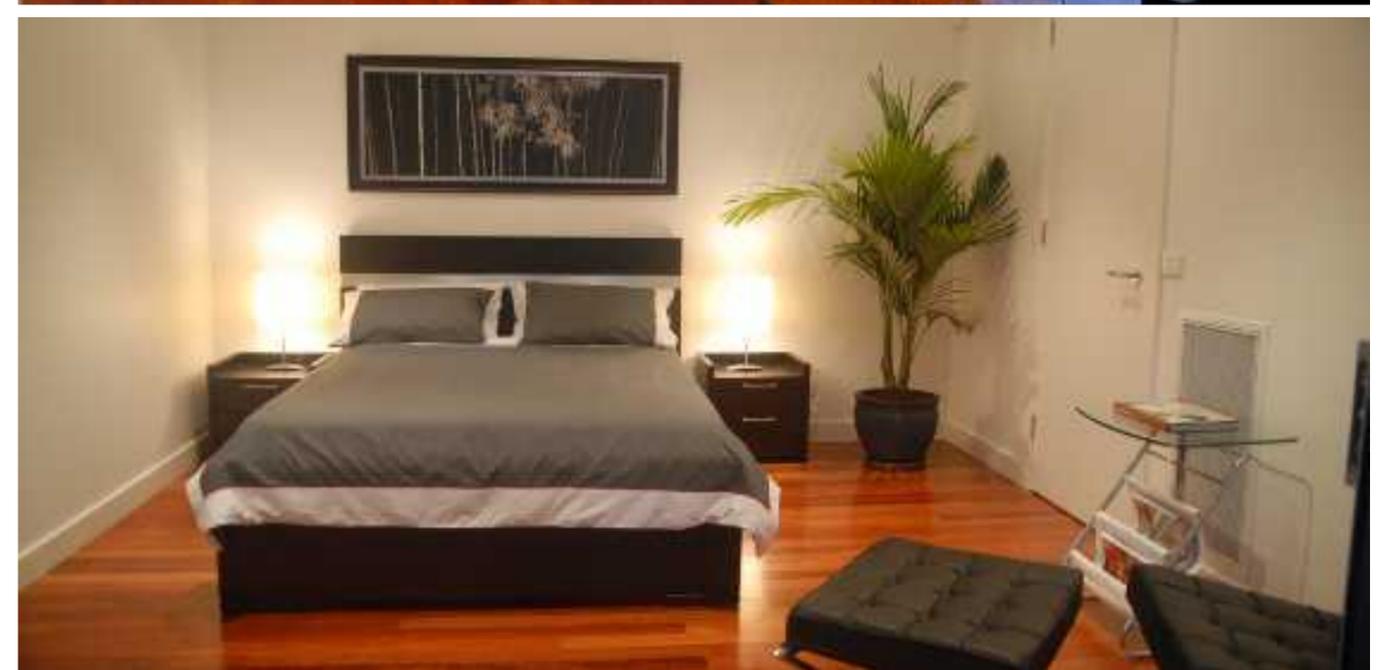


INTELLIGENT SPACE

This magnificent home boasts a curious mix of coloured render and stone cladding that give it both character and the ability to demand attention.





Natalex design and build superior quality homes to suit individual needs. Here we see that the colourful facade and varied use of materials, in addition to the unconventional roofline, suggests vibrant family living. Natalex make a house a home, one that reflects the client's lifestyle, while working to a budget that provides the client with value for money and a dwelling worthy of the Natalex standard.

Situated on a medium sized allotment, this double-storey home is perfect for entertaining. With careful focus on room sizes and their relationship to one another, Natalex creates a visual flow throughout the house, maximising space and allowing the full potential of the home to be noticed and utilised.

Dark hardwood flooring complements the décor and colour palette of the room beautifully while leading the eye through each of the rooms. In the kitchen, white cabinetry is in abundance, blending in with the stone countertop and similarly coloured walls, as well as providing more than enough storage space.

Situated in a large, open-plan room, the dining area is placed between the kitchen and the second living space, next to a set of bi-fold doors that open up out into the expansive yard. The substantial alfresco area, built into the roofline of the home, is large enough to entertain many guests, with the paving extending into the yard. This beautiful aspect of the home can

support countless nights of entertainment, all the while keeping everyone dry and happy. On warmer days, the large yard, privatised with rendered walls, invites occupants and guests out onto the grass for whatever they may enjoy.

