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SITUATED AMONG LUSH VEGETATION AND WITH THE OCEAN AT ITS DOORSTEP, THIS HOME IS BLISSFUL

## SCHEPPEN 083 267 4838

Bespoke residential construction company **Scheppen** was commissioned to build this arresting home. The brief was to construct a three-level property on a hillside. As the home is situated in a fynbos ecologically sensitive area, extra care was taken to limit the impact on the environment. The building consists of a concrete structure with challenging round curves, steel and timber to complement the design on three levels. In this project, **Scheppen** was responsible for an entire turnkey solution, which included all facets of the project such as design, construction, interior and landscaping.

## ALUDOORS & WINDOWS 079 522 2403

The windows and doors in this home were manufactured and installed by **Aludoors & Windows**, using Crealco's black powder-coated aluminium profiles with Palace sliding door systems, a Pivot front door with toplight and butt joint sidelights, cottage pane panels in the studio/office and butt joint corner windows in the bedrooms and other corners. The Palace sliding doors were custom-made with no corner posts in the living area and main bedroom, allowing the two doors to lock into each other for a panoramic view and real feel from the outside.



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additional bedrooms and a cosy pyjama lounge, which opens onto a terraced, landscaped area. Above the garage, a loft room that can be used as a guest suite offers breathtaking views of the distant Outeniqua mountains," the owner explains.

According to the owner, a standout feature of the home is the north-facing elevation, with rounded concrete and steel edges that blend with the landscape beautifully. >

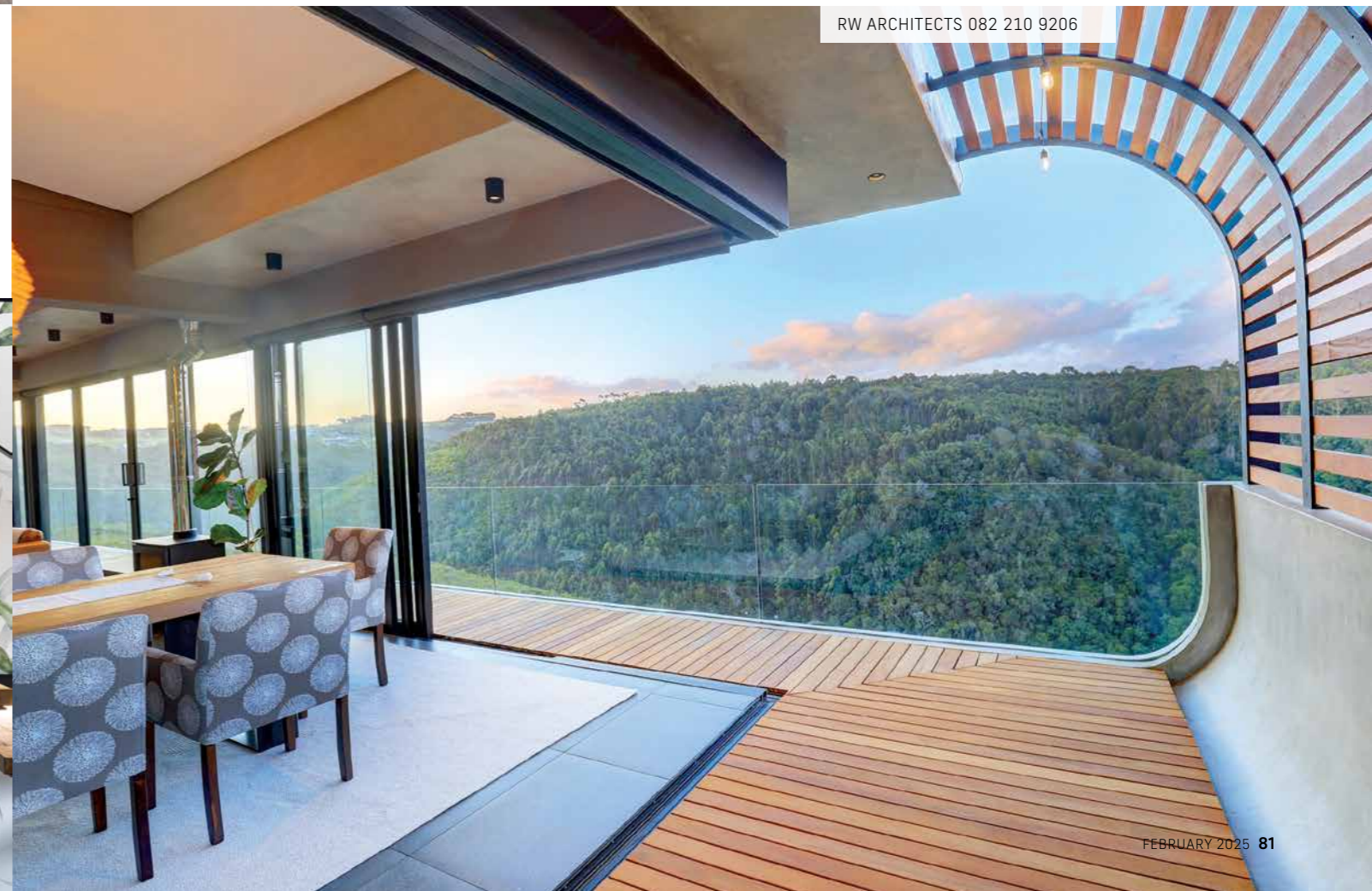
**BELOW:** This home embodies a seamless blend of form and function where every element has been carefully considered to align with the brief. It blurs the boundaries between architecture and nature. Designed by **RW Architects**, the property is as dynamic as the seasons, maximising natural ventilation, daylight and the views while effortlessly allowing for an open-plan concept.

