



TRANQUIL PERSONA

Inspired by nature, the design of this house is centred around the breathtaking views of the bush valley.

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Built on a plot just a stone's throw away from Australia's Lane Cove National Park, architect Aneta Tobola's duplex boasts an enviable location given its close proximity to Sydney Central Business District and spectacular views of the bush valley. But this magnificent beauty posed some serious challenges both in its design and construction due to the steeply sloping site.

Unfazed, Aneta discovered the solution in the problem itself. Working with the natural terrain instead of against it, the house is built over four varying levels.

The vision was to create a family home featuring open plan living, high ceilings and infinity pool and to capture breathtaking views of the bush valley in almost every room of the house.

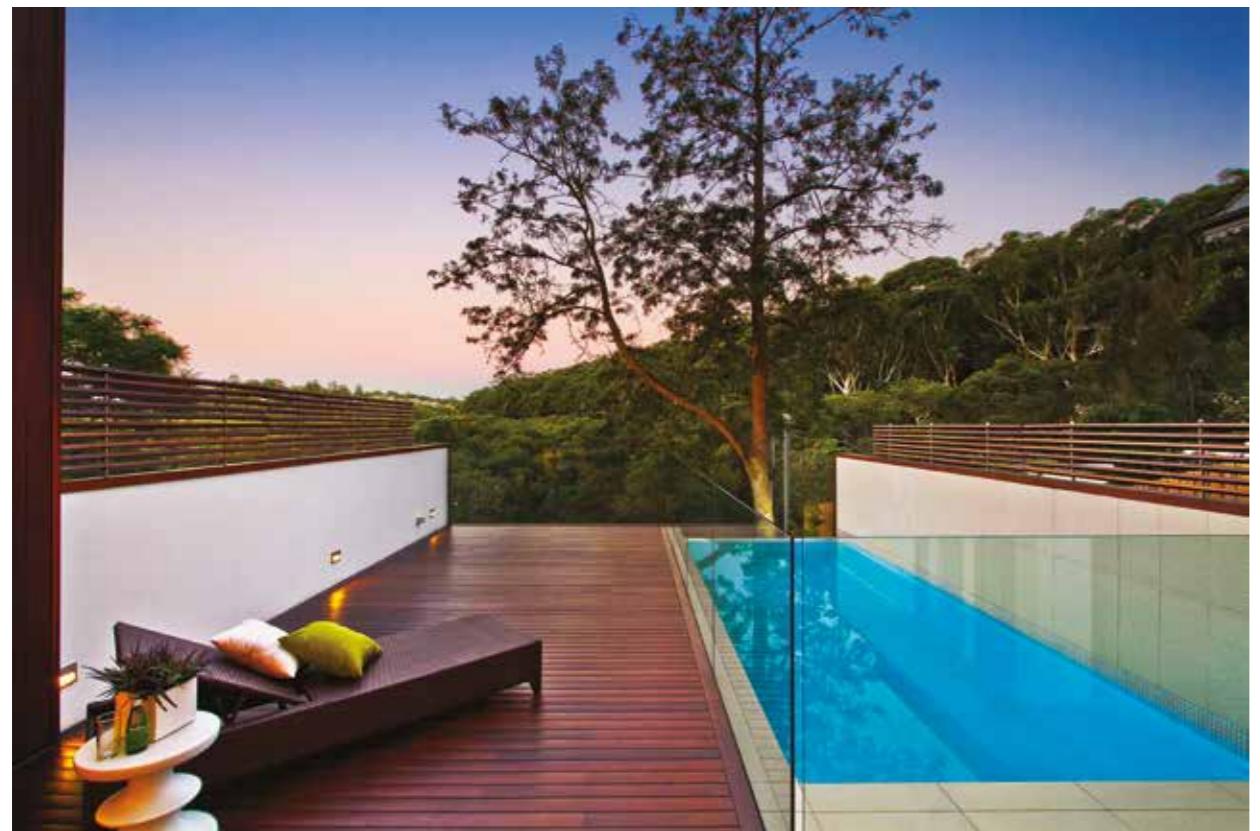
Strikingly urbane, the timber cladding on the elevation lends a soft transition between the bush located across the street and the contemporary envelope. Finished with meticulously manicured plants and grass, the property which blends beautifully with the surroundings appears to be naturally growing out from the ground.



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Boasting four bedrooms, two living areas and a study, the property recently won the International Design and Architecture Award 2014 in London. The architecture follows the principals of cross ventilation, access to natural light, orientation to passive solar effects, scale, proportion and context. All these not only contribute to comfortable living, the house is built to be environmentally sensitive towards the Australian climate and landscape.

