

renovated camps bay house

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Shades of chocolate, glamorous textures and metallic accents have transformed this 1930s Camps Bay home into a luxurious gentleman's pad

Who lives here

Commodities trader Duncan Barratt, his two Great Danes, Toby and Apollo, and a Labrador, Winston.

The house

A renovated 1930s three-bedroom double-storey house in Camps Bay with beautiful sea views from the top floor. All the living areas open up onto a sunny pool deck and outdoor seating and dining area.

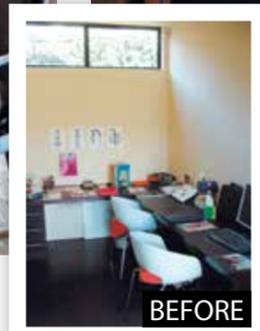


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OPPOSITE PAGE: The outdoor furnishings are all weatherproof and can be combined and separated as needed to create various lounging areas around the pool. Apollo the Great Dane is contemplating his options for soaking up the winter sun.

THIS PAGE: The **living room** was a challenge as it's not very large. Duncan's interior designer, Kyle Roux, layered luxurious finishes for maximum impact: marble was used to clad the existing concrete floating shelves, the walls are panelled in walnut and the fireplace finished with custom-carved Indonesian timber and hand-beaten copper. ▶



When commodities trader and IT investor Duncan Barratt bought his 1930s Camps Bay home in 2010, he loved its sea and mountain views, but felt it needed personality and updating. Shortly after his offer was accepted he contacted interior designer Kyle Roux and together they started working on the redesign and decor, so that Duncan could move into a finished house.

Kyle explains that after a number of previous renovations the rooms had become disjointed, so he focused on restructuring the interior to achieve the easy flow that Duncan required.

Several walls were demolished, although Duncan wanted to steer clear of the open-plan kitchen trend. Kyle explains: "The first major job was to put up a wall between the kitchen and dining room. The kitchen and three cramped, dark rooms – a scullery, den and guest bedroom – were then turned into one large space. This presented some challenges, including the concealment of the structural beams and integration of a ducted air-conditioning system, but resulted in a larger, lighter and more functional kitchen as well as a comfortable and spacious den, which doubles up as a reading room.

"The main bedroom was originally a child's bedroom and playroom with access to the private balcony with additional space for a separate lounging area, so it was the ideal space to convert into the master bedroom," adds Kyle.

An important part of Duncan's brief was to create the ambience of a contemporary gentlemen's club with a sense of luxury and comfort. Quite appropriate for a homeowner who also has the ancestral title of Lord Beaumont of Whitley. ▷

Renovations at a glance:

- Several interior walls were knocked down to create larger rooms.
- The kitchen was closed off from the dining room.
- A new guest bedroom was created upstairs.
- An old bedroom and playroom were converted into the master bedroom.
- Custom-made timber pergolas were added to the living room doors, street entrance and balcony.
- The finishes were upgraded, including cladding the fireplace.
- The pool area was updated with decking.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The easy flow between the dining room and other living areas suits Duncan's lifestyle perfectly. "I enjoy entertaining at home, either casual lunches or dinner parties with friends," Duncan says. Kyle designed the chandelier in collaboration with Delos.

ABOVE LEFT: The kitchen is separated from the dining room by a wall clad in Maya Romanov mother-of-pearl. A structural supporting column was integrated into this wall. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The walls in the den are covered in a toffee suede fabric. Floating shelves with integrated lighting hold a collection of Duncan's personal memorabilia on a panelled wall that also houses the television and conceals a door to a second guest bathroom. A new door leads to a sheltered leafy courtyard.



DESIGNER KYLE ROUX'S RENOVATION TIP

"When renovating an older house such as Duncan's 1930s home, be sensitive to structure, proportion and flow. Don't be restricted by the former use of a certain space – a bedroom could be a better location for the kitchen, entrance or dining room, so try not to limit your vision."

"Duncan wanted to avoid the clichéd beach house decor, opting for an urban, masculine approach with warm colours and tactile fabrics paired with his memorabilia and collectables. This home had to reflect his personality and be a welcoming place where his friends and family would feel comfortable and where he could either entertain effortlessly or be on his own when he wanted," says Kyle.

Duncan shares his home with Winston, a Labrador, and Great Danes Toby and Apollo, who are as comfortable as Duncan in front of the copper-clad fireplace in the living room. "Settling down with a great book and glass of wine in the evening next to the fire is a special treat for me."

While the interior would not strike you as being specifically pet-friendly, Kyle's masculine palette of toffee, chocolate and caramel is both practical and cosy. "In the living areas this palette is offset with copper, gold and stainless steel, which add a contemporary edge. Furnishings were designed and

