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This living area is bathed in natural light and has the stunning fireplace as a focal point

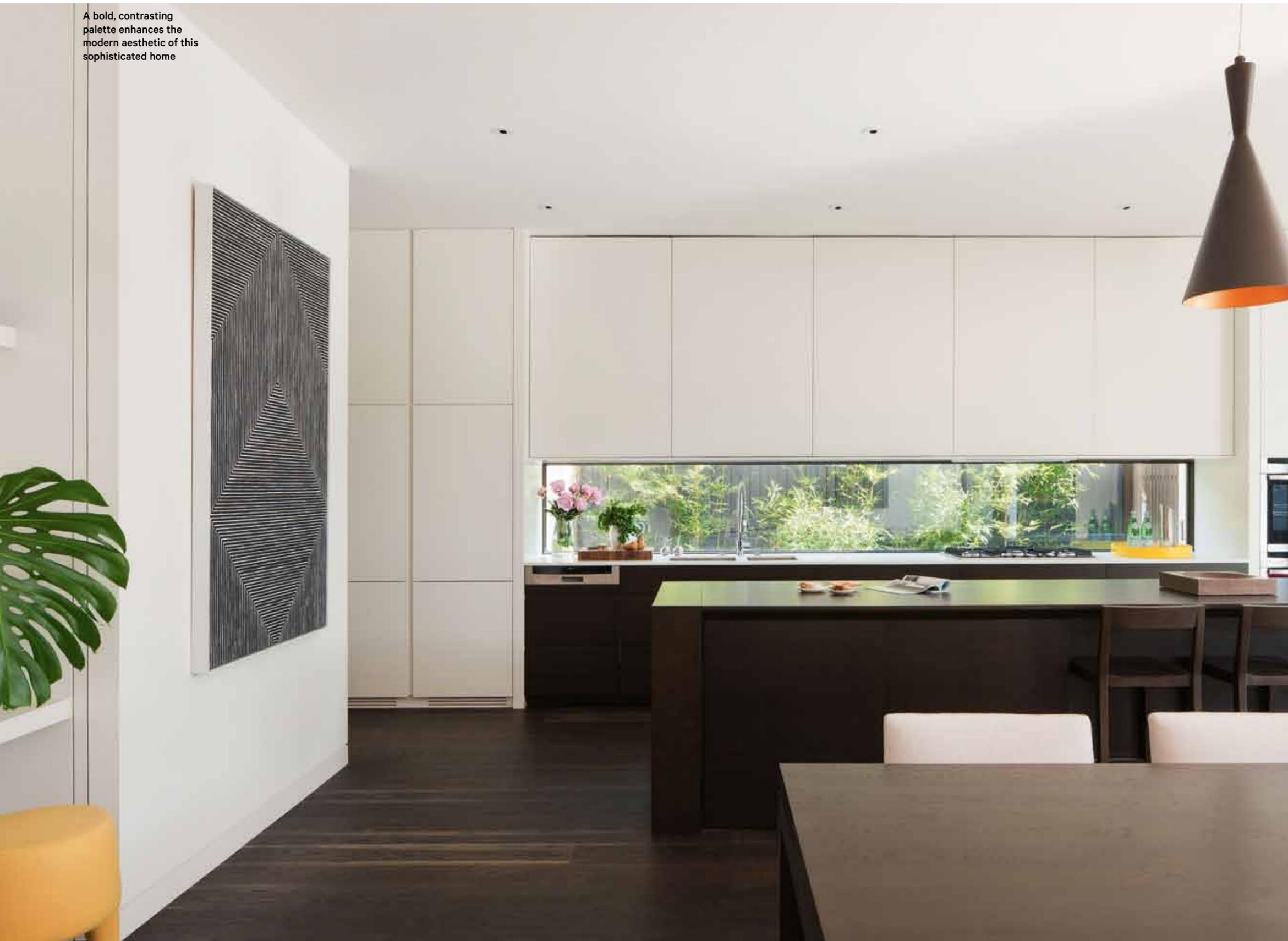
luxury in the detail

With bold contrasts, strong lines and a calming sense of spaciousness, this luxurious family home has an appealing contemporary style of its own



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A bold, contrasting palette enhances the modern aesthetic of this sophisticated home



The gas fireplace in the main living room has a clean, linear style and sits against an in situ poured concrete hearth

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Get the minimalist look with uncluttered shelves and contrasting colours in muted tones



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When it came time to build a new home, this family knew what they wanted: a contemporary design with plenty of light and an easy flow between indoors and out, as well as between living zones. They already had the perfect position, ideally located across the road from a primary school and a large park. They just needed the house to match.

