

# THE FOUNDATION IS FAMILY

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**RIGHT:** Aluview was responsible for the frameless glass balustrades in this home. The toughened safety glass with stainless steel fittings safeguard the floating staircase, allowing the home owners to experience uninterrupted views of the home from every angle and level. Aluview specialises in the design, manufacture and installation of glass and aluminium products of the highest quality for a range of clients, including architects, developers, designers and contractors. The company has a strong commitment to cost-effective solutions that do not compromise on quality.



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This family managed to survive three renovations of their previous property before they decided to sell their house and build a new home on a stand in Waterfall Country Estate.

Every member of the family was involved with the new project, from their twin teenage boys to their toddlers, a boy and a girl. This was a house they built together as a family. The result is a contemporary, three-level home that enjoys plenty of light and high ceilings, a design inspired by the modern, angular homes already built in the estate.

The stand is on a cul-de-sac close to a nature park. "We chose this stand because we wanted to live in a safe area, and we also wanted to be able to see animals; we have guinea fowls and rabbits popping up every now and then –

**TOP:** Marais 4 Architects was tasked with creating a contemporary home with ample glass and good light. Internal volumes were targeted, including extra ceiling volumes to create an open environment that allows the home owners to appreciate the house, especially while using the staircase. To maximise the use of the site, the company took advantage of the slope of the stand to accommodate all of the home owner's requirements, including a home cinema in the basement, which also features a picture window into the swimming pool.

**LEFT:** SteelForm was responsible for the floating staircase in this home. The modern feature was created using off-shutter concrete and glass balustrading, a perfect counterpoint to the neutral palette of the interiors. The company offers a range of staircase designs, and also specialises in beams, formwork and laser-cut panels.



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**RIGHT:** Pietre di Basalto tiles by Iris Ceramica Italy were selected for this home, to create a modern, stylistic look that combines quality with natural stone surfaces. The tiles were supplied by Avanga, the exclusive distributor for Iris Ceramica and the Iris FMG group in South Africa.

it's great," the home owner says. The home needed to be easy to clean and easy to live in. And it needed to be able to fit the needs of both the parents and the children, which was tricky, since there are different ages to consider. As a result, cosy spaces were created, such as the cigar lounge, which is a quiet space where the family can read or gather around the fireplace. There are TV areas upstairs and downstairs, as well as a wine cellar, home cinema and a man cave that is kitted with a bar area.

The children's bedrooms have been structured in a way that allows them to enjoy some time alone too. Each room has ample space to pitch a tent, add a couch or have a tea party with a few furry friends. One of the toddler's rooms leads out to an outside area upstairs covered in AstroTurf, which allows the kids to enjoy the outdoors even if they don't feel like being in the garden.

The owners undertook the interior decorating themselves. "My husband and I are fond of antiques pieces," the home owner shares, which led to the interiors being a mix of old and new.

They used most of their old furniture, placing it differently around their new home. The interior is also a clear reflection of the home owners' passions: antique military bikes, and art pieces inspired by favourite movies and happiness. Two of the military bikes, which resemble those used in World War II, grace the entrance to the home.

"My husband used to build bikes with his father; that's when his passion started. He still builds bikes with the boys and is currently



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building one which is dedicated to his late father," the home owner explains.

The artwork features plenty of jolly faces, and the wine cellar was decorated around the short film Dinner for One. "I love the movie. There are plenty of laughs, and that's what I want this space to be: a place where we enjoy plenty of laughs and create a lot of fond memories around the table," she states.

The indoor and outdoor flow of the home makes it an entertainer's delight, with the pool being right on their doorstep, allowing them to keep up with the action in the swimming pool while playing pool downstairs.

There is a window that looks right into the pool, adding natural blue lighting to the man cave.

"This is my favourite place to sit on a rainy day, as I can just see the raindrops falling into the pool. My boys think this window is great for selfies too," the owner adds. 🏠

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**TOP:** Syam Distributors supplied this Syam Wall Mounted Fireplace, which is made from brushed 304 stainless steel for improved corrosion resistance. The flueless system comes fitted with an ODS (Oxygen Depletion System) for added safety, and fits in with the clean and minimalist style of the home.

Brimstone Ceilings and Projects installed the ceilings, bulkheads and dry walling for this home. The company's team of ceiling artisans executed the work according to a detailed plan and design, working closely with the project manager. Brimstone Ceilings & Projects prides itself on delivering a high level of workmanship to its clients.

