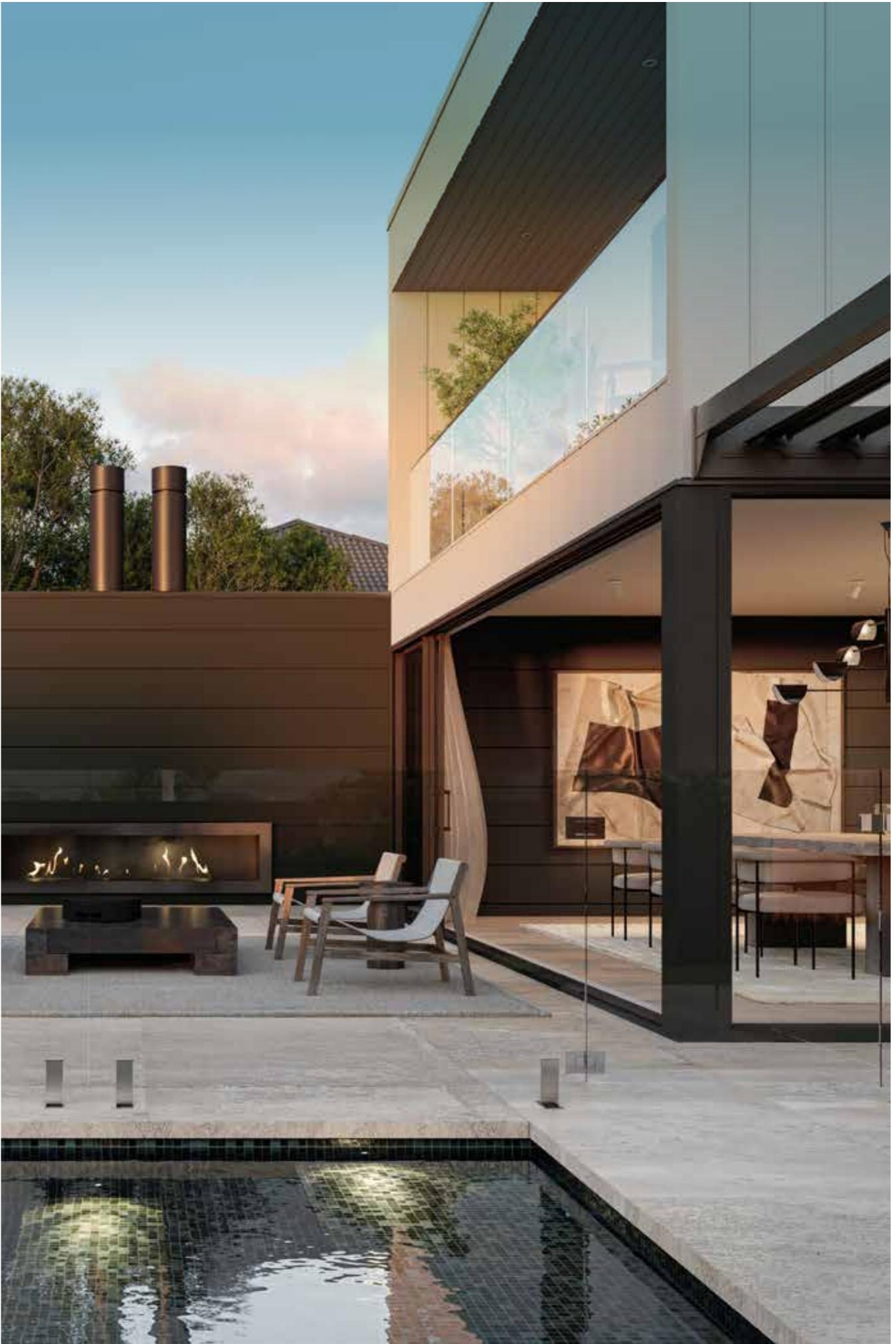


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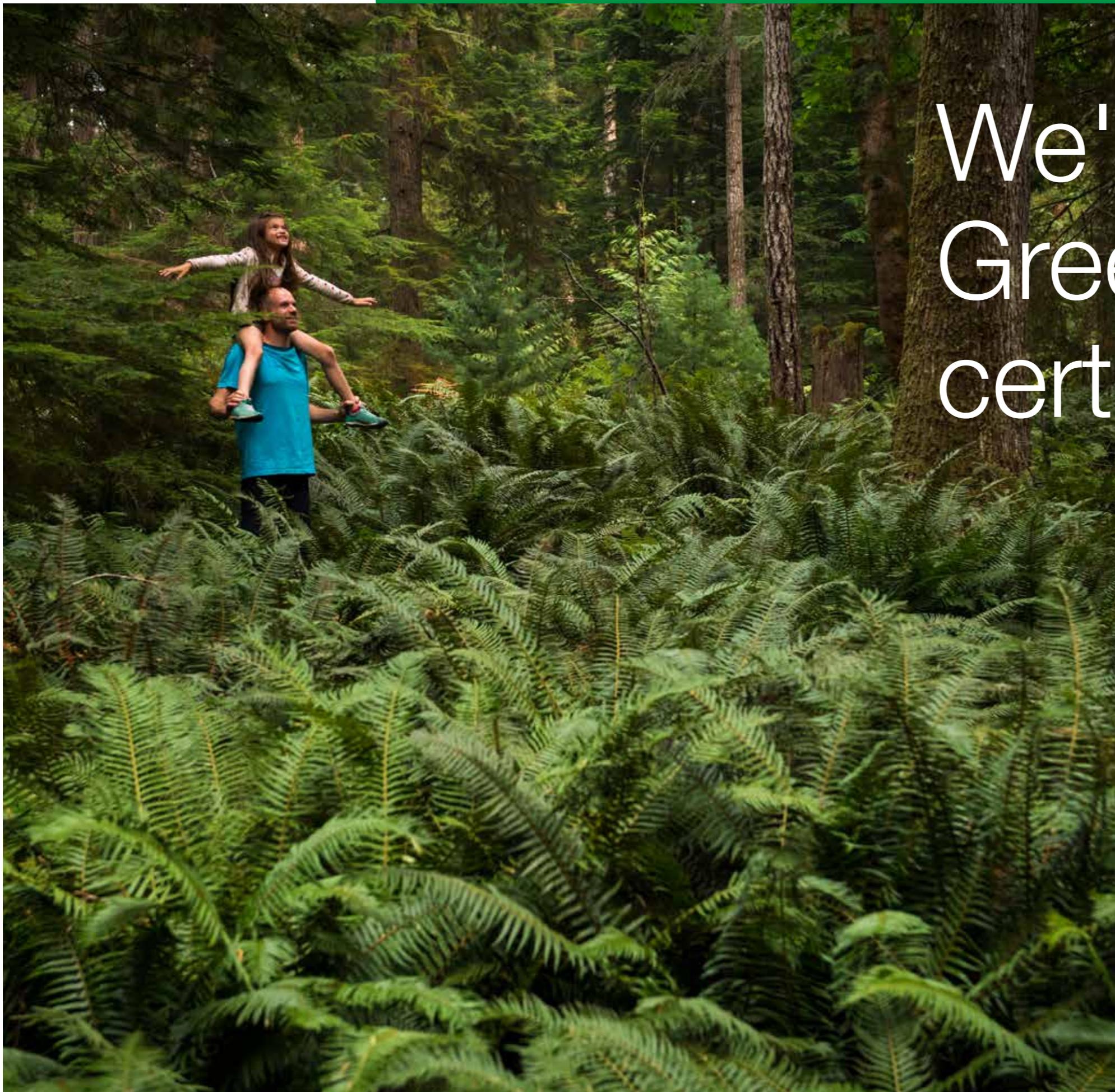