Wisely using what Mother Nature has already blessed us with - light and air - the close to seven-metre high ceilings are artfully complemented with equally high windows that stretch from the floor of the living room to its ceiling, allowing an abundance of sunlight and gentle breeze to cascade into the space. Even the bathrooms require no artificial lighting in the day. In fact the house is so brilliantly designed that dark corners and corridors don't even stand a chance to exist.

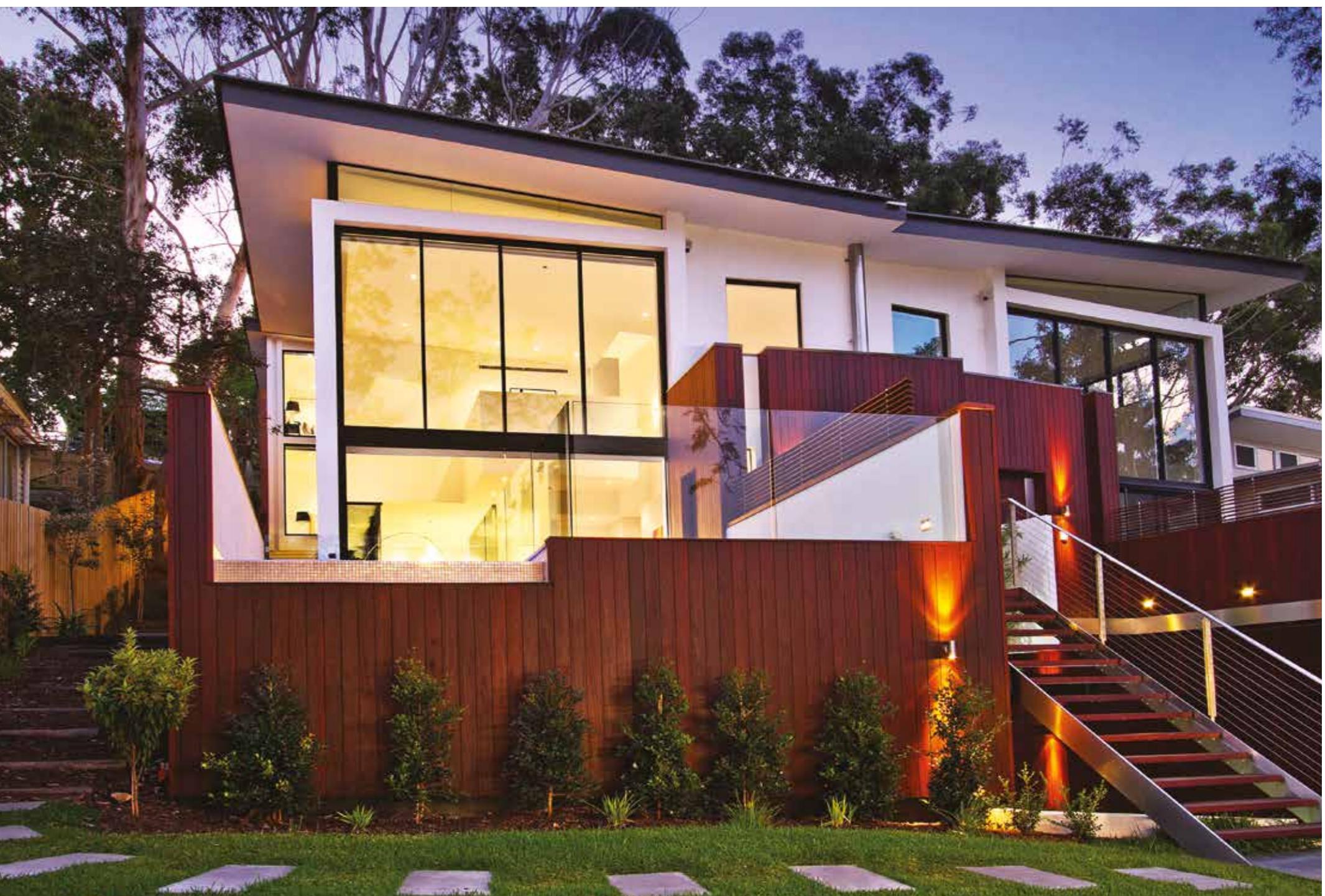


The infinity pool is strategically positioned to overlook the beautiful views of Lane Cove National Park.

Inspired by nature and influenced by the unique European design that lends a grand scale to a space, the Polish-born architect crafted the open plan interior with a contemporary touch and finely detailed accents. Keeping the palette clean and simple, the colour scheme is predominantly white but injected with unexpected colours through soft furnishings and artwork plastered on the walls and timber ironbark floors.

With well-designed details at every turn, from the atypical entrance to the bedrooms, leisure areas and impressive topography, this high-end home is classy, elegant and boasts well thought out features. The result is a luxurious family property that hits the mark with the same precision of excellence used throughout which this house owners will love and cherish for years to come. ♦

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