

A photograph of a modern house with a white corrugated metal facade. The house features a curved window and a balcony with a glass railing. In the foreground, there is a brick wall and a wooden slat fence. The sky is blue with some clouds.

LUSH, GREEN paradise

A home away from home to many,
Bismarck House commands rest
and relaxation

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THE CUSTOM SLIDING WINDOW SCREEN, WHICH ENCOURAGES THE FAMILY AND THEIR GUESTS TO EXPERIENCE THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE LIVELY LANEWAY WITHOUT SETTING FOOT OUTSIDE

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designer by trade and was eager to showcase his company's landscaping prowess through this project. He worked closely with the project team to design and install the lush landscape components that shape the soul of this home. The garden itself was intended to be both beautiful and hardy from the get go. The team overlooked a traditional garden in favour of gravel, natives and succulents, and the main bedroom is sheltered from the harsh westerly sun with a little help from the raised garden bed that houses a beautiful array of succulents

"The inspiration for the garden started with the mature euphorbia tree, which is the large cactus planted outside the wall in the lane," notes Will. "It was here from day one, so we kept it, and the succulent theme came from it." Two mature olive trees bridge the main house and the apartment at the front of the property, and lush succulents populate the internal courtyard. The continuous garden concept aided the project team in maximising the perception of space within the site, while also creating a framework for organising the home's spaces and the materials used within.

"The internal footprint is restrained as far as possible to enable a continuous garden to run along and between rooms," says architect Andrew Burges. Keeping in line with the garden concept, the ground level, which houses the kitchen, dining and living spaces, the laundry and a guest WC, consists of raw, natural materials and hues that are typically found in outdoor settings. A wander through this level will have you admiring the tiled kitchen, timber window seat, brick stairs, mesh balustrade,