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Modern Bach

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- Weatherboard exterior
- Warm colours
- Connected living zones

01



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- Layered materiality
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Modern Classic

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that reflect identity, support wellbeing, and adapt to life's evolving rhythms. In a time of economic pressure, climate urgency and social change, creativity has emerged as a tool for resilience, optimism and personal agency.

Whether you or your clients are dreaming of an extension, planning a renovation, or starting on a new build, this forecast can offer practical guidance and inspiration at every stage of your project.

Welcome to the James Hardie Design Book, it's time to build your modern life.

01

Modern Bach

Elevated. Joyful. Effortless.

A relaxed yet elevated interpretation of coastal living, reimagined for beyond the coastline. This look extends the lightness, calm, and conviviality of seaside spaces into more dynamic urban settings, swapping stereotypical seaside styling for a more emotive, expressive approach. Modern Bach is all about embodying refreshing coastal goodness, no matter the location.



Modern Bach



Style Evolution

Modern Bach is growing in 2026, expanding beyond its beachside roots to become an elevated, joyful, and effortless style for any location. The look now embodies a refreshing coastal state of mind that is calm, playful, and open, whether by the sea or in the city. The feel-good style moves beyond the charming beach house aesthetic to encompass considered comfort, bringing coastal warmth into cities and suburban settings. Open layouts, light-filled spaces, and bright, inviting accents balance laid-back joy with refined textures and profiles.

About the Look



Open, adaptable layouts support shared family life and personal routines, while bold forms, playful details, and surprising colour contrasts add a spirited twist to structures. Natural light and airflow are prioritised through thoughtful windows and doors, creating coastal lightness and calm. Gathering areas are designed with a lived-in warmth that encourages lingering and fosters shared ease.

Tactile surfaces with soft reliefs and imperfect finishes create visual interest and gentle stimulation. These, alongside natural colours and subtle imperfection, convey a grounded, lived-in narrative. Warm pastel tones meet unexpected citrus, creating a confident and optimistic environment. This vibrancy is balanced by muted gradients and chalky matte, providing a calming counterpoint. Modern Bach is a celebration of relaxed luxury, playful energy, and the enduring appeal of the coast - wherever you are.

Theme Insights

Multigenerational Living: Adaptable layouts support multigenerational households with ease. Upstairs-downstairs living, private retreats, and shared zones allow families to co-exist comfortably while maintaining autonomy and connection.

Creative Living: Modern Bach infuses everyday living with coastal optimism through sun-washed palettes and breezy forms, encouraging emotional uplift and relaxed expression.

Autonomous Living: Modern Bach homes increasingly support self-directed lifestyles. Smart zoning, intuitive layouts, and integrated technologies enable residents to personalise their routines, manage energy use, and enjoy seamless indoor-outdoor transitions.





Style overview

Architectural apertures

Windows and openings are designed to maximise natural light and airflow, using expressive framing and shading elements that add architectural character and coastal calm.

Weatherboard exterior

The facade typically features weatherboard cladding with deep shadow lines to add coastal charm without the maintenance of traditional timber.

Warm colours

A palette of warm pastels, muted gradients, and citrus accents evokes coastal optimism, balanced by chalky matte finishes for a calming counterpoint.



Connected living zones

Wide-stacking doors, sliding glass panels, and breezy screens create seamless transitions between indoors and out, encouraging connection and a resort-like sense of ease.

Interiors

Interiors layer natural textures, playful forms, and expressive colour contrasts to create a spirited, lived-in atmosphere that radiates warmth and optimism.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



- Oblique™ Weatherboard
- Stria™ Cladding
- Linea™ Weatherboard
- Axon™ Panel Smooth with Hardie™ Axent™ Trim

Recommended paint colours



- Dulux® Sandfly Point
- Dulux® Ōreti Double
- Dulux® Five Fingers Peninsula Quarter
- Dulux® Blackwood Bay
- Dulux® Punga Cove
- Dulux® Te Horo



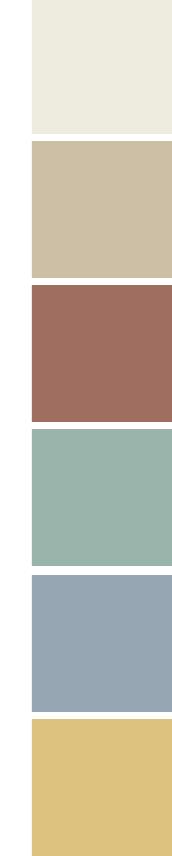
Interior Style

Recommended products



- Hardie™ Groove Lining - interiors and soffits

Recommended paint colours



- Dulux® Sandfly Point
- Dulux® Ōreti Double
- Dulux® Pōhutu Geyser
- Dulux® Wainui Beach
- Dulux® Five Fingers Peninsula Quarter
- Dulux® Desert Road

/ Hardie™ Groove Lining

Practical Guidelines

01

Natural corridors

Design corridors for natural light and ventilation, cultivating the feel-good calm key to coastal homes.

