

# FAMILY AFFAIR

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Gottsmann Architects specialises in residential and sustainable architecture across southern Africa. For this project, the request was for a contemporary home with a large garden, which needed to accommodate a family of four. Outdoor living is as important to the owners as indoor, a relationship emphasised by the use of large-cavity sliding doors, garden atriums, courtyards and open-plan spatial arrangements. The design and layout of the home outperformed the energy-efficiency regulations, key to providing a comfortable living environment. A palette of dark greys creates stark contrast, while landscaping elements blend the house in with its surrounds.

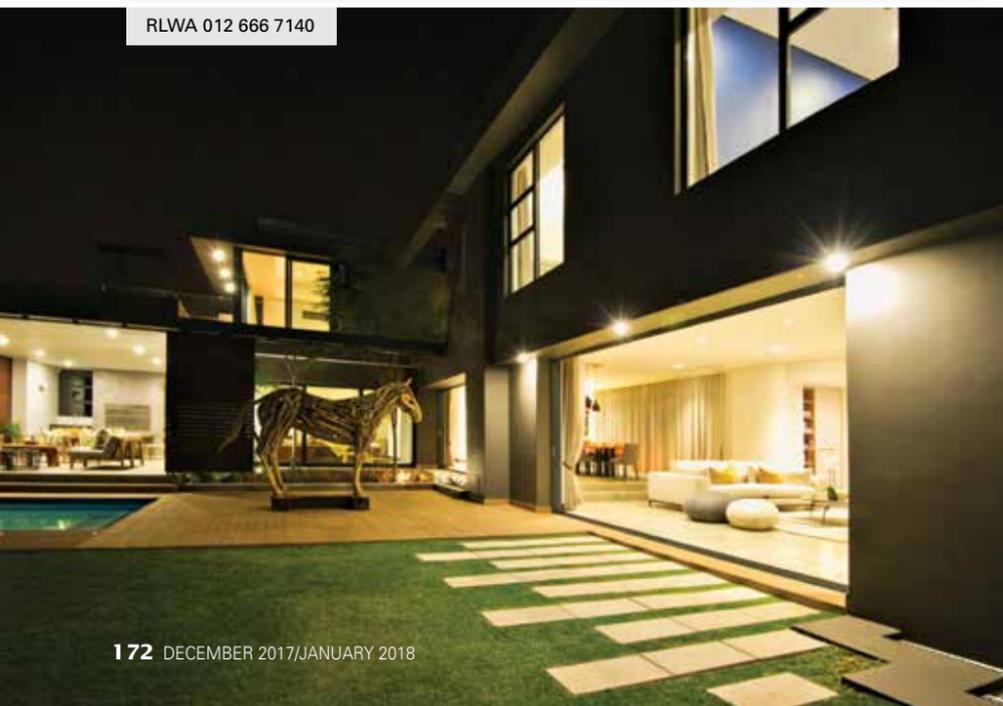


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**ABOVE:** Skyfall Construction is a specialist construction and project management firm run by professionals, servicing individuals looking to build luxury properties. Working closely with the architects on this project, the company built a home that is not only beautiful to look at, and functional, but environmentally friendly too. Timber and concrete cantilever slabs were used in certain parts of the home to create the necessary shading from the sun and maintain a contemporary aesthetic.

**BELOW:** RLWA supplies high-quality aluminium and wooden products for residential and commercial properties. Its products are manufactured by skilled artisans who are constantly trained and tested. For this home, the company supplied the charcoal aluminium palace slider system, vista sliding folding casement windows, aluminium windows, and internal doors and frames.

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Large, open-plan spaces with an interconnection between the inside and the outdoors was what these home owners were after.

The interior of the home opens onto the garden and views, while maintaining a sense of privacy from the street. "We are a very active family, and like to run, walk and cycle. The estate provides the necessary open spaces and paths within a secure environment to allow us to do that," the home owner says.

As the large driveway is an area in which the children play, the vehicles are catered for in the triple garage. A modest undercover entrance opens up into a double-volume space, a feature of which is a large bookshelf that draws the eye to the study on the first floor.

The open-plan lounge with glass wine cellar flows into an elevated dining area. Both living areas have cavity sliding doors connecting the garden with the interior living spaces. Because the family loves spending time together, the family room is an integral part of the design of the home, connected as it is to the modern kitchen and patio area.

"The open-plan kitchen and TV lounge, which leads onto the patio through the large sliding pocket doors, is the family's favourite area. It is the heartbeat of the home, where the kids can play or watch TV, while we make food >



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**BELOW:** Lifestyle focuses on delivering a stylish, elegant and functional lighting environment to enhance indoor and outdoor areas. We worked in consultation with Skyfall Construction and the home owners to establish a look and feel that is simple, contemporary yet functional.

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in the kitchen or braai on the patio. In winter, we make a fire in the fireplace, which makes this area the cosiest in the home,” the home owner says.

The use of timber sliding screens, both inside and out, allows the home to offer varying levels of privacy, while also serving as changeable solar shading.

Upstairs, large skylights allow sunlight to filter down the staircase. At one end of the home there is a guest wing, with its own private balcony.

The children’s bedrooms, each with its own en-suite bathroom, enjoy views over the garden, exploiting a northern exposure to the sun, while the main bedroom is positioned in such a way as to provide optimum views of the estate. A pyjama lounge is the family’s private domain. 🏡



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