

# Deluxe DELIGHT

An oasis in the middle of a family home, this bathroom is the ultimate in luxury getaways

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**W**aking up in the morning when on holiday, with days of relaxation and lazy contemplation ahead of you, is a treat we all look forward to. In conjunction with architect Bojan Simic, this is the feeling designer Kate Walker wanted to evoke when designing this stunning bathroom.

“It was important the bathroom had two of everything, with the exception of the bath,” says Kate. “The owners get ready for work at the same time, so it’s important they each have their own space.”



Five-star elegance can be seen in every corner and material chosen, from the imported Balinese stone bath to the white marble benchtops. Every feature is meant to convey a sense of luxury, even if it did push the budget.

“The biggest splurge would have to be the 4m feature wall tiles costing \$846 per sheet plus the labour cost to lay them,” says Kate. “Meticulous care had to be taken with these tiles as they were easy to break. In fact, we had only one tile break which, considering their size, was a good result.”

The bathroom had to fit in with the overall design of the house, which is built close to the Yarra River. Dramatic, striking but memorable, the home has a beautiful feeling of equilibrium. The light, bright colour palette chosen by Kate adds to the impression of clean and uninterrupted lines.

To cater for the little feet in the family, cleanliness and storage were high on Kate’s list of design features. “The bathroom had to be functional,

with open showers, large mirror, modern furnishings and lots of storage,” she says. “Easy to clean was also an important factor, as was cross-ventilation and natural light.”

Big features like the bath, showers and mirror have given the space a larger-than-life feel. Kate has managed to combine the best of deluxe hotel style with modern family living, making this bathroom grand in both look and feel. ♣

**Designer** KWD  
**Architect** Bojan Simic Architecture  
**Joinery** Distinct Joinery

## **BATHROOM**

**Basin** Studio Bagno  
**Bath** Bali Stone Black Sanur  
**WC** Laufen  
**Taps** Phoenix and Mizu  
**Windows** Polished concrete  
**Lighting** Custom lighting  
**Toilet roll holders** Reece  
**Benchtop** Super white marble

## **WE LOVE**

THE FREESTANDING STONE BATH AND BEAUTIFUL 4M MARBLE FEATURE WALL TILES; FIVE-STAR ELEGANCE INDEED



# 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.

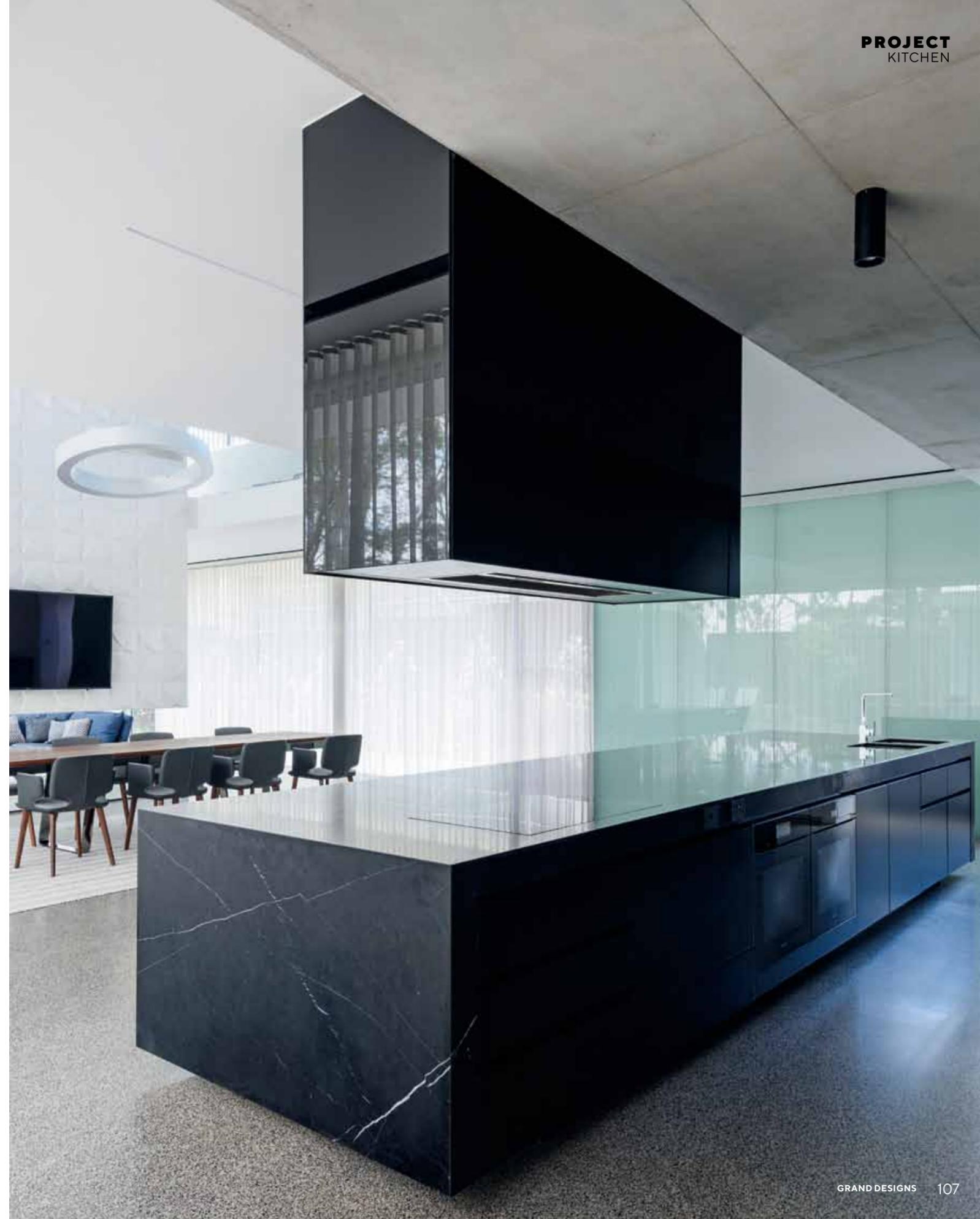
Given a blank canvas to work with, designer Kate Walker and architect Bojan Simic have produced a kitchen that is not only functional for a family, but also beautiful to look at. "The overall brief was to create a modern, functional and timeless home for a family of five," says Kate. "The family are 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