Modern Bach

02

Feel-good pastels

Consider blending citrus yellow with hues such as soft pink, biscuit and blues to create an unexpected calming palette, bringing visual freshness beyond the beach.

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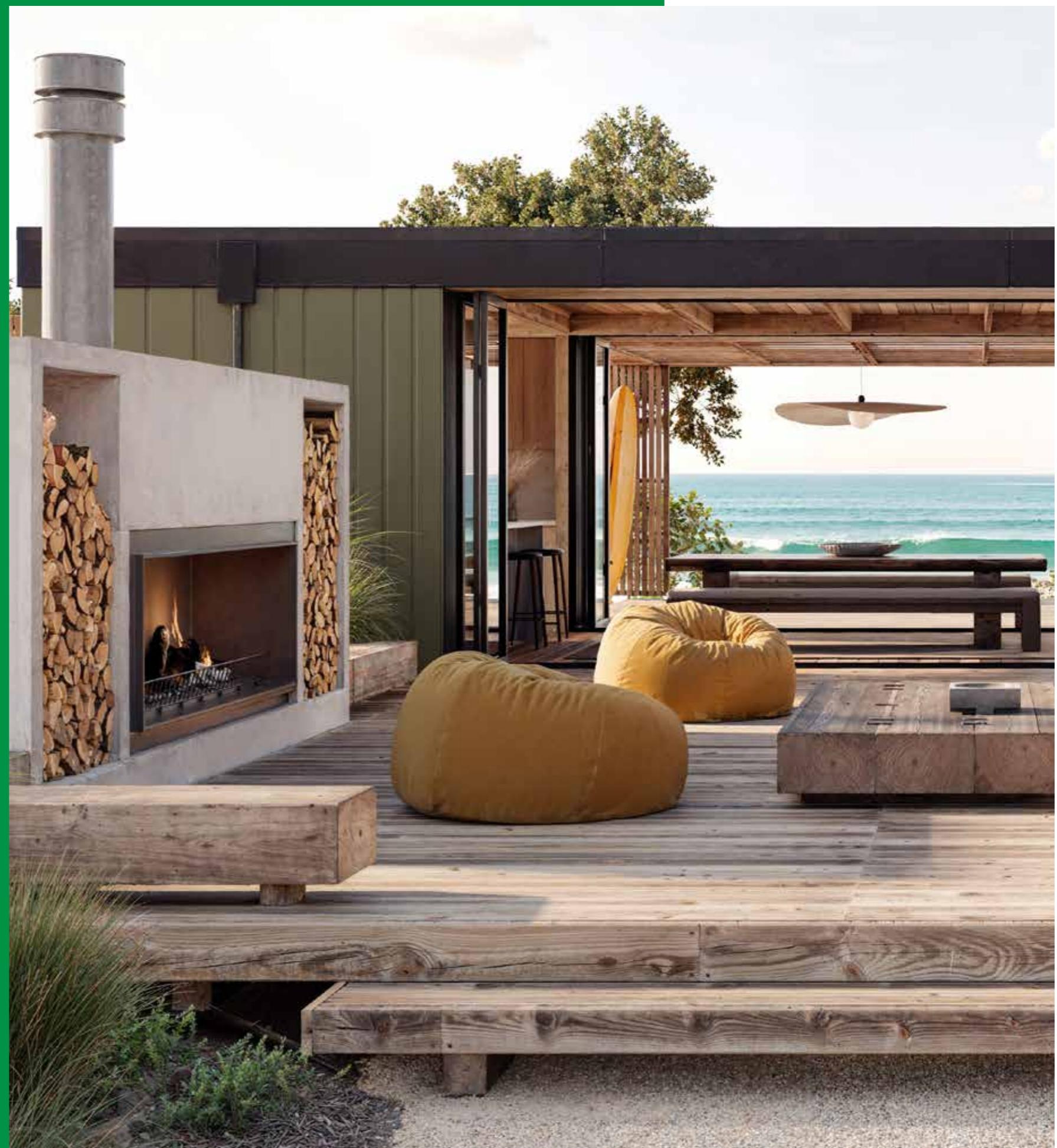
Smooth meets imperfection

Balance 'imperfect', hand-finished treatments with smooth surfaces for added urban sophistication.

04

Playful sun filters

Integrate slatted screen or mesh features to create playful shadows while enhancing both comfort and conviviality for semi-outdoor zones.





