

# MONOLITHIC MASTERPIECE

For lovers of design, this visually striking and bold kitchen will be especially memorable

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THE NERO MARQUINA MARBLE ISLAND BENCH AND CUSTOM DESIGNED, GLASS EXHAUST FAN

## KITCHEN

**Oven** Miele handleless obsidian black pyrolytic oven  
**Cooktop** Miele flush induction cooktop  
**Flooring** Polished concrete  
**Lighting** Custom lighting  
**Cabinetry** Distinct Joinery  
**Exhaust fan** Sirius  
**Benchtop** Nero Marquino  
**Butler's pantry** Calacatta marble

**W**hen you first see this kitchen, you could be forgiven for thinking you had walked onto the set of the latest *James Bond* film. It's hard to believe this sleek, sexy and suave kitchen is the heart of a family home set on the banks of Victoria's Yarra River.

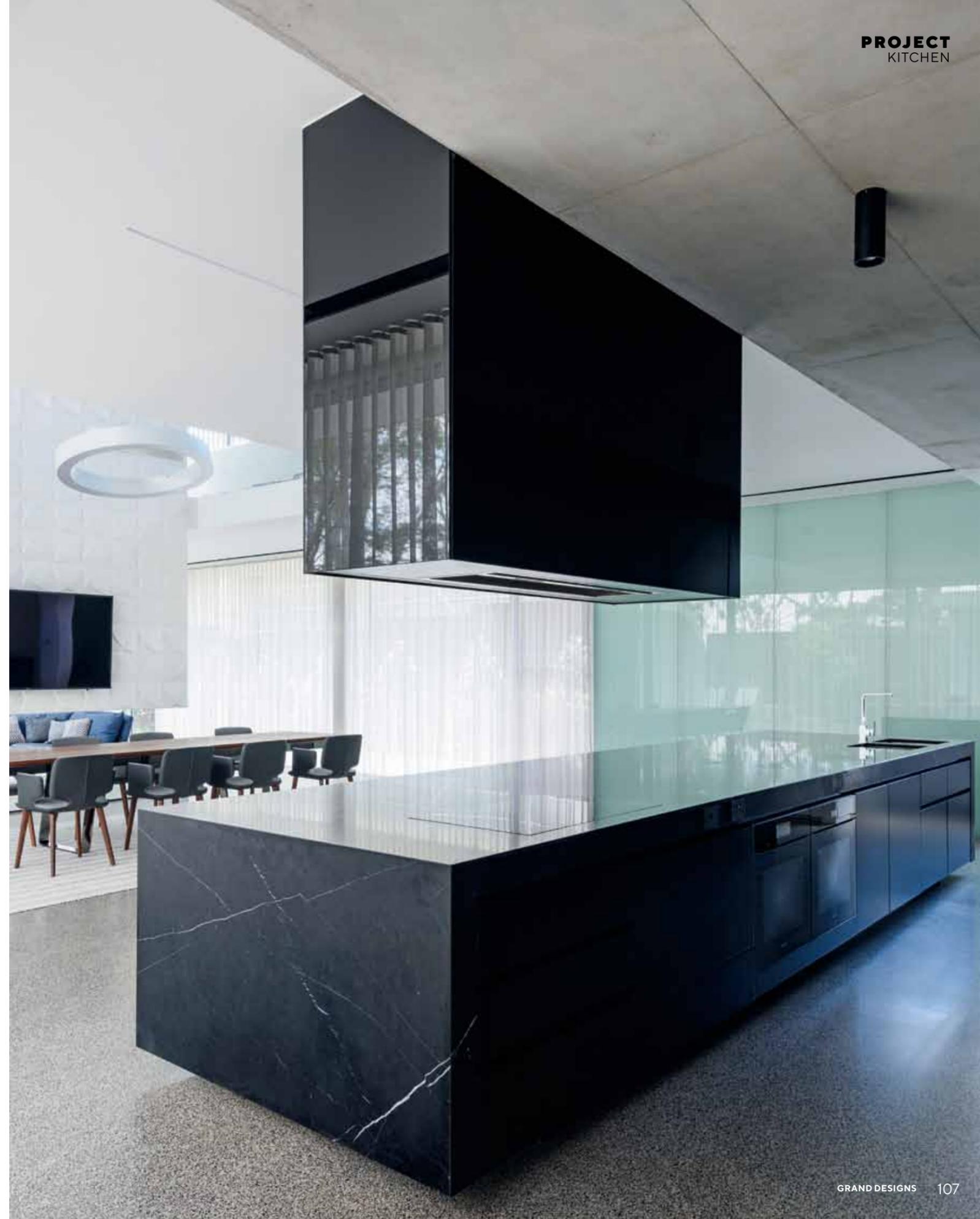
Given a blank canvas to work with, designer Kate Walker and architect Bojan Simic have produced a kitchen that is not only functional for a family, but also beautiful to look at. "The overall brief was to create a modern, functional and timeless home for a family of five," says Kate. "The family are big entertainers, so it had to be a great entertaining house with open spaces and lots of windows to create a light and airy feel."

The kitchen is dominated by a Nero Marquina monolithic island bench, with every texture and tone chosen to blend with one another, creating a streamlined feel throughout the space.

"The kitchen is designed as a sculptural form and consists of an asymmetric yet balanced composition of black monoliths, each with a specific yet concealed functionality," explains Kate. "The kitchen shares an architectural language or syntax with the overall building design in terms of its minimalist aesthetic and monolithic sculptural composition."

Minimalism is not for everyone, but when designed correctly, it can have a lasting impact. In this case, the use of custom joinery and polished concrete tie in seamlessly with each other to create the perfect illusion of space.

With Miele appliances hidden behind the cabinet doors, the monumental island bench is



**PROJECT**  
KITCHEN



**EDITOR'S  
FAVOURITE**

THE POLISHED CONCRETE  
FLOOR WHICH PROVIDES  
A SEAMLESS FLOW  
THROUGHOUT THE HOME

the natural focal point of the kitchen and is one of Kate's favourite design features. However, the installation of the exhaust fan above created a few problems for designer, architect and builder.

"It was designed to be concealed by large, frameless black glass panels and required a small access hatch for maintenance," says Kate. "The hatch, while necessary, would undermine the clean-lined minimalist aesthetic. So after several brainstorming sessions on site between architect and builder, the solution was to adapt one of the glass panels to be entirely removable in order to maintain the aesthetic, while addressing the access requirement for future maintenance purposes."

It's easy to see how the family has fallen in love with their new kitchen, a grand space which also oozes a certain charm. 🏡

**Designer** KWD

**Architect** Bojan Simic Architecture

**Interior design** Kate Walker Design

**Builder** Frank Victoria Pty Ltd