

CAPE HOUSE





# OPEN DOORS

Easy living in the  
Cape sun



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**T**his comfortable, Mediterranean-style house on the slopes of Table Mountain in Bantry Bay was designed by a team from Jane Visser, Mark Thomas Architects Inc. The large ground-floor living area has a double-volume living room, dining room and kitchen. One side of the house consists

*Left: A black strip pool, sandstone tiles, a recliner and one of the best views in the world—who could ask for more? The outdoor furniture is from Marlin Teak*

*Above: An evening view of the house from the garden demonstrates how, on warm summer evenings, the whole house opens up. The exterior walls are finished in an earthy cement wash and match the sandstone tiles which run all the way into the interior*





of concertina doors which slide away, opening the entire living area on to a wide, cool veranda, an arrangement which makes the most of the area's wind-free, sunny climate.

Finishes are simple, with natural sandstone floors and concrete bullnose step treads. The interior hues are soft, while the external finish is in an earth-tinted cement wash. A funicular links the house and garage.

The narrow swimming pool is painted black, giving a cool effect, while the relaxed atmosphere of the house gives the impression that no one will mind if you leave your wet costume and towel lying around. It's that kind of place.

Above: The dining area is in front of the user-friendly kitchen. The ostrich egg chandelier is by Gill de Moyercourt. The kitchen is framed by two high, well-lit display cabinets

Right: The double-volume living room is a study in peace and tranquillity, with doors which fold away to maximise the view. White classic club sofas, a dark wicker table and easy chairs, all from Wetherleys, blend perfectly with the sandstone floors and Tanzanian baskets. The concrete bullnose step treads are an example of the architects' attention to detail, it is this type of architectural finish that can change the overall look of any interior















Left: The terrace beckons, while the dining area glows in the background. The outdoor furniture is from Marlin Teak

Above: The compact kitchen has simple, classic details which make it chic instead of just small and plain. Beech work tops work well with light blue cabinets and a stainless steel smoke extractor