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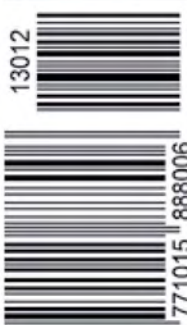
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ALUMINIUM WINDOWS & SHOPFRONTS 011 814 1577

Far beyond ordinary

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ABOVE: Aluminium Windows & Shopfronts has been providing clients with superior workmanship, high-quality glass and aluminium products, and exceptional service for over 19 years. In this home, the company supplied and installed the frameless pivot entrance door, three-panel palace sliding doors, and to maximise the view, two frameless stacking doors. In addition to this, multi-laminated glass floors were fitted in the gym and entrance hall, and double-glazed bathroom windows ensure the perfect ambient temperature. All windows are AAAMSA and SAGGA approved, and all products come with a one-year guarantee.





AURA PROJECTS 011 436 1516

Aura Projects is a well-established and highly regarded project management and building contracting company, servicing the building construction industry for nearly 20 years, in both the residential and commercial sectors. The company was responsible for the construction of all structural works on the entire home.

*d*on't be afraid to be daring!" This simple phrase has set the tone for an astounding home, which houses an astounding family.

The owners approached this three-and-a-half year project in absolute sync: with a bold sense of style, and being unafraid to try innovative products and execute unusual concepts. This resulted in a superbly stylish home – with a wonderful depth of character – currently on the market.

Traits like a lit-up Perspex dance floor in the bar; mirror automated garage doors; an unusual wavy wall feature created from hundreds of starlights that sparkle at night; wallpapers customised to the rooms in the home (from "Breakfast at Tiffany's" in the scullery, to the iconic Sex Pistols' "God Save The Queen" album cover in one of the children's rooms); going as far as grey-striped glass door handles custom made to match the panels on the feature wall of the lap pool, which has a glass

window on the side – these make for a home that blends adventure, a touch of mischievousness, and innovative design.

Between them, the owners own and manage a pipe-work and construction company, and an interior decorating company – Sublime Interiors. This company came from a passion the owners have "to create unusual and interesting pieces of functional art.

It developed after not being able to find that perfect piece of furniture we had in mind, and we started customising and designing – and the next thing you know, we were manufacturing, exhibiting at Decorex, and had a joint venture together that is successful and enjoyable for both of us", says the owner.

It would therefore go without saying that the interiors are something really special, created from the heart. Clean and modern with classical influences, the interiors have a modern twist, which



GMB ARCHITECTS 011 435 1668

This home was designed by GMB Architects. GMB Architects works together with the client as part of the creative team to ensure that the client's dream is made a reality. A well designed building does not only delight the visual senses but needs to perform its primary functions equally as well. Energy efficiency, comfortable living, and spatial quality are all elements that are important to the success of the finished product.

can be seen through the chandeliers, classical printed wallpapers in funky colours, Louis-style armchairs and a wooden-framed sofa passed down from the owner's mum – both done in white duco with snake and ostrich vinyls.

Blended with these smooth and clean surfaces, are a lot of glass, crystal, shiny surfaces, vinyls and velvets, adding the most beautiful textures, which contribute to a comfortable family home.

Special mention must be made of the owners' favourite feature in the home: in their en suite

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HDL SOUTH AFRICA 011 275 0103



ABOVE: HDL South Africa was responsible for the automated control of lighting, air conditioners and zoned audio; timed control for irrigation, geyser and pool pump; and HD video matrix distribution – all accessible from your smart device, from anywhere in the house, and anywhere in the world. Installation was done by Bruce McMillan from Home Online.

bathroom is a mirror water feature, with a TV ensconced in the actual mirror.

“My husband has a fetish for bathroom design and even before we met he had created the most impressive bathrooms on his own, with glass baths, water features, and so forth. So I knew, when it came to our new bathroom, it would be special,” says the owner.

This home is bold and beautiful, and always filled with laughter and fun – if you happen to pop in for a visit, take note of the “no shoe policy”, where your dusty pair will be swapped for some comfy slippers.

“Nothing is just ordinary,” says the owner. 🏠

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