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▶ ARCHITECT

Urbanstone Architecture

▶ BUILDER

Bluecube Construction

▶ SPECS

- 315m² undercover
- 3 large on suite bedrooms
- Live permanently on patio
- Large double garage
- Glass passages
- Private gardens
- Large Kitchen & scullery
- Large dining area
- South African style
- Climate friendly
- Guest toilet with garden

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INNOVATION & GREEN DESIGN

This house is mostly north facing. The main living area will have Double E-Glass. It is very important for us that we are able to very simply deal with heat build-up. In summer, the house opens up completely and as such has brilliant cross ventilation. In winter the same area has a glass conservatory effect and will have lovely natural heating. We have designed a sliding wood detail panel that is able to protect the living area against the late western sun. We can design cut-out words in the wooden panels for extra effect. The house has a heat pump and one gas water heater in case there is no electricity. We can retro fit Photovoltaic panels on the roof to enable electricity generation. Our philosophy with energy efficiency is to keep it simple and effective.



▶ **MERGING THE INSIDE & OUTSIDE AREAS FOR LOVELY EXPERIENCES**

HOME DESCRIPTION

Great South African climate living spaces. Live permanently on a covered patio and allow the magnificent view to be absorbed into every part of the living spaces. The goal was to achieve a 315m² house that will feel like a 400m² home. We were very careful not to have too many wasted spaces and areas that never get used.

We created lovely sized bedrooms that each have a private garden off the en suite bathrooms. The main bedroom is 24m², whilst the main bathroom is 36m². These spaces are very rarely found in such sized homes. We have also provided a 6m x 6m double garage which allows for some storage space. We designed a very large open plan kitchen with separate scullery, dining room and large lounge that can accommodate two corner lounge suites and two coffee tables. This space opens up to both sides of the house and provides a lovely experience by merging the inside and outside areas.

We have a document titled The Psychology of Space. This points out how the subconscious relates to the spaces we create. This document is available as a PDF for download from our website. A glass passage with gardens from the garage greets you when you walk into the house. (No sneaking in through the scullery etc.) U-shaped kitchens can be psychological cul-de-sacs. Our house is based on this document.



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URBANSTONE ARCHITECTURE

Urbanstone has been around for eight years now and believes in designing very different and simple spaces. We believe that as much as a house has to look amazing, it is a psychological puzzle of millions of pieces.

If we are able to bring some of these aspects into a house, then we have truly achieved a unique living space. We also stop the project halfway through the design and consult with our contractor Blue Cube. They then do a preliminary costing on the projects and this ensures that we have some form of cost control in the early stages.

We then make changes accordingly should the need arise. It is also very important that we understand the client's vision correctly and bring this through distinctly.

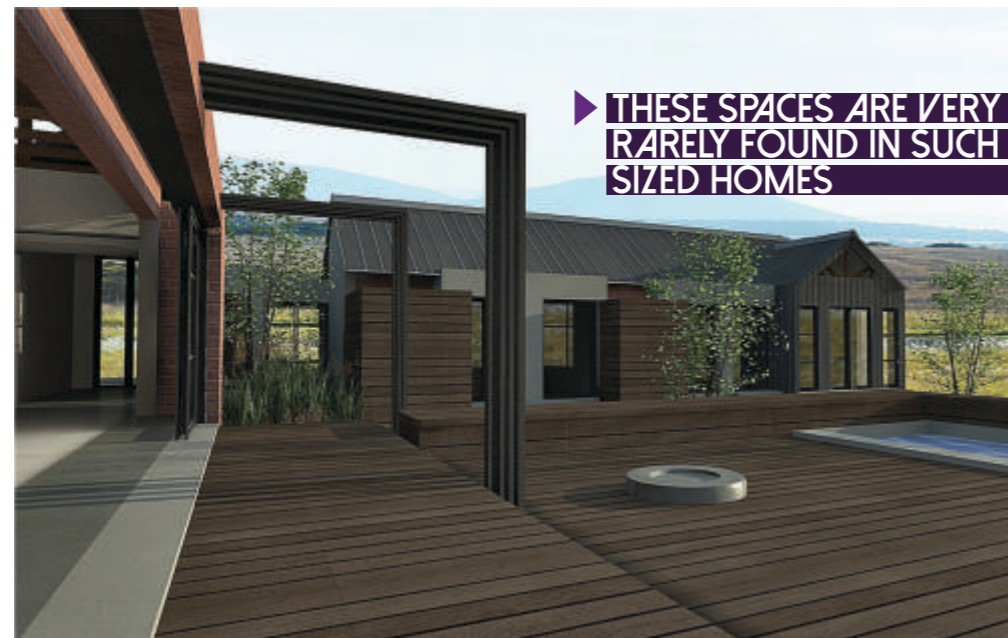
BLUECUBE CONSTRUCTION

Blue Cube owners bring 45 years of combined building experience to the table. Custom design turnkey projects with bond approval assistance.

The Blue Cube & Urbanstone partnership offer a comprehensive service from design through to council approvals and construction. We furnish the banks with all pre bond approval documentation, plans, building quotes, finishing schedules and building contracts. Blue Cube works closely with your architect and engineer to ensure that through out the design phase your budget is taken into account.

Blue Cube is at the forefront of sustainable energy technologies and can assist you every step of the way. Both Blue Cube's and Urbanstone's project philosophy is that you will always deal with one of the business owners.

▶ **THESE SPACES ARE VERY RARELY FOUND IN SUCH SIZED HOMES**



This home was specifically designed to fit into this prestigious lifestyle estate. It conforms to the Hills uniquely South African style of architecture which embraces "green living" and open space.

For more information on this estate or to arrange an exclusive meeting please feel free to contact one of our representatives.

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