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Punga Cove



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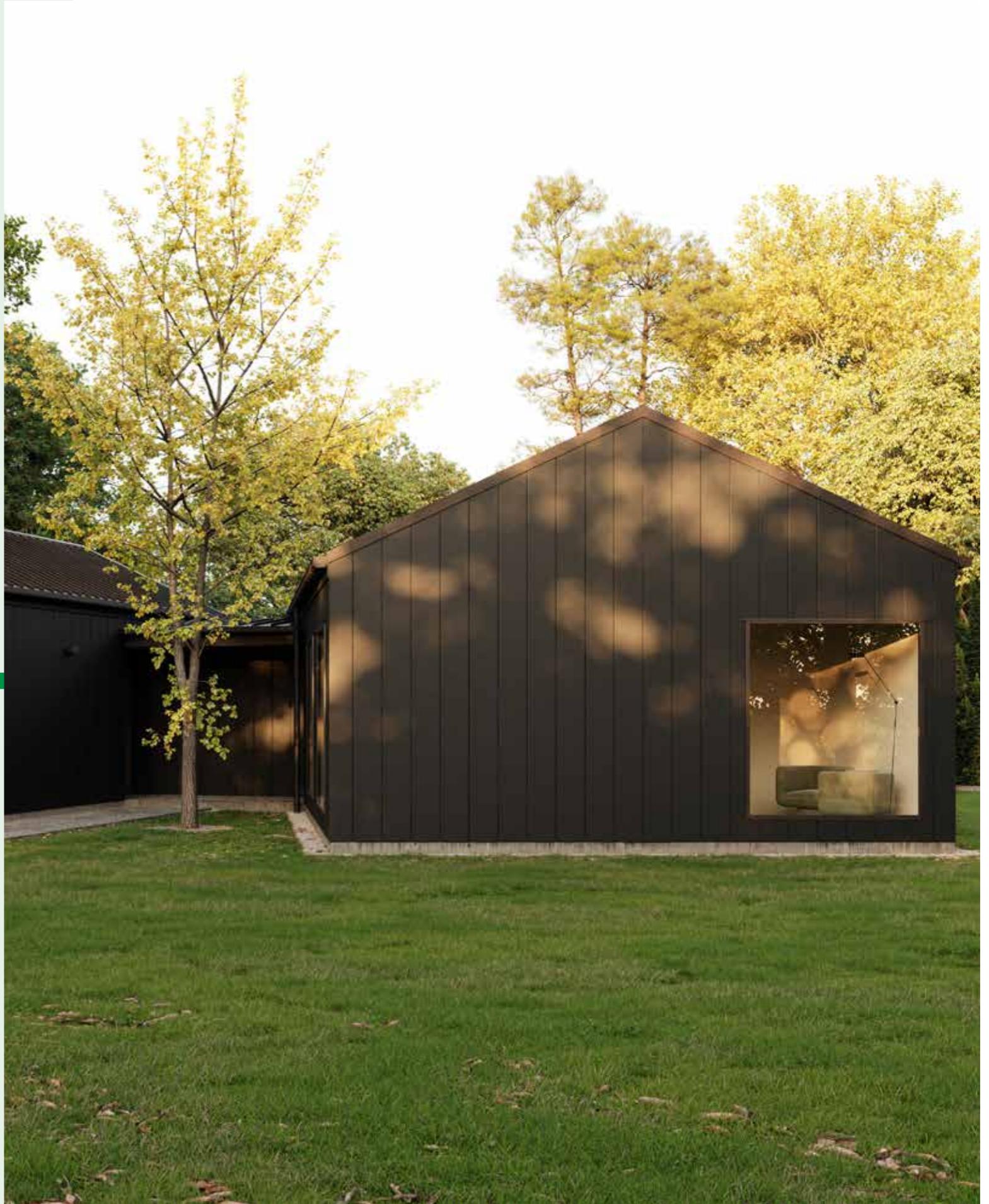
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Barn

Distinct. Immersive. Soothing.

The Barn style reimagines rural forms through a bold and expressive lens. Drawing from its simple, traditional silhouette, this evolution transforms the design through sculptural finishes and rich materiality.





Style Evolution

Barn is a growing style in 2026, evolving into an immersive, distinctive and soothing style. The Barn is refreshed with dramatic shape, natural light, and restorative palettes that evoke nature. The simple Barn form is elevated through intricate detailing, layered materiality, and deep tones, creating homes that are both bold and comforting. Nature is integrated in unexpected ways, and the look prioritises autonomy and a deeply restorative home environment.

About the Look



Strong form is blended with raw, grounded textures to create a space that is both bold and comforting. Barn's graphic silhouette is met with layered materiality, deep tones, and textural contrasts that evoke nature's beauty, while principles of passive design are thoughtfully integrated to add depth and a sense of quiet efficiency.

Dramatic rooflines, asymmetrical details, and expressive forms inject bold personality, while overlaid materiality and light create immersive, natural beauty. Effortless flow is achieved through strategic natural light, airflow, and smart, passive design, and simplified, graphic constructions ensure low upkeep and strong visual character while enabling comfort.

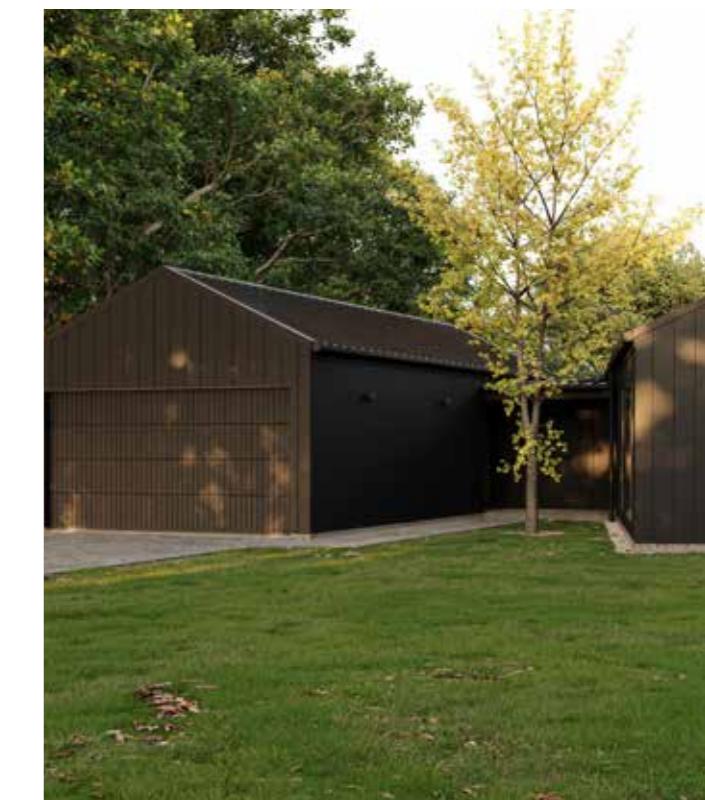
A palette of creamy whites and greens, gently layered with deep bark and soft pink, suggests a grounded yet expressive foundation. Raw, clay-like walls and wooden textures with bold green tile accents enable visual depth. The abundance of colours and textures, animated by dramatic light play, creates a space that is both comforting and sensorially profound.

Theme Insights

Creative Living: Barn's dramatic forms, layered textures, and expressive details invite personalisation and striking self-expression. The home becomes a canvas for creativity, blending rural inspiration with contemporary flair.

Multigenerational Living: Open floorplans and flexible zones support families living together across generations. Barn design balances communal gathering with private retreats, adapting to evolving household needs.

Autonomous Living: Combines bold form with practical efficiency, using passive strategies and enduring materials to create homes that care for their occupants. Barn is built to endure, offering self-sufficiency and peace of mind in changing conditions.





