supplied the lighting for both inside and outside, including strip lighting, flexible and rigid for the bulkheads and pergola, dimmable LED downlights/spotlights for area lighting, as well as security lighting. The swimming pool lighting is decorative and allows for a substantial amount of light when needed.



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ABOVE RIGHT: Aquastones, a beautiful mix of tiny pebbles set in resin, combined with 8mm glass bullets, have been used to create a contemporary feel in this bathroom. The product was supplied by Douglas Jones, an importer of quality mosaic, decor and tile accent products from around the world.

LEFT: Victoria and Albert supplied this white quarry-cast Ravello freestanding bath, the ultimate statement in quality and style, and one of a wide selection of elegant designs from the company. Victoria and Albert manufactures top-quality freestanding baths and basins for discerning clients.

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of being on site and being involved in all stages of the building process, the experience of moving into the new home felt surreal. The dream had finally become reality. 🏡

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