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scenic sanctuary

Offering a *contemporary coastal* lifestyle for a growing family, this stylish new build embraces its *incredible vistas* with flair

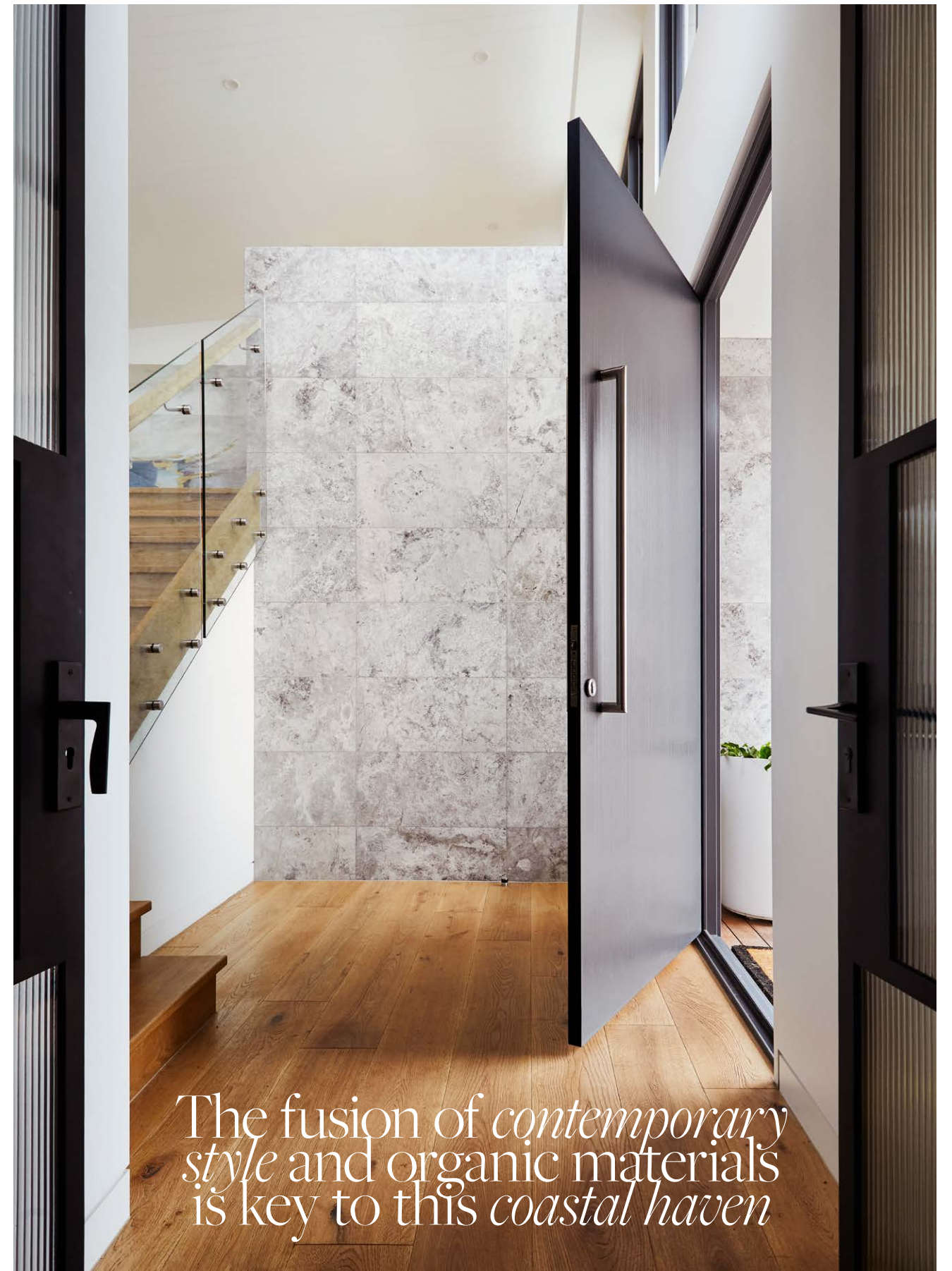
BUILDING A BRAND-NEW HOUSE with magnificent views on Melbourne's Mornington Peninsula gave owners Laura and Tom the chance to create the home of their dreams: a sophisticated yet relaxed four-bedroom, three-bathroom abode, boasting split levels and lots of separate spaces combined with a sense of connectivity. "It had to be functional and evolve with the family," says Laura, who loves that the children have their own space at the top. And, of course, there's 'that' view. "The home needed to reflect the coastal location, maximise the views and allow for an outdoor lifestyle," says designer Kate Walker of KWD, who worked closely with the couple and their builder from concept to completion. A spacious living area is the hub of family life and is designed to bring the outside in. "The eye flows through the space to the incredible view beyond," says Kate. Light, breezy and welcoming, the interiors have a contemporary edge softened by coastal colours to reflect the location. "We developed a palette inspired by Mother Nature," explains Kate, "a perfect blend of natural timber tones, fresh green hues and the colours of the sea." The living spaces embrace this wholeheartedly, with a deep blue kitchen island, family-sized sofa and coastal-inspired contemporary artworks that lend creative vibrancy to the interiors. Texture, of course, plays a key role. "We love natural materials, such as timber, limestone and marble," remarks Kate. "These textures set a beautiful foundation for the coastal tones throughout the home."