Style overview

Dramatic roofline

Elevated, high set gable roofs with a pitch of 35 to 45 degrees create a bold, graphic silhouette. This dramatic roofline evokes rural tradition while supporting passive design for natural light, airflow, and comfort.

Expressive eaves

Oversized or absent eaves add visual drama and shade to entrances and alfresco areas. This expressive detail enhances the Barn's striking form.

Layered materiality

Vertical or horizontal cladding, especially in the board and batten look, creates an artisan finish. Natural-look textures and add tactile depth to the facade.



Barn



/ Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete

Rectangular windows

Long, rectangular windows and sliding doors accentuate the dramatic height of the Barn, flooding interiors with natural light and framing views of the landscape for a strong connection to nature.

Interiors

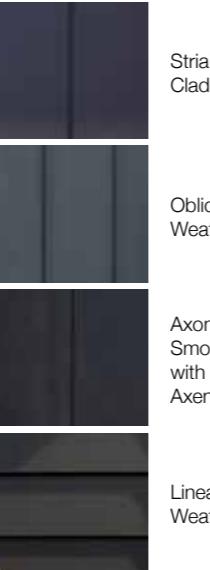
Interiors are uncluttered and comforting, with soft textures, natural-look materials, and simple barn doors. Layered finishes and organic colours create a sensorially rich, restorative environment.



Exterior Style

Barn

Recommended products

Stria™
CladdingOblique™
WeatherboardAxon™ Panel
Smooth
with Hardie™
Axent™ TrimLinea™
Weatherboard

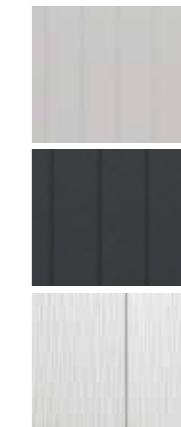
Recommended paint colours

Dulux®
CardronaDulux®
Kauri Cliffs HalfDulux®
Te ArohaDulux®
TaieriDulux® Colorsteel®
Pioneer RedDulux®
Lake HayesDulux®
Blackwood Bay

Interior Style

Barn

Recommended products

Hardie™
Groove LiningAxon™
Panel GroovedAxon™ Panel
Brushed
Concrete

Recommended paint colours

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CardronaDulux®
Kauri Cliffs HalfDulux®
DunedinDulux®
Mystery CreekDulux®
Te ArohaDulux®
TaieriDulux®
Lake Hayes

Practical Guidelines

01

Angular profiles

Consider bold, angular profiles to create architectural presence while supporting passive airflow and shading.

02

Integrate nature

Integrate nature into the built form with courtyards or expansive framed views.

03

Balance healing colours

Combine serene nurturing creams and pinks with deep browns and greens to build a deeply restorative home environment.

04

Emphasise textural contrasts

Layer smooth surfaces with rough and rustic textures like stone to transform minimal forms into an immersive, everyday sensory experience.



