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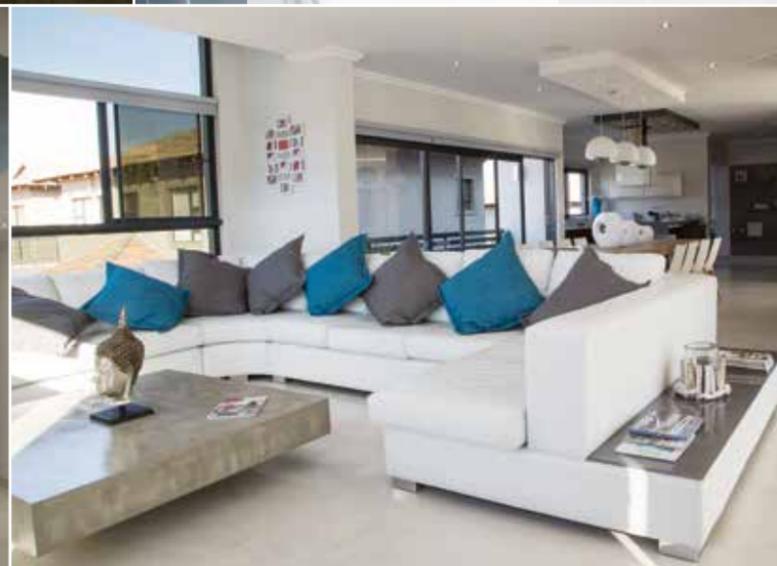
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With calming tones of white and grey throughout this open-plan house, it is the perfect place to unwind after a long day at the office and a difficult commute home. "I wanted a modern home with lots of glass to allow in natural light," says the home owner. "I also wanted the style of the house to be one that would not date quickly and would still be on trend in years to come."

For Michael Rebolo, the project manager who was

TOP: Tsua Projects was responsible for project-managing the building process of this home in a sought-after estate in Gauteng. The owner requested an energy-efficient and automated, modern, open-plan home that would allow for easy entertaining and would be suitable for a growing family, which was beautifully achieved. Tsua Projects uses only quality materials from reputable and reliable suppliers, and focuses on delivering expert craftsmanship, ensuring that it produces a dream home for its clients.

TOP: Patio Warehouse, a leading supplier of a wide range of patio furniture and accessories, supplied the Petunia artificial wicker lounge set in Dune with turquoise cushions for the elegant indoor entertainment area. From lounge sets and dining sets in materials such as cane, aluminium and wood, to gas braais, umbrellas and plants, you are sure to find something to brighten up your patio. All Patio Warehouse products are made with durable materials and come in a variety of trendy styles.

given the responsibility of making this dream home a reality, the most difficult challenge was building a 600m² home on a 600m² stand, while also adhering to the building specifications and restrictions set out by the estate. "It forced us to be creative," he says. "We eventually decided to include a basement in the home, so that we would have extra space to work with."

Situated in an exclusive estate in the south of Johannesburg, this home is not only beautiful to look



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ABOVE LEFT: Steelform supplies the domestic, residential and construction markets with superior-quality lintels, staircases, permanent steel shuttering and other custom-made products. In this contemporary home, the company supplied and installed this dramatic floating staircase in the foyer. All Steelform products are made to the client's exact specifications.

ABOVE RIGHT: Have 2 Need is a furniture procurement and interior design company. In this home, the firm supplied contemporary polypropylene chairs with wooden legs for the dining table. The company also specialises in contract and hospitality furniture, and provides assistance in maintaining the standard and condition of existing furnishings, and upgrading when necessary.

at, but also eco-friendly. "We tried to make the home as energy-efficient as possible. The home is designed in a way that ensures it is naturally warmed by the sun; it uses gas for cooking and heating, and it also has a borehole from which the fish pond and the garden are serviced. The rooms have sensors, to prevent wasting electricity," explains Michael.

As the house is near the back of the estate, the home owners have a scenic view of the entire estate and the neighbouring area.

Although an interior decorator was not consulted in this home, the owners knew they wanted natural features such as wooden elements and concrete floors, to create a homely feel.

One of the favourite spaces in the house is the



indoor entertainment area, which houses a bar and TV room. "It is a great area for us to get together as a family or host our friends; it has plenty of room for us to socialise in," they say.

Another popular room is the exclusive home cinema, which is situated in the basement. "When we go down there and watch movies, it doesn't even feel as if we are in our home; it is as if we are in a totally different place," they say. ▲

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