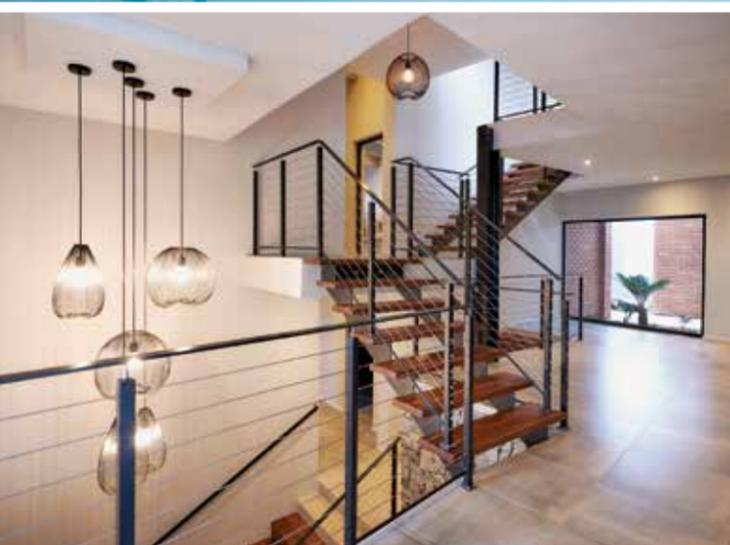


# A SPACIOUS SANCTUARY

A SENSE OF PEACE AND WARMTH PERMEATES THIS HOME, MAKING IT AS MUCH A HAVEN FOR VISITORS AS FOR THOSE WHO LIVE THERE

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“We’re people’s people. We want our visitors to feel right at home, and spoil them a little,” says the owner of this magnificent Lowveld sanctuary. Indeed, there’s nothing the family likes as much as a good ‘kuier’, something that the space restrictions in their previous home made a bit difficult. They’re taking full advantage of the roomy dimensions of this house, putting the open-plan living and dining rooms, complete with bar, to good use. “The area opens on both sides, making this a very special place to spend time on a Lowveld evening,” says the owner, noting that the view over the pool adds to the ambience. The house’s design and palette have borrowed heavily from the tones and hues present in its natural surrounds, ensuring a coherent, harmonious whole.

She admits that her initial desire was for a one-storey, U-shaped home, as she believed this would be more conducive to entertaining. However, the fall of the stand made this impossible – hence the triple-storey structure. It’s a happy accident, though, allowing those gorgeous vistas to be enjoyed in their full splendour. The home’s interior was carefully curated with an eye to creating a buffering cocoon. The owner says that because of her busy lifestyle, she wanted a house that whispers quietly to the senses, rather than “jumping out at you”. Simple materials like raw wood and concrete help to foster a quiet mood, while contributing to the overall modern industrial look. This is complemented by a darker palette featuring several dashes of black. Clean lines add to the contemporary aesthetic, while those wooden accents create an irresistible tactility, especially when viewed in combination with other textural elements, like the interior clad walls. >

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**BELOW:** The unique blend of rustic and modern pieces gives this house its signature look. House of Class created this singular aesthetic by creating beautiful pieces, including rattan, a solid mingerhout table, and metal and leather bar chairs. Around the pool, wicker and aluminium allow relaxed living that stands up to the harsh Lowveld climate.



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**LEFT:** Every project undertaken by Ilona van Niekerk, owner of Lateral Designs, bears her hallmark creativity and passion. Lateral Designs specialises in design and decorating for corporates, lodges, hotels and residences. Here the owner’s request for a modern industrial look with a soothing ambience was answered with a design emphasising raw materials like wood and concrete.

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Highlights include the dramatic bathrooms, with luxurious tubs for soaking, and bedrooms where soft, muted tones offer an enveloping sense of comfort.

Her favourite aspect of the house is, without doubt, its openness. "The layout of our previous home meant that all three children had to share a room. Now, we all have our own space to do whatever we want."

The resulting tranquillity is a balm for all the senses. 🏡

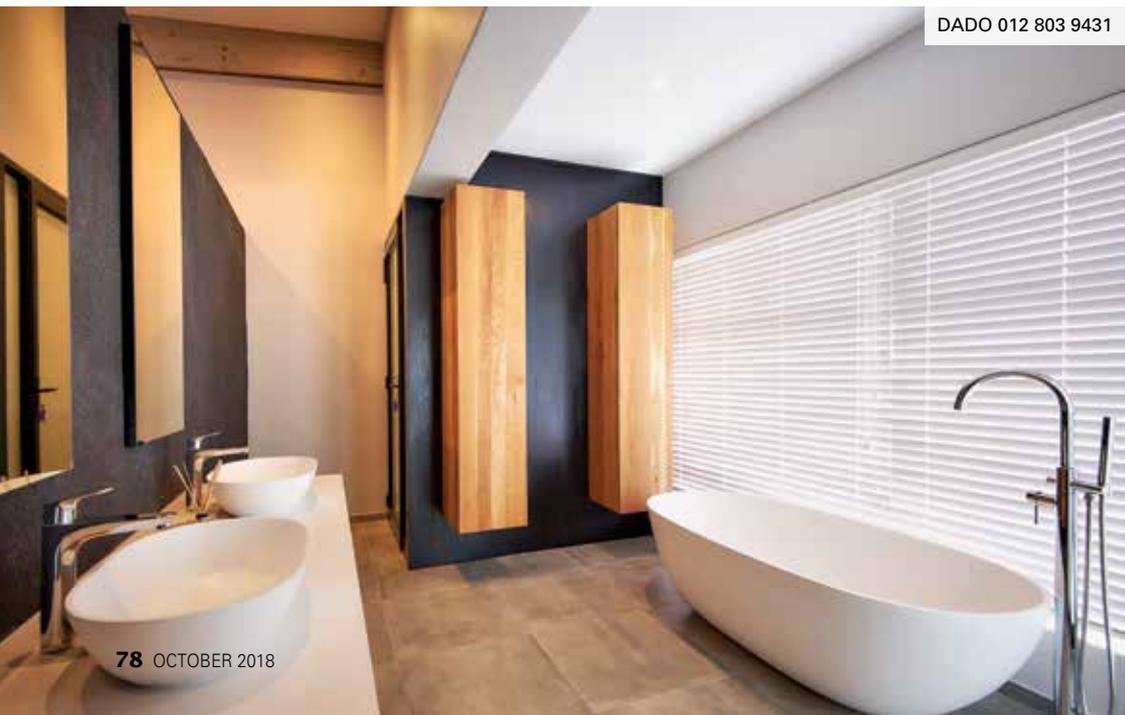
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**LEFT:** DADO supplied the Dubai freestanding bathtub, Dubai basins and Aqualine round bathtub mixer in this bathroom. DADO bathtubs and basins are made of DADOquartz material and have a lifetime warranty. DADOquartz is a mix of quartz, resin and other natural minerals, giving the products exceptional hardness with a luxurious satin finish.



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