Building a home that embraces both the natural surroundings and offers stunning views requires careful planning, especially when it is situated in a gorge. For these owners, the key challenge of the design was positioning the property to maintain a balance between elevation for optimal views and integrating the surrounding bushland into the landscape. The owner explains that they did not want to elevate the property too much above the vegetation, but knew that the home also needed to capture

the best possible vistas. Therefore, the final placement, slightly lower down the slope, provided the perfect height for the view while offering the property protection from the strong winds coming off the sea in some way.

The home is designed to harmonise with its environment, featuring three distinct levels. "The entrance and garage level house the kitchen, living areas and the master bedroom, all of which flow seamlessly onto a garden that extends into the greenbelt. Below, the lower-ground floor includes three

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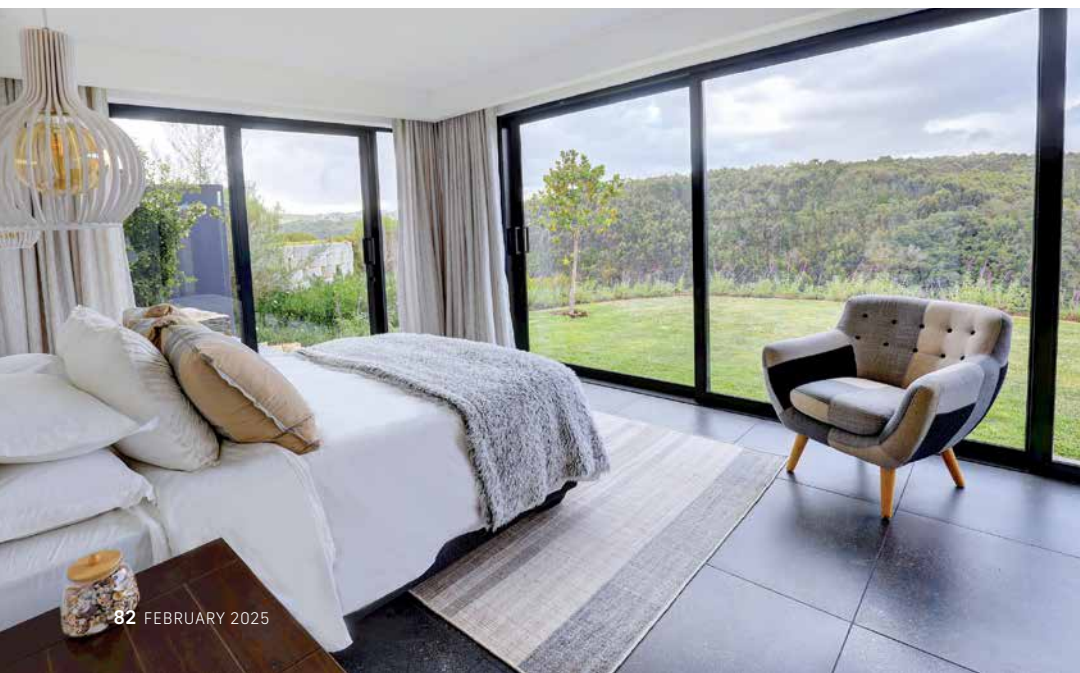
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The wood-and-steel “pergolas” at the east and west ends provide shade, protecting the interior from the harsh morning and afternoon sun while adding to the property’s modern aesthetic.

**ABOVE: Oggie** Oak planks were used on the bathroom floors. **Oggie** Ona Rustic Greymist 190mm wide and 1900mm long rustic oak straight planks were selected and finished in a WOCA Denmark UV oil in Greymist for a contemporary palette that complements the tones in the home. **Oggie** has showrooms in Paarden Eiland, Parkhurst and Beacon Rock, Lighthouse Road, Umhlanga Village.

In terms of interior design, the residence features a contemporary feel leaning towards urbanism yet remains respectful of its natural surroundings. This creates a serene atmosphere, enhanced by the constant sounds of bird song and the river below.

With a location that offers the perfect balance of being close to town, yet surrounded by peaceful isolation, and the ocean just a short walk away, this home encourages an easy life where every day is punctuated by the beauty of nature. 🏡



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