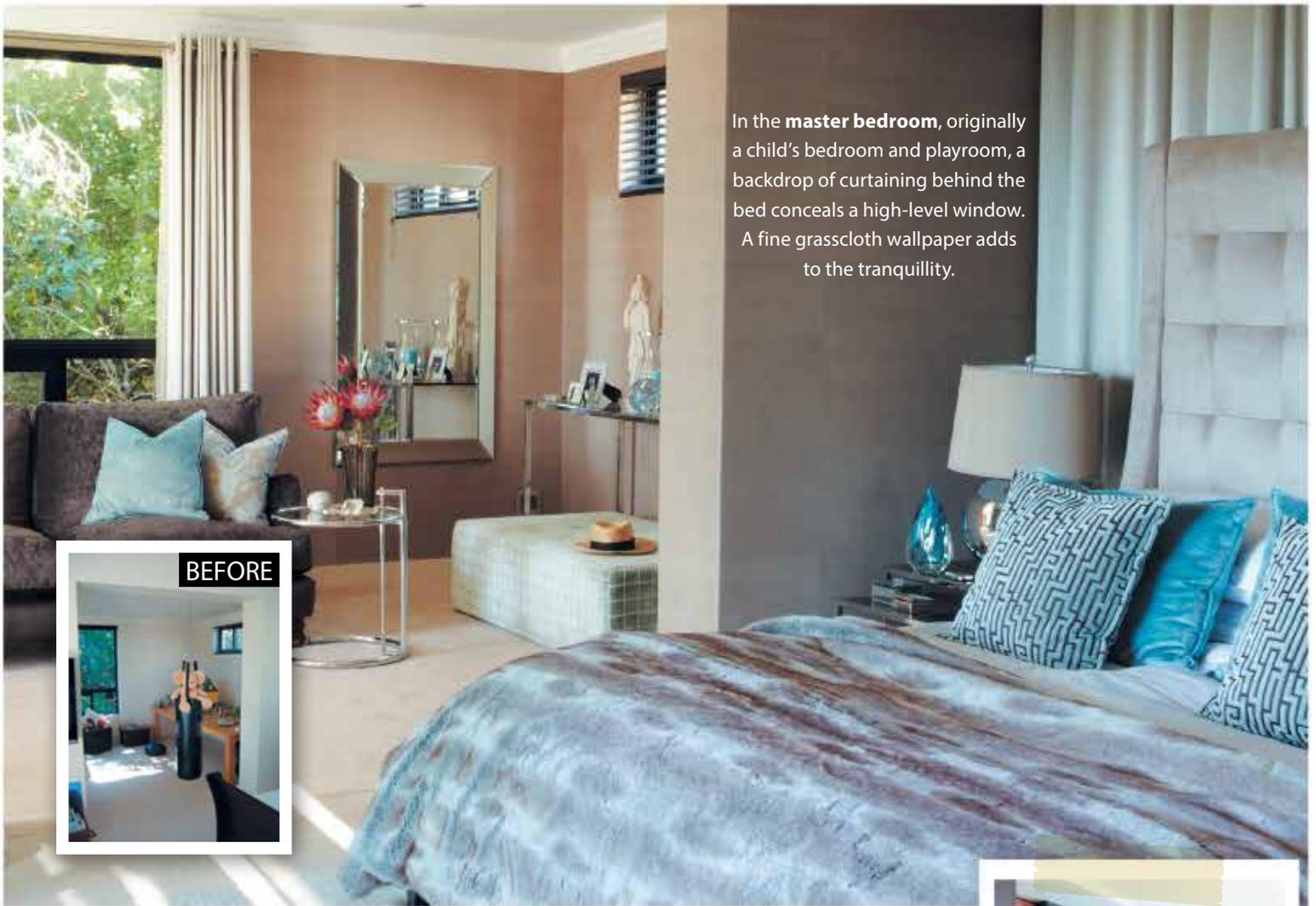
selected for a classic but contemporary look, and we used sensual and luxurious materials – marble, velvet, satin and leather. In the bedrooms lighter, fresher schemes evoke a relaxed air – similar materials were used but in tones of platinum, aqua and beige," says Kyle.

While Duncan grew up in Johannesburg, his parents lived in Singapore for almost 20 years, and as a teenager and young adult he experienced what he describes as "the extraordinary cultural diversity of this Asian city". Those years also influenced his decor style, which Kyle acknowledged by incorporating a few pieces of Asian furniture and the cladding on the fireplace, which was carved in Indonesia. Says Duncan: "When a mix of contemporary design and Asian elements is cleverly done, the results are amazing." We couldn't agree more. ▷



OPPOSITE PAGE: The **façade** was updated with a series of timber-clad steps and rectangular decks. At night these are underlit with LEDs, guiding visitors to a glass footbridge over a koi pond. Riven silver quartzite cladding forms a backdrop to a sculpture by Dylan Lewis. Landscaper Herman Nel was responsible for the garden.

THIS PAGE: Kyle created a second **guest bedroom** upstairs to compensate for the one removed from the far end of the ground floor. The tall mirror is from Box Living and the paintings above the bed are by James Delaney, a close friend of Duncan's.



In the **master bedroom**, originally a child's bedroom and playroom, a backdrop of curtaining behind the bed conceals a high-level window. A fine grasscloth wallpaper adds to the tranquillity.



Decor inspirations

What works best for Duncan is his living room

"It's a very cosy, tranquil place to curl up in with a book on cold winter days," Duncan explains. "The fireplace is where most people gravitate to; a roaring fire makes winter evenings really comfortable and enjoyable. The browns and coppers which dominate the palette create a warm and inviting atmosphere, but also work well for the dogs, who have access to the whole house. I love the Asian and Chinese pieces, which I suppose stems from my time spent in Singapore."

Make it work for you

Mix glam furniture and accessories in warm shades of brown and copper to create an elegant ambience. Add collectables for a sense of personality. **GH**

Studio **floor lamp**, R2 999,95, The Lighting Warehouse.

Summer **chair**, R5 643, Sutherlands.

Oslo leather **ottoman**, R4 200, Wetherlys.

Bronze bottle **vase**, R69,99, and bronze **tealight holder**, R29,99, both Mr Price Home.

Wool and viscose contemporary **rug**, R25 500, Gonsenhauers Fine Rugs.



Blue and white peony **jar**, R3 800, Norick Interiors.

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