The family were drawn to the distinctive elegant lines and strong modern facade of this Lubelso creation. A division of the Canny Group, Lubelso designed and built the house in conjunction with Canny →

Architecture. Canny adapted and refined the Lubelso design to ensure it was well suited to the block, sat well on the site and also suited a family's use of the home. High on the owners' list of wishes was a home in which they could entertain with ease, "with adaptable living spaces, generous transitions and a natural synergy between indoor and outdoor spaces", explains architect Mary-Ann Woff from Canny Architecture.

With its clean, minimalist aesthetic and high attention to detail, this home is the epitome of luxury family living. The two-storey abode flows over a generous 550m² with three integrated living zones, four bedrooms, a study and, beneath a spectacular cantilevered roof overlooking a beautiful backyard and pool, an outdoor entertainment area. As Mary-Ann says, no detail has been spared: "From the arrivals area equipped with personal storage space for school equipment, to the luxe rear alfresco entertaining area which offers the picture-perfect space for outdoor entertaining and family barbecues ... the carefully considered design provides generous independent living zones and easily adaptable spaces in line with the ever-evolving needs of a family."

One of the main challenges during the planning process for this project was accommodating for the sloping block, which has a difference of 2.5m from the back to the front of the site, while ensuring the integrity of the Lubelso design was kept. "It was important that any adaptations to the plans were architecturally oriented and carried out to skilfully enhance the home and base plan," says Mary-Ann.

The adapted plans also added an 8m x 3m swimming pool that harmonises beautifully with the surrounding landscape and irrigations, lighting and a decorative pond. The generous garage was also widened to cater for bike storage and the needs of a home handyman, and an appealing addition to a family that loves to host, an in-ground cellar complete with automated trap door. Though well worth the efforts, installing the cellar was not exactly easy, with the Canny team recalling how the pre-fabricated concealed cellar basement had to be craned into the rear of the home. Fortunately for all involved, any challenges such as this were swiftly overcome due to strong project management and problem-solving abilities of a tight-knit team — and the high quality of this grand family home is testament to this. →

Sleek contemporary design extends throughout the home, including the built-in shelving in crisp, contrasting tones and the stylish full-height doors that ensure an open, continuous flow

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Make a statement with a few pieces of well-designed furniture and bold artworks

A lighter palette in the bedrooms, combined with the sheers, creates a whimsical, calm feel

High ceilings and full-height glass doors and walls add to the sense of space, increasing the light in the home and the feeling of luxury



The kitchen is open plan and features a striking timber veneer island bench and full-height cabinetry



Filled with plentiful light and featuring distinctive elegant lines, this modern home has a calm overall sensibility. High ceilings and full-height glass doors and walls add to the sense of space, increasing the light in the home and the feeling of luxury. On the ground level, the three large living zones are multi-use spaces that are open and comfortably flow into each other. Living areas also open to the outdoor space, whether it's to the pretty decorative pond draped in lush greenery for a tranquil natural outlook, or to the outdoor entertaining area and on to the pool.

Creating a sense of space and tranquillity was an important factor in this home and one that influenced the design direction. This can be seen in the layout of the residence, the materials used and also the interior design. "Ambient natural lighting floods in, creating a peaceful sense of calm and space," says interior designer from Canny Architecture, Miffy English. This home shows how a simple, pared-back colour palette can have big impact. Contrasting black and white in simple linear styles, with timber tones for warmth, adds to the calm, elegant atmosphere. The American oak flooring's rich tones warm the home and in the main bathroom, the Basaltina slabs lining the walls are full height, crisply contrasting with the white bathtub. Softening this contrasting feature, the outlook window bathes the space in natural light.

The lower floor features Corian benchtops in the kitchen, which provide a continued thematic warmth, explains Miffy. Another fabulous feature of the lower floor is the gas fireplace, with its expansive concrete hearth acting as an ideal place to sit back and relax, stay warm and enjoy the ambience while sipping a glass of wine.

