

# ACCESS ALL AREAS

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**BELOW:** Gottsmann Architects specialises in residential and sustainable architecture across Southern Africa. For this project, which is over 1 200m<sup>2</sup> in size, the company designed a large garden atrium in the centre of the house. The atrium allows light into the heart of the home, around which some of the more private rooms and spaces are arranged. The house also boasts double-glazing fenestration, solar energy and LED lighting, to name a few energy-efficient features. The result is both bold and large, yet refined and comfortable.



**ABOVE:** Skyfall Construction is a specialist luxury home builder, and is responsible for the construction of this home. The style of the house required the use of mostly light colours, such as various shades of white. This was complemented by natural stone and Nutec cladding, as well as the steel pergolas. With more than 20 years of experience in the construction, civil engineering and house-building environment between them, directors Wynand van der Berg and Henk Möller take pride in offering the ultimate home-building experience.

Comfort is key for the owners of this light, bright and spacious five-bedroom home. With three energetic teens to accommodate, making sure their new home could handle just about anything life has to throw at it was all-important. “We have three teenage boys and we don’t want to constantly reprimand them about their behaviour, for example, running in the house,” the owner says. “That’s why no rooms are off limits and everything was designed with family in mind.”

Situated in one of the most sought-after housing estates to the north of Johannesburg, the family’s new home offers endless entertainment possibilities, inside and out. “The estate provides us with a sense of security, not >

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The owner adds, “I would say our home’s design is classic and contemporary. We wanted the rooms to flow, with high ceilings and lots of light. Even though we have a lot of space, it’s important to us that each room is functional and utilised. We love our big entertainment areas – we wanted the children to each be able to invite their friends over without being on top of one another.”

When it comes to spending time together as a family, they can often be found in the cinema room, the open-plan kitchen or on the outdoor patio. “Whether we are entertaining or just spending time at home, the kitchen seems to have a gravitational pull for friends and family. In our home, there is no such thing as a lonely cook.”

If there’s one piece of advice they could offer to other dream-home owners, it’s to know what you don’t want first. “When we designed our home, we included everything that we thought was missing from our previous homes and quite a few wants. We didn’t exclude anything due to cost or impracticality – we knew that any additions or changes would end up being costlier should we do them in future.

“In short follow your instincts. It’s your home, you have to live in it.” 🏡

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