

Interiors

Standout interior design
from around the globe

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A luxury development breaking the mould with distinctly personal interior designs

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DETAILS
HOUSE Cielo
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CONNECTING THREE LEVELS AND VISIBLE FROM THE STREET, EACH SET OF PLASTERED STAIRS WAS GIVEN A DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT PERSONALITY WITH THE USE OF WELL-CONSIDERED PENDANT LIGHTING

What do a young family, a retired couple with grandkids and a pair of nearly empty-nesters have in common? Cielo, that's what. Rather than the typically uninspired (read: vanilla) interiors that define off-the-plan developments, this project was personalised to its future owners.

The developer was determined to create a luxury set of homes that looked and felt natural in the Brighton area and reflected the suburb's vibrant lifestyle. To imbue a sense of individuality in each of the three dwellings, the purchasers were asked to provide significant input and greater flexibility than is usually the case in these situations. To get the ball rolling, the owners had to choose between light and dark finishes. From here they were asked to select options from the "finishes board", with the choice of altering the remaining selections to suit their individual preferences. The freedom to pick their own feature lighting, make changes to the electrical plans and request a few minor changes to the floor plan further personalised the project. The townhouses are alike in that they all have

three bedrooms (with an ensuite for each), three-and-a-half bathrooms, private terraces, a study, three-car garage, store room and wine storage. A private basement entry and lift servicing three levels is consistent within the three homes, as is hardwood flooring. However, the similarities end here. Completed by Head Homes, who worked with the developer and clients to implement the interior designs, the distinct townhouses are triplets but not identical. "Each homeowner had different necessities," says Jaydn Head, director of Head Homes. "One homeowner was all about storage, hence the cabinetry was of great importance, particularly in the kitchen and master walk-in robe. Another client resolved to incorporate keepsakes in the interior layout, including some leadlight glass from their previous home. Custom door frames were built to frame the glass panels and a built-in niche was built to accommodate other precious pieces." The site sits on a flood plain so to guard against water damage, the development was raised an extra 600mm off ground level. "The flood plain also impacted the fencing requirements, where only 50 per cent of the fence could be covered to allow for the

EDITOR'S FAVOURITE
THE CURVED STAIRCASES, VISIBLE FROM THE STREET, CONNECTING ALL THREE LEVELS



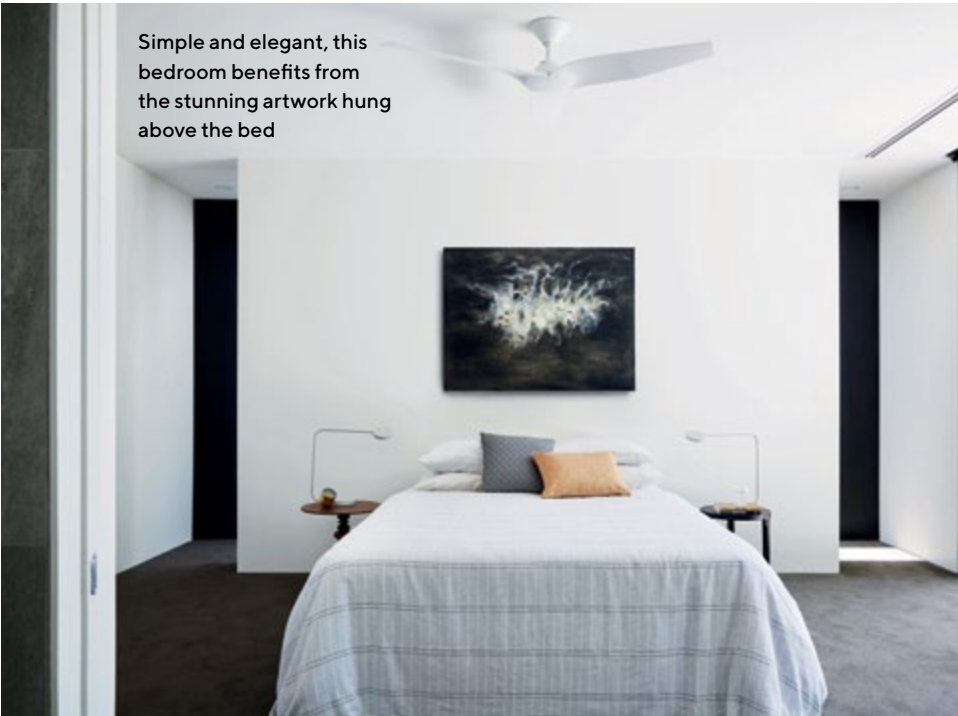
Black accents modernise the interior design



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Simple and elegant, this
bedroom benefits from
the stunning artwork hung
above the bed





Natural stone features heavily throughout the development

passage of water in the event of a flood,” Jaydn notes.

The standout feature in each of the homes is undoubtedly the curved staircases. Connecting three levels and visible from the street, each set of plastered stairs was given a distinctly different personality with the use of well-considered pendant lighting. Reflecting the clients’ personal tastes and vision for their homes, one owner opted for a minimal architectural light, another chose a soft flowing fixture, while the third went with an elegant modern pendant.

Complementing the stairs is a number

of noteworthy elements. Natural stone collides with timber features and corner glazed windows, while skylights stretch over 4m and open gas fireplaces add ambience and warmth (literally and aesthetically).

“As you move throughout each home you can appreciate different lines and angles, and with 6.5m-high glazing, you can see how light reflects and shadows change throughout the day.”

Striking the perfect balance between architect and owner influence, Cielo is an off-the-plan development with architectural integrity and individual flair. 🏡

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