



## resort-style living

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A half-hectare property in Melbourne became home to this spacious, contemporary design. The owners, who were also the builders of this project, had a grand plan to create a resort-style dwelling that had all the elements of luxury living: oversized features, a stylish interior and a state-of-the-art entertainment theatre complex. "We had a desire to design and build something unique in this area of town, which nobody had ever done before," says owner of Varcon Constructions, Michael Ahmet.

So they hit the ground running, handing over the design brief to Graham Jones Design to interpret their own vision. "We wanted to come home to a resort-type atmosphere all day, every day, and designed the house to resemble that lifestyle feeling," says Michael. Once the design was complete, his company, Varcon Constructions, took on the building process.

Structurally, the home is impressive. State-of-the-art features provide this interior with real distinction, class and superiority. As you

first enter the home, indoor waterfalls and water features inspire the feeling of being in a resort. As the entry area is undoubtedly the star feature of the home, every corner of this floor has been designed to embrace the imperial setting. Even the dining area looks out to the oversized indoor swimming pool and waterfall structure. "If the huge waterfall reception-type entrance was to be removed from the house, the entire design would fall apart," adds Michael. Huge panoramic access and views can be afforded from all the bedrooms.

As you move further into the house from the entry, there is a separate entertainment theatre complex that has the atmosphere of a jazz bar saloon. The kitchen is modern and spacious, extending out to the alfresco area. Glass splashbacks, stone benchtops, Gaggenau European appliances and a combination of vinyl-wrap and timber-veneered cabinetry work also add character to this chef's corner.

The house consists of six bedrooms, four bathrooms, retreat room, oversized kitchen, theatre room, indoor gymnasium and pool room, truly resembling a home away from home.

The interior and exterior of the house were to be used for entertaining guests. Of the 152 squares of the house, 80 squares are the living area, while the remaining is made up of the alfresco jewel, garages and balconies. It's the inclusion of the spacious grand portico entrance and tennis court that adds to the commercial resort and hotel-type feeling. A guest room has also been worked into the design of the home, found on the ground level.

The colour scheme of the interior is fairly neutral, consisting of off-white walls, doors and architraves, and internal corners that are finished with square-set cornices and plain 200mm single bevel skirtings and 150mm architraves.

Stone top vanities and level-entry, frameless shower screens feature in the bathroom.

**Above** This structurally impressive home is all about resort-style luxury living.

**Opposite** The impressive reception-type entrance, complete with water feature and glittering lights will make you never want to leave home again.

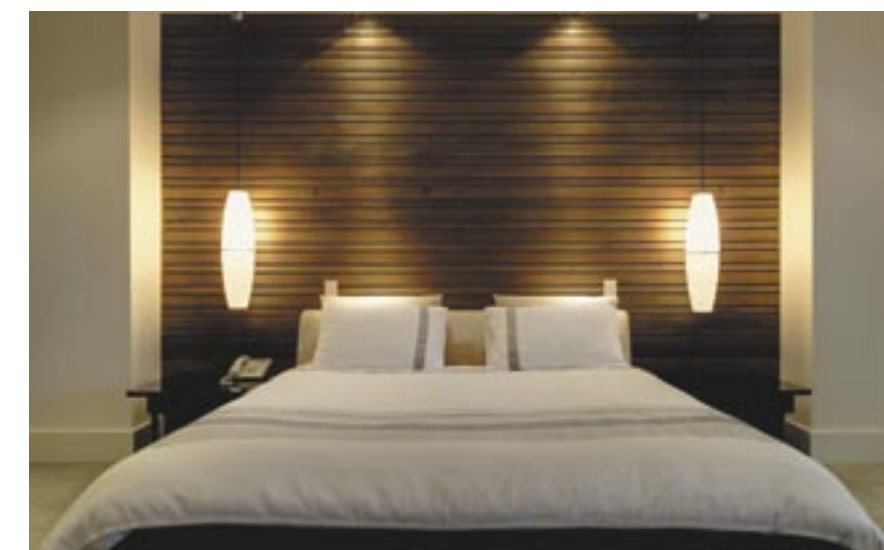


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For the floor coverings, 100 per cent wool carpet has been used in each of the bedrooms, while appealing porcelain tiles feature in the living areas. The limestone oak staircase steps and frameless glass balustrating is yet another highlight in the home, not to mention the internal

and external water ponds, which have been lined with natural stone to add dimension. Achieving a five-star energy rating, double-glazed windows are placed throughout the home. On the property, underground water tanks work to pump recycled storm and septic

water back into the landscaped areas. Varcon Constructions specialises in luxury custom-built homes. When you have a home that makes you feel like you're on holiday every day, it makes you wonder — why would you ever want to leave? ■



**Above** In-house theatre entertainment is at your fingertips in the theatre room. **Right top** Vinyl-wrap and timber-veneered cabinetry add character to the spacious and modern kitchen. **Right centre** Long hanging lights set the mood in the bedroom. **Right below** The contemporary bathroom is stylish and the deep bath is perfect for relaxing.

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