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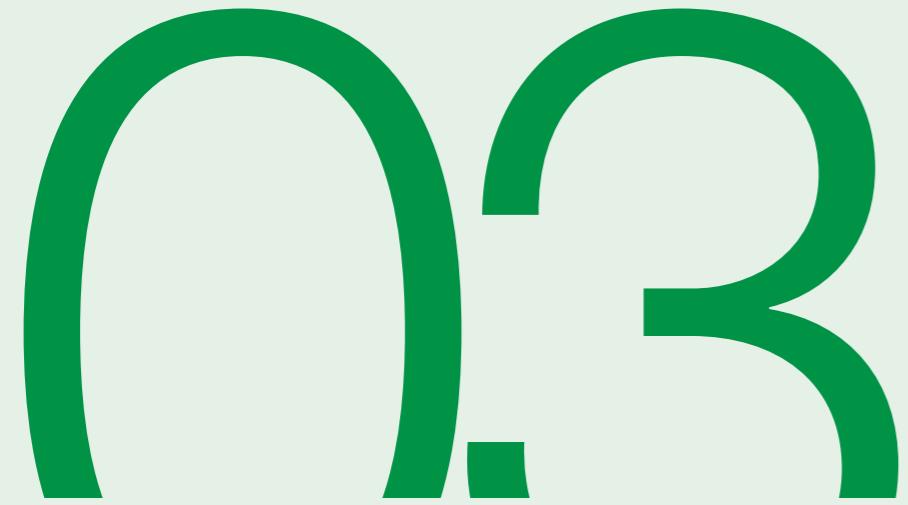
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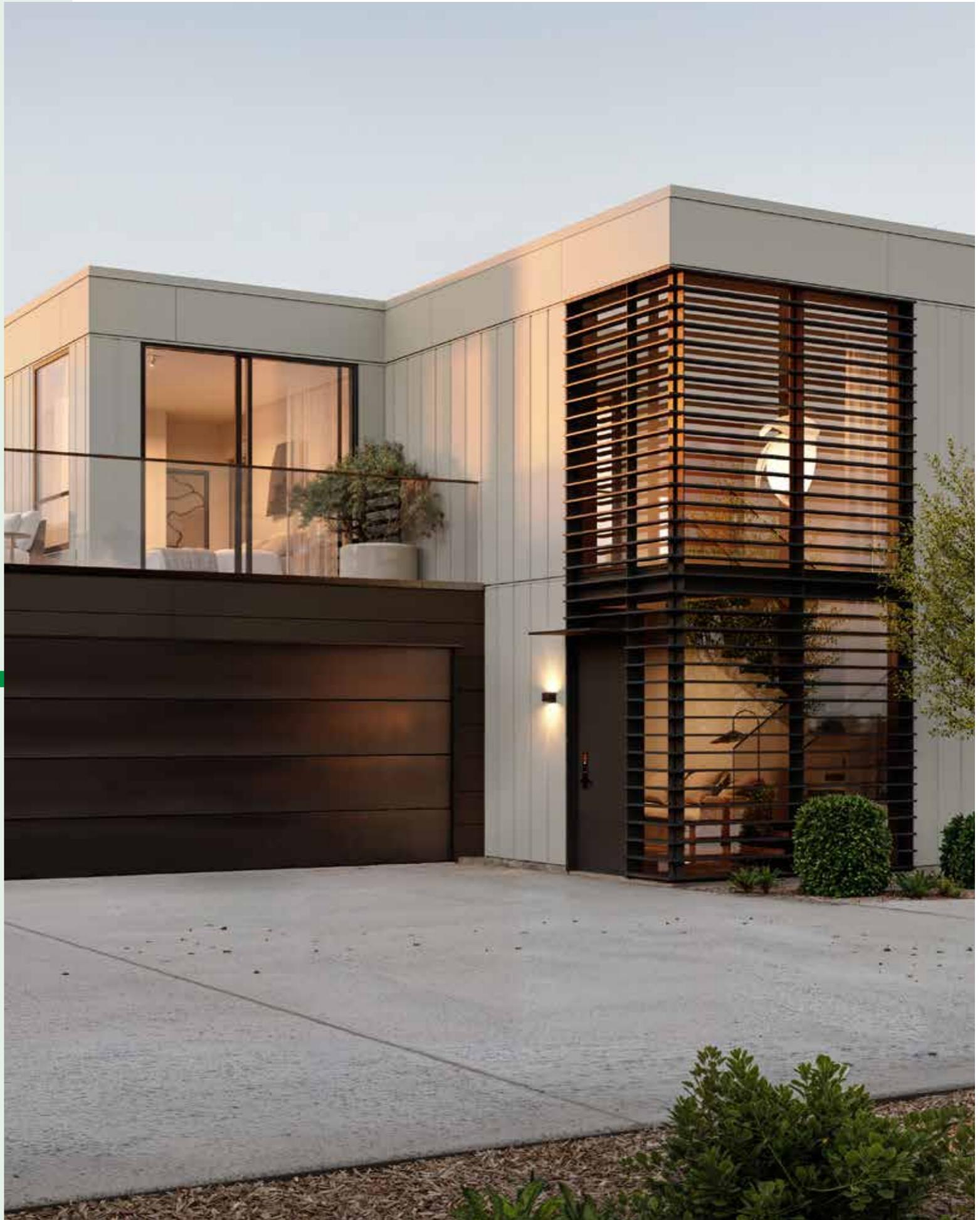
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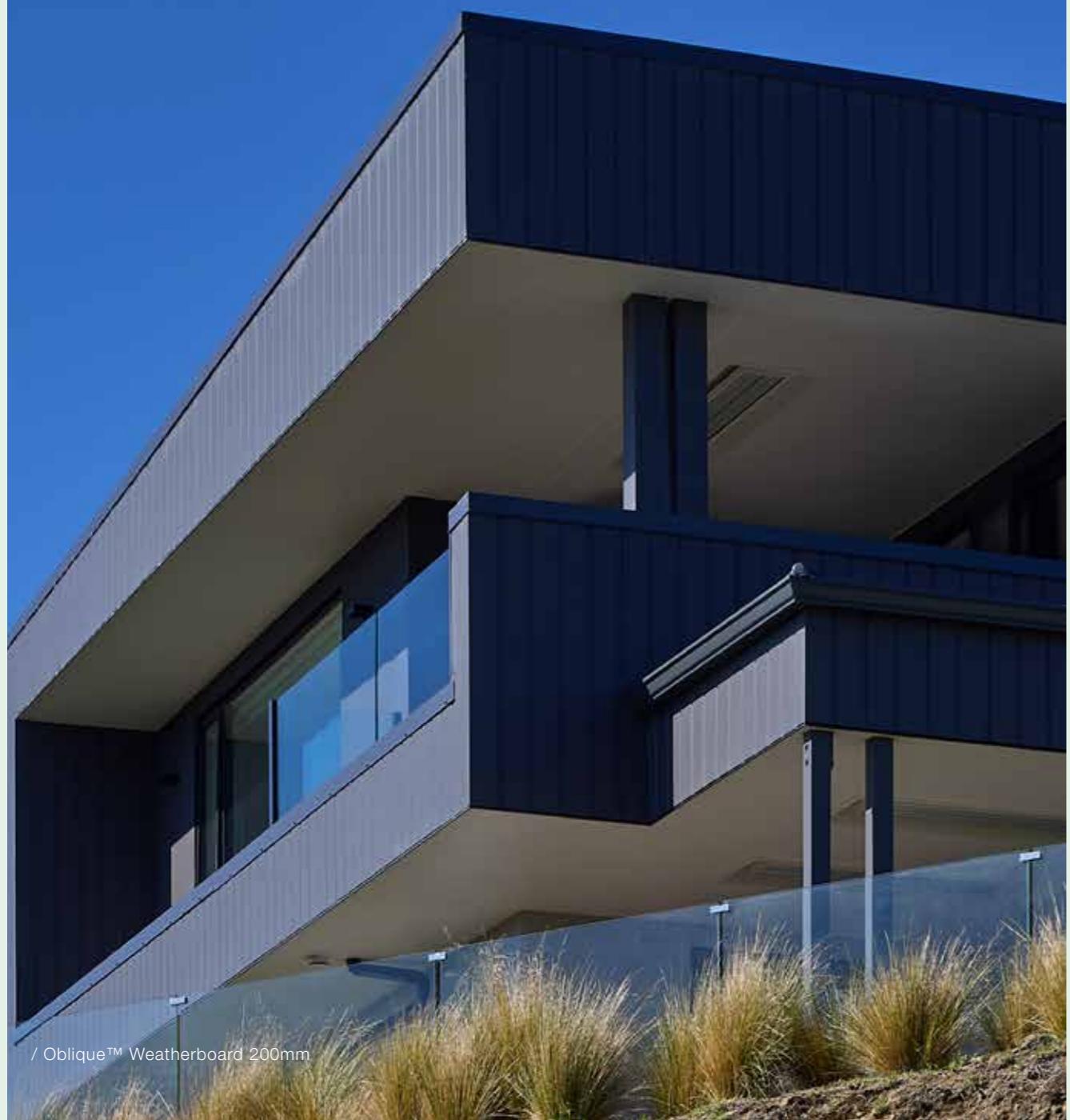
Box Modern

Dynamic. Purposeful. Bold.

