



# Masterpiece for an adventurous soul

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**Exuding fine detail and drawing from a combination of styles influenced by travelling the world, this custom build by Zorzi in Applecross breathes life into a dream design.**

Completed in December 2023, Zorzi collaborated with its in-house architectural practice Rietveld Architects and its interior design branch MMA Interiors to deliver a timeless masterpiece.

Situated on a generous 1194sqm block with about 3m rise up from the street, Zorzi Design Project Manager James Zorzi said the lot size and topography lent itself perfectly to the concept of a single-level home with a five-car undercroft garage.

"A key part of the design brief was to design and build something different," he said. "The homeowners had travelled extensively, so the home drew from a unique combination of stylistic influences from Northeastern US and England, as well as gleaming elements from

the federation, art deco and raffles architectural styles."

Comprising the master suite, three minor bedrooms, the family bathroom, a separate powder room and a study, which can be converted into another bedroom with a built-in hideaway bed concealed within the cabinetry, Mr Zorzi said the front half of the home had a more traditional feel in both layout and detailing.

"There is an emphasis on symmetry, individual rooms, standalone areas and wide passages with feature arches," he said.

"Whereas, the rear half of the home is much more modern in layout, with a light, bright open-plan feel to the kitchen, dining, lounge and alfresco areas.

"Being single level, we also had the scope to incorporate particularly high ceilings throughout the home."

Featuring distinct materials and thoughtful selections, the home is chic and sophisticated, yet functional.

"The timber-look tiles laid

individually in a chevron pattern – carried through the bathrooms and powder rooms, as well as the main areas – were selected primarily for both style and maintenance, with hardwood benefits over natural timber flooring," Mr Zorzi said.

"We also included underfloor heating to the main living areas and bathrooms."

Other noteworthy inclusions were wainscoting to the entry passages, feature bay windows to the bedrooms, timber architrave framing to the reveals and window seating with storage below.

"A green avocado natural stone benchtop to the kitchen – sourced from Brazil – was another standout feature and garnered lots of interest when we opened the home," Mr Zorzi said.

Designed with a young family in mind, engagement with the yard and outdoor spaces was important.

"We designed the home to wrap around a large lawn area, which captured the northern sunlight and incorporated a standalone

pool house to evolve in line with the clients' lifestyle – from a kids' movie and playroom to a games room or a gym, or to function as an extension of the alfresco," Mr Zorzi said. "We also ensured every room in the home had an ambient outlook – either to the shady jacarandah-lined street or to the internal yard and pool."

Forward thinking, the home incorporates smart technology, including automated window treatments, keyless security and access, lighting automation such as a programmable scene setting, plus a Sonos sound system with built-in ceiling speakers throughout the home.

"Music is able to be played individually in each area, including through hidden garden mounted speakers and subwoofers for outdoor entertaining and pool days with family and friends," Mr Zorzi said.

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