Certain elements of this home stand out from others, making it a truly enjoyable place to live and visit. Recessed ceilings add extra height and improve acoustics, while the fireplace adjacent to the dining area is an added comfort for winter. Also, several skylights have been incorporated into the roof to help introduce natural light into the living spaces. The same material used in the stacked-stone feature pillar at the front of the home is utilised within the interior to create a feature wall behind the living room television. This not only adds continuity, but also spreads a theme across the entire project, from the inside out.

This design provides occupants with a vibrant, open-plan home, with ample space for entertaining guests. It is a house created using the highest of quality in materials, with Natalex succeeding once again to craft a special abode, one with individual styling, functionality and artistry second to none.

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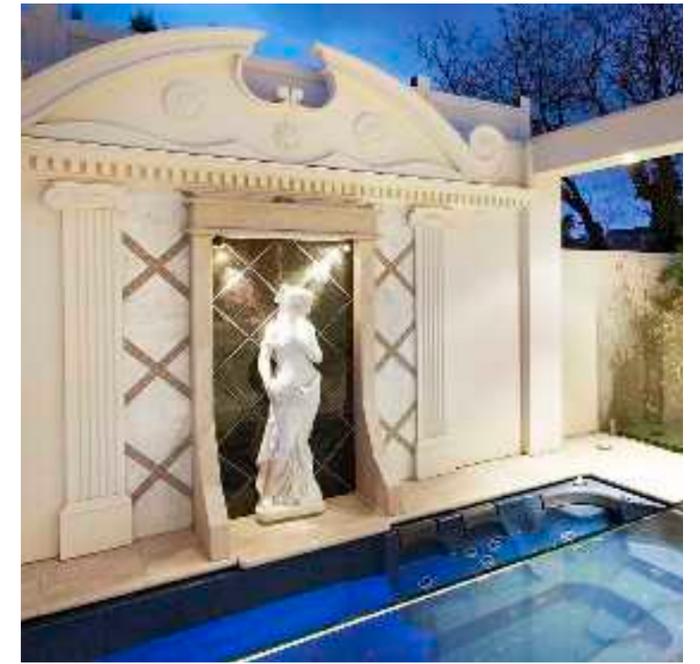


Creative Talent

Design Intelligence

Ideas for consideration when designing and building your new home

Text : Gary Takle



Artistry is in the blood of this former movie art director. Belgian born Doug Susic designs and constructs some of Melbourne's most unique prestige homes.

His talents extend well beyond the standard design and construction skills of most Melbourne builders, with his creative flair reaching into interior design and across multiple platforms of architectural styles. Abode Magazine recently featured a French Provincial house in Annual Issue One, a masterpiece formation designed and constructed by Susic. He not only crafted the spaces, but also the intricate details of the interior and exterior.

For example, the design of the elaborate balustrade and conceptualisation and creation of the feature statue by the pool, were both innovations by Doug Susic. In the words of the current owners

of the home "we have our personal Michelangelo." Doug has personally been involved in every aspect of the home's design and construction, right down to the planning of the front door and the wrought iron fencing on the balconies. Everything is original and yet stays true to the original French theme.

Doug has recently turned his hand to more modern interior design pieces. In his latest house, a bamboo wall hanging was chosen to be the focal point of the home's contemporary setting. Quite simply it is made from bamboo that has been cut in half, framed in aluminum and hung on the wall. It is a unique showpiece unlike anything that I have seen before.

Doug has also found the perfect solution for the splashback in the kitchen. The problem with glass splashbacks is that they are very

difficult to keep squeaky clean and streak free. Tiles on the other hand have their own problems, with grout often discolouring due to exposure to heat and moisture. Doug's answer is a mosaic pattern with darker coloured grout. Not only is this a fantastic way to individualise the kitchen space, it is also easy to maintain.

Doug is quiet a character; he has zest for life and rises to any challenge. He recently created his own front door, an idea he conceived and wanted to bring to reality, constructed to perfection. The door, complete with texture sidelights, has been meticulously crafted to suit the theme of the house.

Each home that Doug has designed and built has a unique theme. His talents seem to cross many traditional boundaries, with his latest house featuring a modern contemporary styling that has all the clean

and crisp lines of present architecture - a stark contrast to the French Provincial wonder in Brighton.

Doug is available to talk about designing and constructing a house and interior for your lifestyle. Talk to Doug about creating a masterwork of your own.

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