Box Modern is a bold, smart style that celebrates creative ingenuity, design flexibility, and personal expression. Box Modern transforms simple cubic volumes into distinctive homes through smart layouts, purposeful materials, and pops of colour.



Box Modern



/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm

Style Evolution

Box Modern is maturing in 2026, evolving from simple, symmetrical forms into a more dynamic, purposeful style. Boxy forms are reimagined with bright colour combinations to reflect a more creative, lifestyle-led approach. Modular layouts and adaptable frameworks support evolving routines and multigenerational living. The style now prioritises flexibility, functional simplicity, and a blank canvas for creativity, with minimalist surfaces and agile design inviting experimentation and play.

About the Look



Functional simplicity is at the heart of Box Modern - pragmatic and restrained forms allow personality to stand out without visual clutter.

Clean architectural lines maximise flexibility, with open-plan spaces that support evolving routines and room functions. The home acts as a backdrop to creativity, where unique stories and interests are celebrated, and agile design invite experimentation and play.

A base of clean whites and cool neutrals provides a flexible backdrop for personal touches and seasonal updates. This minimalist canvas is punctuated by contrasting pops of colour ranging from bright reds to yellows and blues. Surfaces combine smooth render and matte finishes, balancing structural precision with softness and delight.

Box Modern offers a flexible foundation for self-expression. It is a blank slate where clean lines and adaptable structures meet bursts of colour, modularity, and personality. Minimalist architecture becomes a personalised statement, layering in creativity and joy as life evolves.

Theme Insights

Creative Living: Box Modern offers a minimalist canvas for experimentation, where modular forms and crisp lines become tools for imaginative living and evolving personal style. Pops of colour and tactile finishes turn the home into a creative playground.

Evolved Living: Box Modern focuses on agile spatial design and streamlined surfaces that adapt to changing routines, offering practical comfort without excess.

Multigenerational Living: Modular zoning and vertical stacking create distinct living areas, balancing autonomy and togetherness in multigenerational households. Upstairs-downstairs living, private retreats, and open-plan communal areas allow families to co-exist comfortably.



/ Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete



style overview

Flat roofline

Hidden flat roofs with parapet walls and sharp, well-defined edges create a strong outline and reinforce the style's modular, cubic character.

Defined exterior

Vertical or horizontal cladding or expressed panels create crisp lines to define the box shapes. Touches of other materials like timber or concrete add a unique flair.

Cubic volumes

Stacked boxes, offset angles, and boxed-in eaves create flexible zoning and a strong, uniform box effect, with oversized windows for light and connection.



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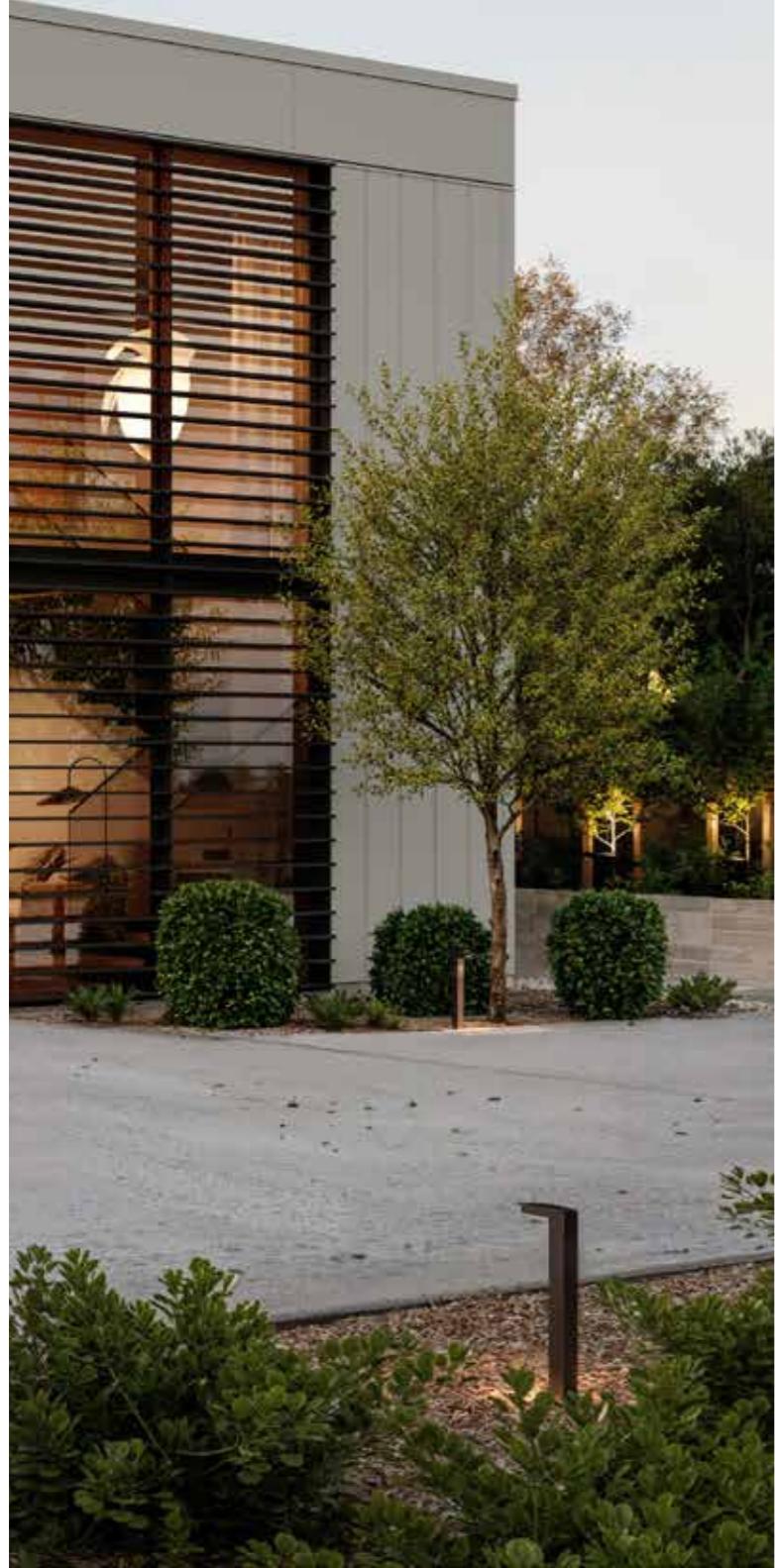


Neutral canvas with bold accents

A base of clean whites and cool neutrals is punctuated by intentional, contrasting pops of colour allowing for personal and seasonal updates.