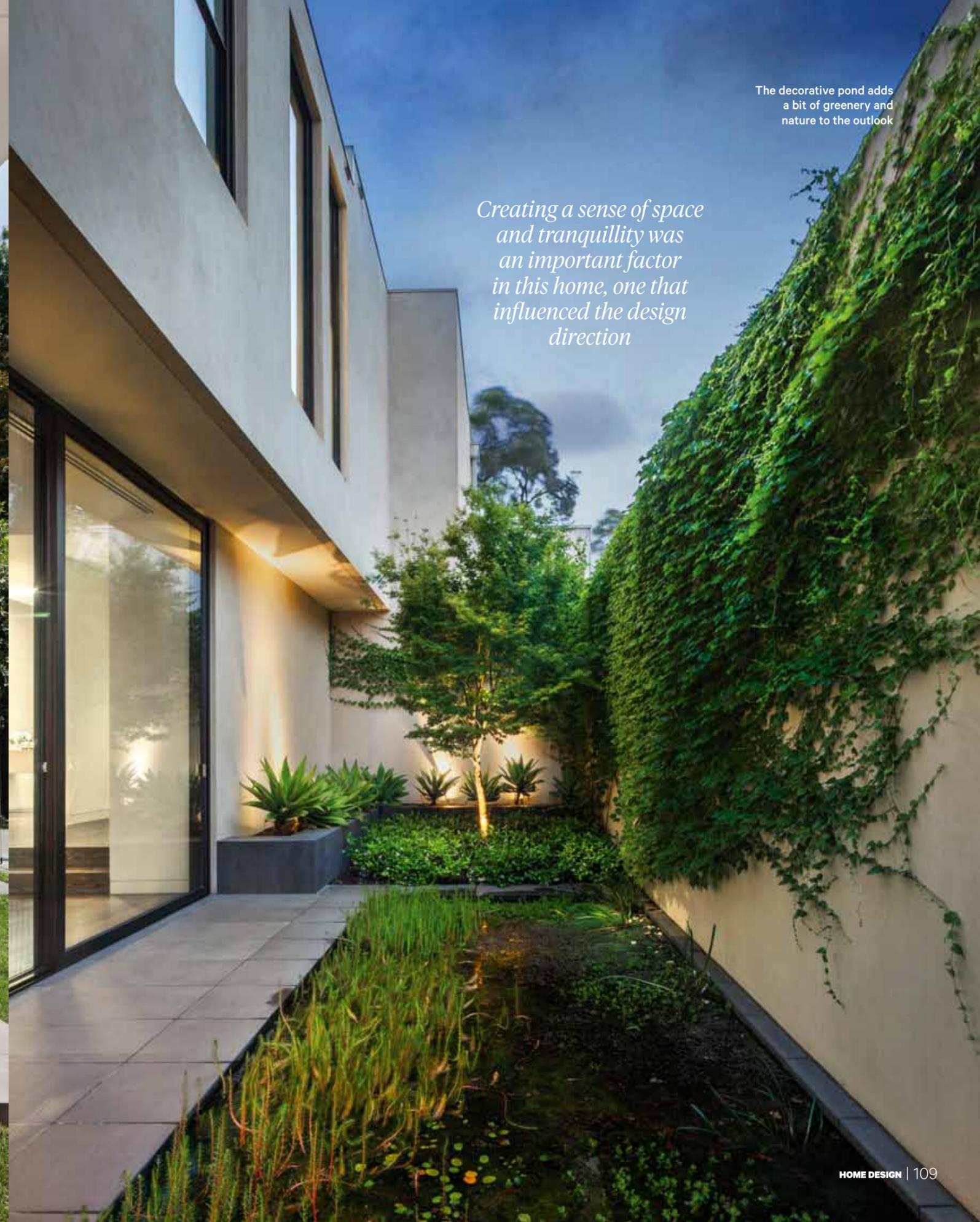
Other important elements of this new build are its environmental considerations; it was built to stringent environmentally sustainable design standards. This means the home is not only good for the environment, but functions well to reduce costs for the family too. "With a six-star energy rating, a solar gas-boosted hot water system and double glazing throughout, the home remains naturally cool in summer and warm in winter, which in turn saves on energy costs year-round," says Mary-Ann. →

The attention to detail makes this bathroom a standout — 1m x 3m ceramic sheeting lined vertically and without grouting really accentuates the ceiling height. It also features a beautiful Omvivo pond basin and built-in bath



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A fantastic area for family entertaining, featuring an Electrolux barbecue and cantilever roof



The decorative pond adds a bit of greenery and nature to the outlook

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Glass fencing allows an uninterrupted visual flow between the pool and home



The Lubelso design features a distinctive, strong modern facade



With its strong modern lines and attention to detail, this spacious, light-filled home is welcoming and comfortable. Canny Architecture and the Lubelso design have combined to create a residence of superior quality, with beautiful design elements for this family to live and entertain in. Contrasting tones washed in natural light, together with warm timber features, enormous abundance of glass and lofty ceiling heights, create a tranquil, sophisticated space. **HD**

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in short

✦ This two-storey home in Malvern, Victoria, is a new build ✦ It was built using a Lubelso design, in conjunction with Canny Architecture, to ensure the plans suited the site and were perfect for the family that now live here ✦ The home is set over a spacious 550m² and has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, two powder rooms, three living zones and ample storage ✦ Environmental sustainable design standards were strongly adhered to ✦ A seamless transition from indoor to outdoor spaces was important ✦ The style is modern and crisp with strong lines, attention to detail and contrasting tones ✦ It has an overall feel of space and tranquillity while also being luxurious and sophisticated