

THE PERFECT FIT

A MODERN HOME THAT'S CHERISHED FOR ITS TIMELESS DESIGN

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With an exceptional reputation in the Lowveld, Chandi Handcrafted Kitchens, Cabinetry & Furniture designed and manufactured this beautiful home's kitchen and bedroom cabinetry. Headed up by Chanté Schwartz and her passionate team, Chandi prides itself on delivering excellent customer service, unsurpassed quality and guaranteed after-sales service.



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ABOVE: Giitd Architects, a Mpumalanga-based architectural practice, specialises in private residential, light industrial and affordable housing developments. Built for the architect and his wife, this low-maintenance, energy-efficient dwelling in Nelspruit's spectacular The Rest Nature Estate also functions as a showhouse for new clients.

Situated in one of the Lowveld's secure private residential estates known as The Rest Nature Estate, this contemporary home was designed by the architect for his young family.

It was the beauty of the location that attracted the home owners. As a semi-tropical nature estate, the variety of trees, fauna and flora is definitely a luring factor, as it offers birdwatchers and wildlife enthusiasts an opportunity to safely enjoy the beautiful landscape and its inhabitants.

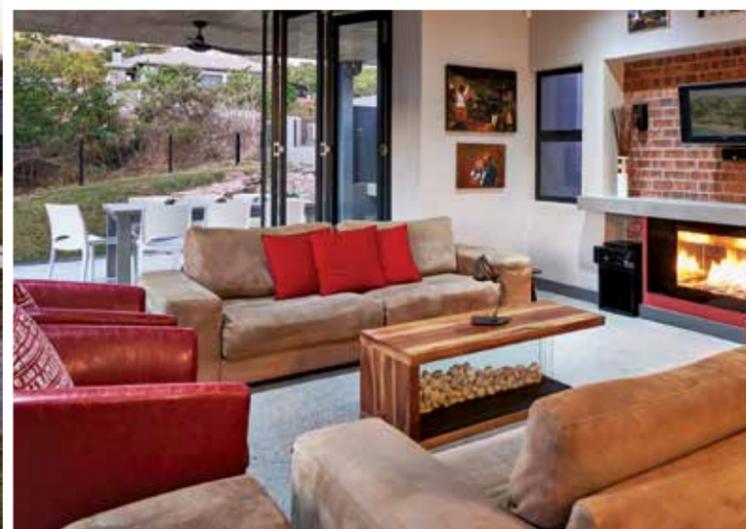
In addition, the owners loved the elevated nature of the plot. He explains: "It is located 250m higher than our previous home in Nelspruit. This means that it is 2°C to 4°C cooler. But more importantly, there is a constant breeze, which does a lot for comfort in summer."

"Without being extravagant with finishes, we've still managed to achieve a unique design." - the home owner

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RIGHT: In this beautiful, modern home, Granite Objects provided the quartz countertops for the kitchen. Specialising in natural and quartz stone for kitchen, vanity, bar and reception countertops, Granite Objects prides itself on adding value to clients' property and enhancing their environment with a quality feel. Based in Gauteng, Limpopo and Mpumalanga, the skilled teams at Granite Objects assist in choosing the correct material for the specific application and offer friendly service, while ensuring clients receive good value for their money. As they say: "There's no substitute for quality."

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When it came to the architectural design of the home, the owners envisioned an industrial look and feel that had a timeless appeal. The architect explains his design approach: "The Rest required a barn-style exterior, which we liked. We tried to match the interior and exterior finishes to ensure the interior complemented the exterior."

Inspired by a previous employer and friend's view of the importance of effective roof design, the architect believes that the "building blocks are simple once you work from fragmented roofs downwards". He elaborates: "I learnt a lot from my good friend about the importance of efficient

roof design. To me, the roof is always paramount in finalising the floor layout, and my dear friend showed me some valuable tricks, which I still use 12 years later, and will still use for a long time."

From there, the owners chose to adopt a timeless aesthetic with simple lines and a variance in façade treatments.

Ultimately the house needed to be in harmony with the surrounding nature as well as accommodate two future extensions. "Building costs were also a huge factor, and we tried to make use of every space. >



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ABOVE: Specialists in concrete polishing and floor coatings, Ingwe Floors applied a concrete finish to the floors of this contemporary home. The home owner's brief was for concrete polishing, because of its durability and easy maintenance. Ingwe Floors achieved this by first grinding the floors and then polishing them off and applying a seal to counter any stains.



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Currently a two-bedroom house that suits the family perfectly, the home should soon see an added study and studio to meet their lifestyle. He happily adds that the home is "low-maintenance and has low running costs. It's not too big. It's just the right size".

There's so much that this family love about their beautiful home, from the open-plan living area to the great cross ventilation that keeps them cool during the summer, and their polished concrete flooring. "A quick word of advice on polished concrete flooring – just take the plunge and go for it!" 🏡

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