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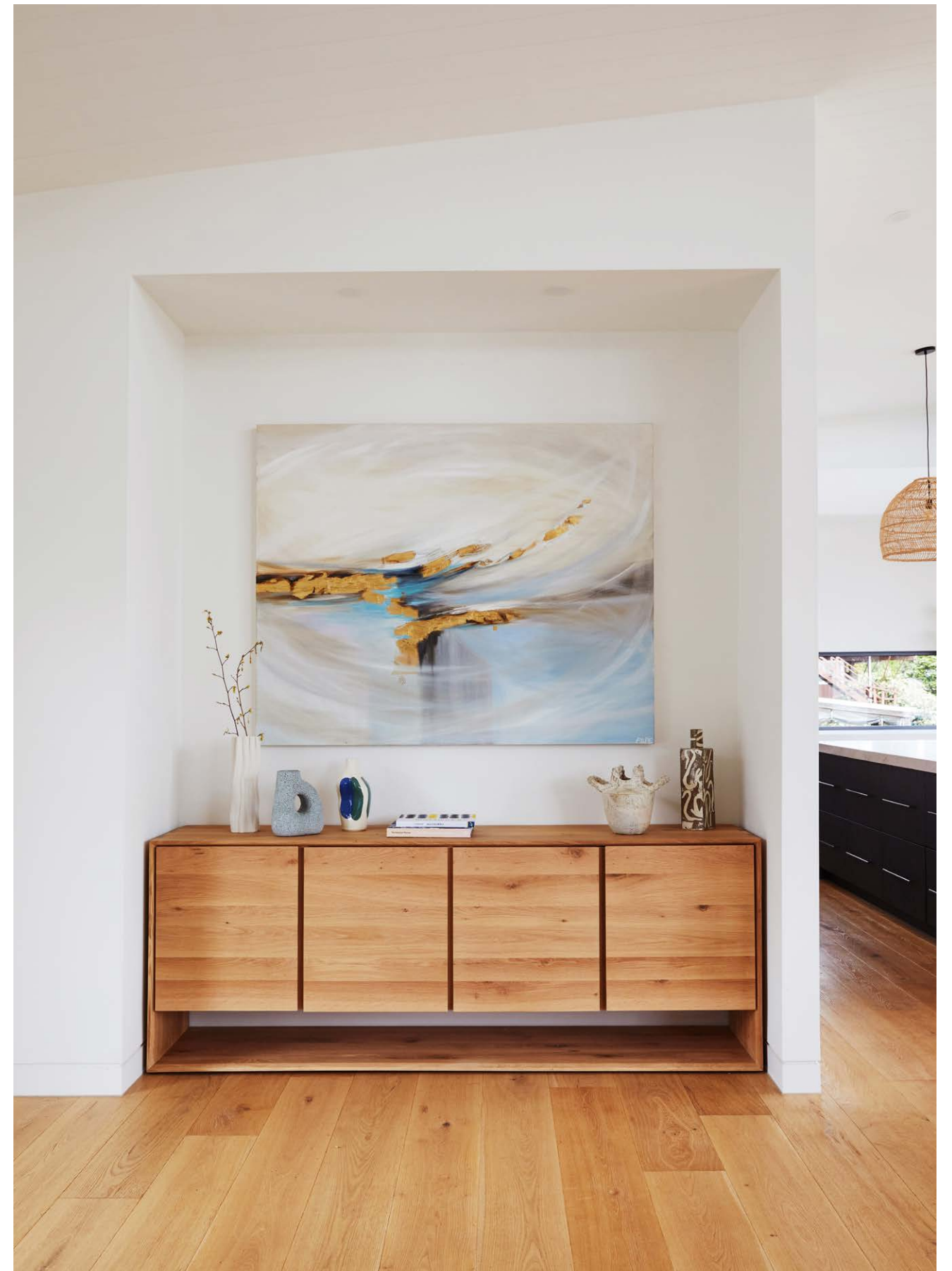
Owners Laura and Tom stand with their two young children in the dining area of their Mornington Peninsula home, where Freedom 'Wisbone' dining chairs and an oak table from Toffi Furnishings complement the pale engineered oak floors. In the stairwell beyond, a Quinn chandelier from Boyd Blue enhances the coastal aesthetic. A splash of colour comes thanks to a painting by Natasba Barnes. >



