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BEYOND THE FOOTHILLS

Crouched beneath the towering hills of Table Mountain National Park, this sleek home's mix of glass and local wood helps it become part of the landscape



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Designed to make the most of its picturesque setting, this South African house is perfect for indoor/outdoor living. Its owners, Niki and Sebastian Prinz, enjoy views of Table Mountain National Park from one vantage point and Camps Bay from the other. The couple, who live with their dogs Tiga and Pepa, bought the house in 2009 and renovated it in 2013 with the aid of architectural practice The Planet Thing. They retained the basic footprint of the building – ‘We didn’t want to cut into the landscape any more than had already been done,’ Niki explains – and created a series of

COMPRISING A SERIES OF FLEXIBLE ROOMS AND LARGE TERRACES, THIS HOME IS PERFECT FOR ITS OWNERS’ OUTDOORSY LIFESTYLE

flexible rooms and large terraces that are perfect for their laid-back outdoorsy lifestyle. Sebastian is a dedicated surfer and Niki practices yoga and meditation.

A palette of pale wood, glass and concrete lends the space its sense of modernity. The interior balustrades, shutters, decks and wall cladding are constructed using wood from the gum tree (an invasive species that is being culled in the Cape).

The living areas are open plan, with high ceilings that create an airy feel. Adding to the sense of spaciousness is the glass wall at the back, through which you can see the mountains. Niki designed the iroko wood kitchen herself: its rawness is cleverly countered with stainless-steel and concrete worktops. The same wood appears upstairs in the bedroom, which has a wraparound private balcony to take in those beautiful views of the coastline.



Kitchen The homeowner designed this iroko wood kitchen herself. She added stainless-steel and concrete worktops to give the room a more functional, industrial feel

Living room A knitted pouf (find similar at Habitat) sits beside the red sofa **Stockist details on p238 >**



**A MATERIALS PALETTE OF WOOD,
GLASS AND CONCRETE LENDS THE
HOUSE ITS SENSE OF MODERNITY**





Exterior This house fits beautifully into its surroundings, with wood and concrete blending in with the mountain ranges in the distance. Plus, vast expanses of glass make the most of those views ➤



**THE TIMBER
CLADDING IN
THE BATHROOM
EXTENDS
THROUGH THE
BEDROOM AND
OUT ONTO
THE BALCONY**



Bedroom The wood cladding in this room and the adjoining en suite bathroom is made from gum tree, an invasive species being culled in the Cape **LD**