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SOUTH SEAS 703

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MARK RIELLY AND ASHLEIGH GILMORE OF ANTONI ASSOCIATES WERE EMPLOYED BY A YOUNG, DYNAMIC SOUTH AFRICAN COUPLE TO DESIGN AND OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERIOR OF THEIR NEWLY BUILT APARTMENT IN A CHOICE LOCATION OVERLOOKING THE ATLANTIC.



***this page:** This view from the bar shows the double volume central area leading up the floating staircase to the bedroom level. On the landing is a full height waterfall sculpture commissioned from Ian Pels. Looking through into the seating area one can see the plasma TV screen inset into a wall of acid-washed Maron Emperador marble strips arranged in staggered horizontal pattern. The flueless fireplace sits on a floating marble ledge.*



The double story penthouse was a mere shell and the clients gave Antoni Associates carte blanche with a few specific provisos. They wanted to emphasise the penchant for light and space by using double volume wherever possible and to this end introduced a floating feature staircase. Other items on their list of desirables were an internal water feature, a romantic fireplace in the living room and a dedicated area for an aviary, to house an exotic bird collection.



Antoni Associates designed an open-plan lower level, incorporating the entrance hall, lounge, dining room and bar, behind which the custom designed kitchen is discreetly tucked away. This multi-purpose reception area enjoys spectacular ocean views over the balcony, with its raised splash pool. The double-volume stairwell with its floating marble treads was placed centrally within a pebbled water trough and pool; a water feature, consisting of three stainless steel tubes of varying height, rises from this pool and the sound of softly bub-

above: The open-plan dining room affords one a panoramic view of the ocean. To accentuate this glamorous 'ocean liner' experience, Antoni Associates designed an amoebic triangular dining table with a floating glass top on a pearlized base, which seats 14.

these pages: In the lounge Antoni Associates again enhanced the ocean liner feel with a carved custom-designed wave carpet woven in various pile heights to create texture. The two circular 'porthole' ottomans in 'mock croc' leather once again underline the nautical ambience. The floating staircase with its marble treads has no balustrade and rises from the indoor water feature.





this page: The taupe maple joinery storage unit floats on a mirrored wall in the down-lit recessed alcove. The marble-clad dining server wraps around the column and creates egress into the concealed kitchen.





***this page:** The main en suite bedroom has a perimeter bulkhead with clerestory window once again bringing volume and light into the apartment. The wall dividing bedroom and bathroom is clad in Maron Emperador marble with a floating panel in taupe maple. The plasma TV screen is inset into this panel.*

bling water can be heard throughout the apartment.

The three en-suite bedrooms and 'aviary' lead off the glass balustraded atrium on the upper level. An open-plan study is situated on the landing overlooking the stairwell and the double-volume opening.

The muted tones of Crema Marfil and Taupe maple were used throughout to create a light airy ambience. Maron Emperador marble was chosen as the darker shade and used to accent and delineate salient architectural features.

The success of this project lies in the simplicity of its open-plan design. Key elements such as clean, sleek contemporary lines, neutral tones, clear glass and stainless steel allow the eye to be drawn outwards towards the magnificent views beyond. □