An internal courtyard provides a communal space and a pleasing view from most rooms in the home. "I love being able to look out at both the ocean and the pool, with its intricate paving," says Laura. Eating outside brings the holiday vibes home – for similar furniture see Domayne's 'Monte Carlo' dining chair and the Darma reclaimed teak table from Schots Home Emporium. In the entrance (opposite), a stunning grey limestone wall spans inside and out, finessing the seamless flow of the home's design. >



Decorative layers add texture and personality to the living space, where a deep blue King sofa is home to coastal-coloured cushions and throws by L&M Home and Città (from Trit House). A Persian flatweave rug from Cadrys grounds the space. An alcove (opposite) displays a coastal landscape by Edward Pope, while a snug-fitting Ethnicraft 'Nordic' sideboard provides storage and displays an array of unique handmade ceramics from Pépité and Makers' Mrkt. >





"The coastal connectivity is perfection in this home, linking the interior with the exterior and flooding the home with natural light," says designer Kate. In the spacious living area, a contemporary coastal aesthetic maximises the beautiful aspect from the expansive window, while floor-to-ceiling timber battens next to the staircase accentuate the height of the room and filter the light. The family have some beautiful artworks, including this painting by Georgie Wilson from Greenhouse Interiors, which celebrates the colours in the room. >



In the kitchen, V-groove panelling and varied ceiling heights create a fresh backdrop bursting with architectural interest. The panelled cabinetry celebrates the warmth and softness of timber, as seen throughout the home, while a trio of wicker pendants from House of Orange bring a relaxed vibe to the mix. Linda Kruger's painting, "Three Brown Tumblers", from Greenhouse Interiors adds charm and creative flair. >

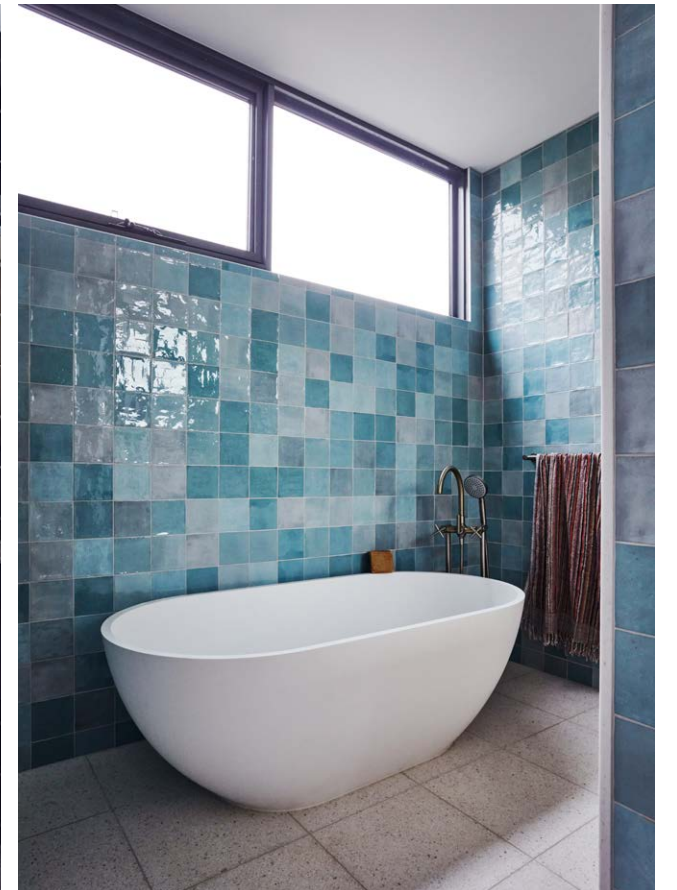
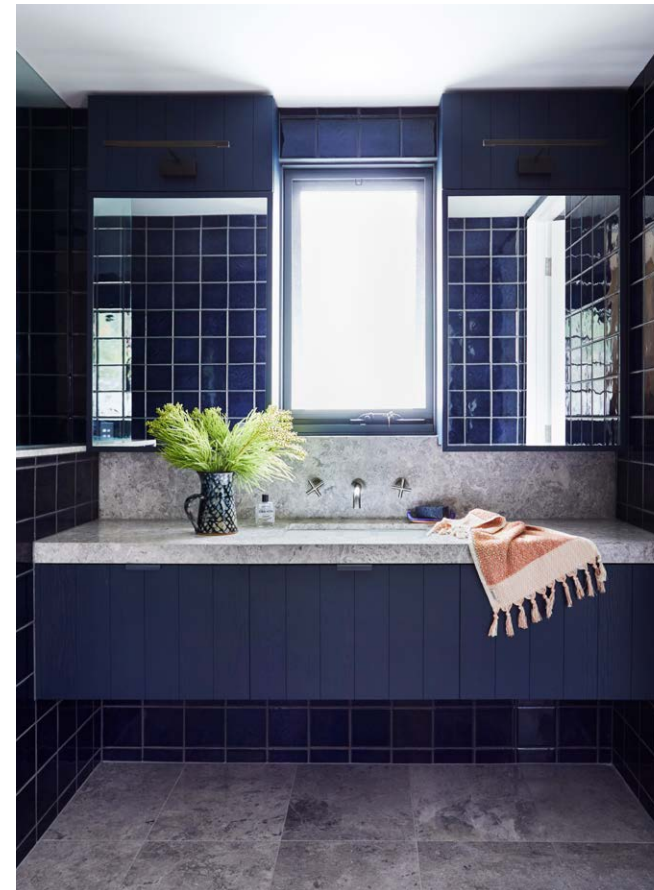


