

ISLAND INSPIRATION

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Marais 4 Architects was tasked with coming up with a fresh, modern design, a contemporary structure that would replace the outdated original home. All materials and finishes were chosen in consultation with the client, from the tiles and wall colours to the cladding and bulkheads. Materials played an important role, as it was imperative to create an energy-efficient and sustainable environment. Artist's impressions were developed prior to the construction, and this assisted in determining the final choice of colour.

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Gamma Zenith was responsible for the spray-paint application in two contrasting colours on external walls, and the newly built canopies were specially plastered with a trowel application in white. HJ van Niekerk Construction was responsible for interior paintwork. All doors, skirtings and cornices were painted white. Feature walls were cladded with natural stone cladding, while the front door was specially manufactured to create a Zanzibar feel.



Safety came first for this family. The first thing you notice when you drive into the estate is the lack of burglar bars. It helps that a lot of people are jogging, walking their dogs, and kids are having fun on their bicycles – it is a very laid-back atmosphere.

The owners wanted an open, light and airy feel to their home. They wanted a house that was first and foremost a home that would accommodate the day-to-day activities of the children.

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get-togethers. The house just lends itself to easy-going living," says the home owner.

The main bathroom is a firm favourite, with its large shower, white oval bath, natural colours and tranquil feel. "It's like a spa treatment every time we shower or bath," explains the owner. The wooden four-poster bed adds to the feeling of spa living. An earlier trip to Zanzibar was the inspiration behind the front door. Handmade, the unique door with its intricate carvings proudly welcomes all who pass through it.

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RIGHT: The home owner wanted a door that represented the family's trip to Zanzibar a few years ago, and Carved Wood Styles based in Fourways came to the party. The majestic front door is a handmade creation made according to the home-owners' specifications. Its intricate carvings bring home the island feel and welcome everyone who enters the home.

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The living area opens onto a patio, swimming pool and entertainment area, perfect for those family get-togethers.

entertainment area, perfect for those family get-togethers. The natural colours, open spaces, clean lines and wooden finishes radiate an island holiday. The kitchen, with its white, wooden and stainless steel finishes, has all of the modern conveniences that a family needs.

With its ample cupboard space and work tops, you can envision a family throwing a meal together to be enjoyed on the patio overlooking a well-lit manicured garden on warm summer nights. The skylight looking down onto the upstairs passage adds to a feeling of space.

Every detail in the home, from the cladding on the feature walls, the contrasting colours of the walls and skirtings, to the large glass windows, lends itself to family >





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island fun. The wooden furnishings, such as the wardrobe, trunk and headboard in one of the bedrooms, not to mention the high-back chair in the upstairs passage, enhance the overall feel of the home.

Even the air conditioners are inconspicuously placed so as not to interfere with the atmosphere of the home.

When creating your dream home, the home owner has this to say: "Have a properly accredited architect and project manager. Do a lot of homework, Google, read magazines and do price checks. Listen to your heart. You have to live in that house for the next 20 years, so you have to feel comfortable in it. You can let people guide you in certain decisions, but ultimately you make the choice." 🏡

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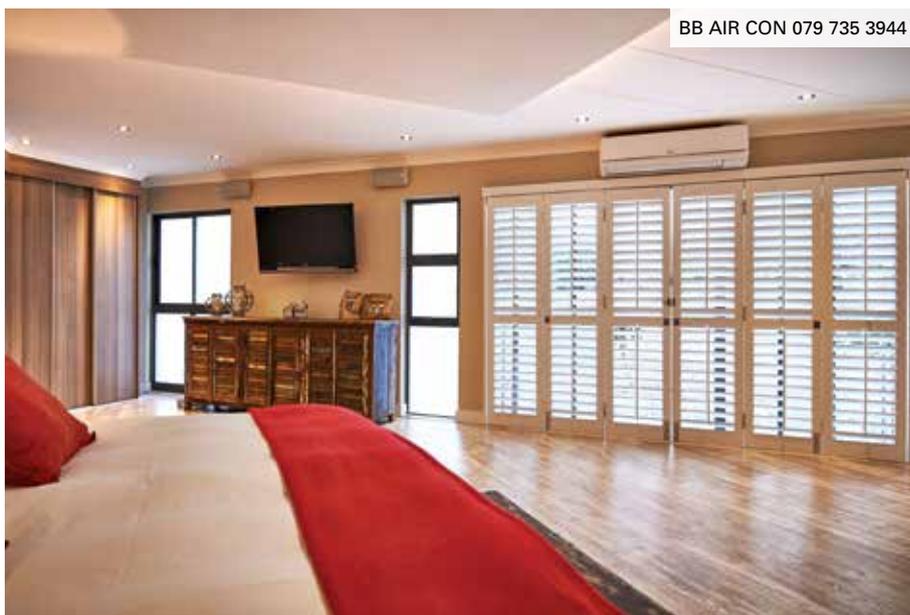
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RIGHT: As part of the renovations, BB Air Con – Refrigeration and Products supplied and installed new air conditioners. In keeping with the clean lines and modern look of the new interiors, the owners opted for white Samsung units that are inconspicuously placed, so they do not detract from the overall look and feel of the home.



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