A verdant view connects this stunning modern kitchen with its natural surrounds



"The master bedroom needed to be a sanctuary; a comfortable, peaceful space where the parents can retreat and relax," says Kate, who chose a wool carpet to set the soothing scene. Layers of bedlinen and cushions from Greenhouse Interiors, Canvas+Sasson and L&M Home create a soft and welcoming sleep zone, replicated in the colours and composition of an artwork by Georgie Wilson, also from Greenhouse Interiors. In the ensuite (opposite), the timber and marble combo is reminiscent of the kitchen joinery. The Brodware wall set lends character, while the handmade tiles and vase from Trit House bring an organic contrast to the hard lines. >

"We wanted this space to have a masculine edge that was striking to the eye," says Kate of the inky blue bathroom adorned with Murano tiles in Navy/Grey from KWD & Co. Fostering a cohesive look, the custom vanity's limestone top and drawers in Dulux Oolong echo the kitchen island.



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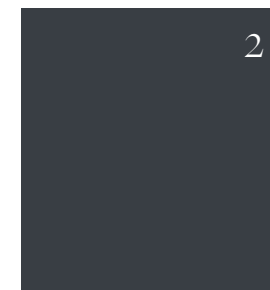
FAMILY BATHROOM The combination of soft grey and dark blue makes a bold statement in the main bathroom, where extending the marble up onto the wall ensures a sophisticated finish.

MASTER ENSUITE (top right and bottom) A burst of coastal beauty in the couple's ensuite is thanks to the handmade finish and multiple shades of the Zellige Aqua Gloss tiles from KWD & Co. Brodware fittings and a Kado 'Lussi' freestanding bath exude understated elegance.

COLOUR PALETTE Get the look with Grey limestone tiles (1) by KWD & Co, Dulux Oolong paint (2) and Zellige Aqua Gloss tiles (3), also KWD & Co.



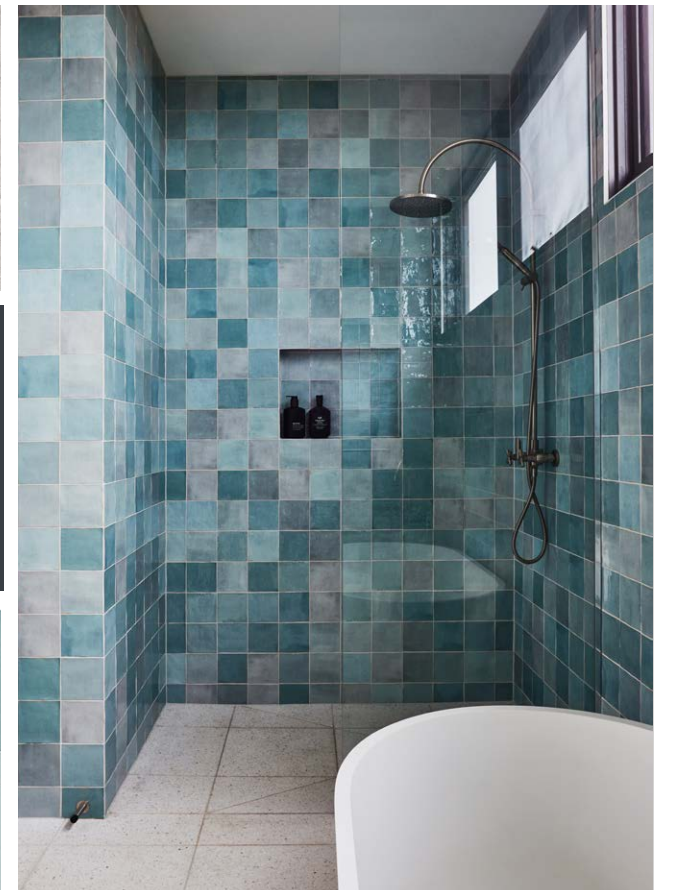
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