Interiors

Open-plan layouts, flexible furniture arrangements, and smooth render or matte finishes create a tactile, adaptable environment. Playful storage and partitions support creativity and evolving routines.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



Oblique™ Weatherboard

Stria™ Cladding

Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete

Linea™ Weatherboard

Axon™ Panel Grooved

Recommended paint colours



Dulux® Ōkārito

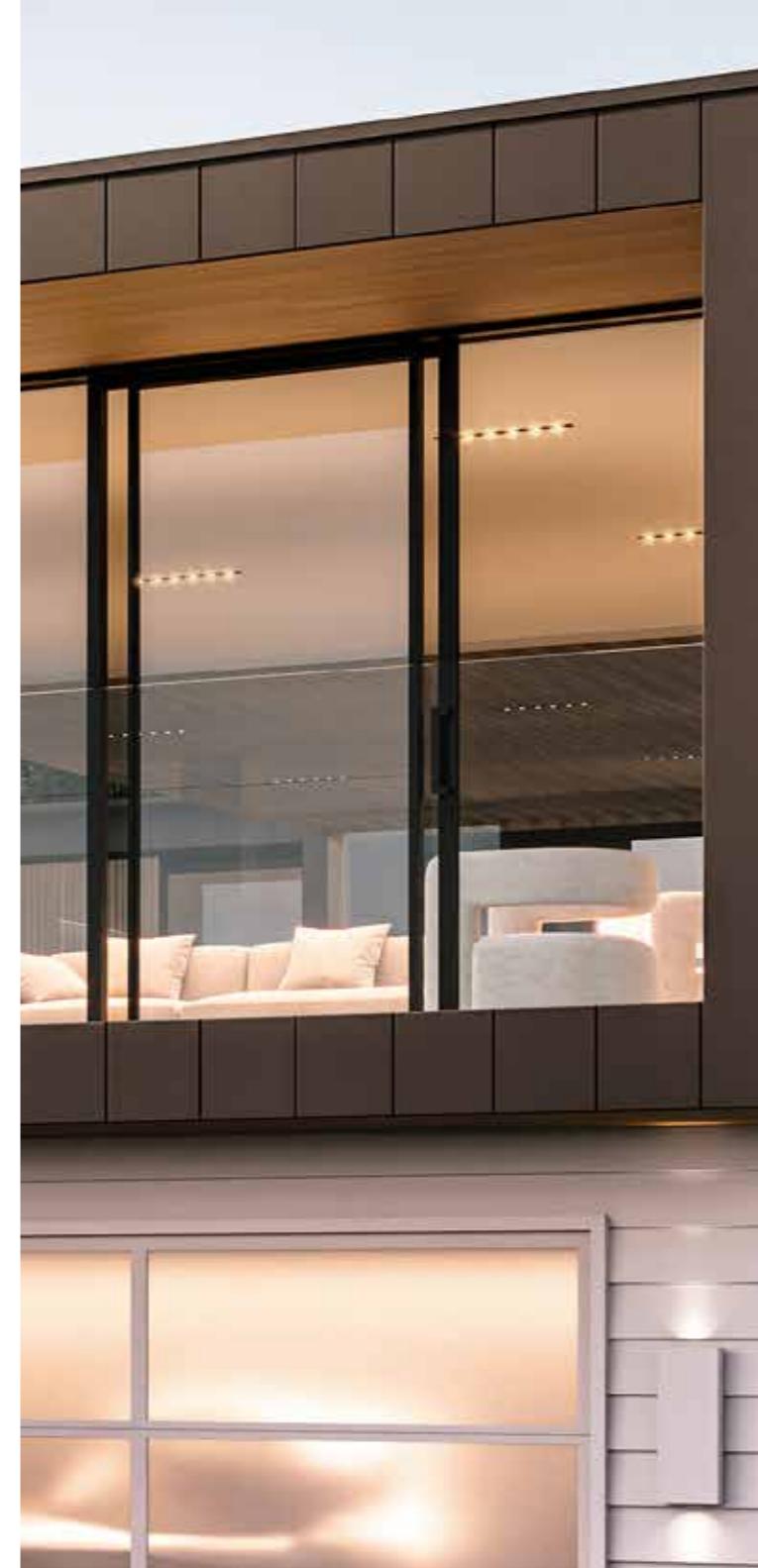
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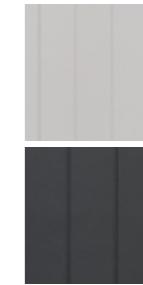
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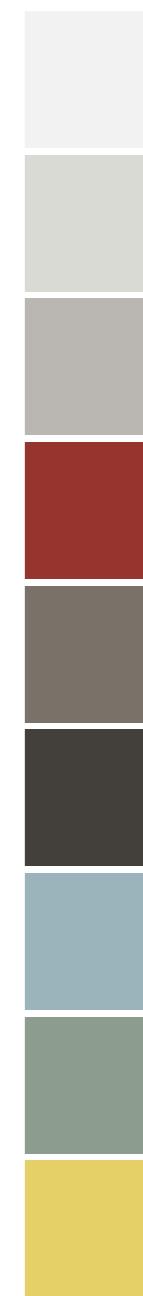
Recommended products



Hardie™ Groove Lining

Axon™ Panel Grooved

Recommended paint colours



Dulux® Ōkārito

Dulux® Manorburn

Dulux® Godley Head

Dulux® Red Jacks

Dulux® Norsewood

Dulux® Mt Inaccessible

Dulux® Lake Camp

Dulux® Remutaka Range

Dulux® Zalatown

Practical Guidelines

01

Embrace asymmetry

Consider stacked volumes with offset angles to allow smarter, more flexible zoning of rooms for different needs.

02

'Pop' windows or staircases

Incorporate statement windows and staircases, featuring distinct colours, shapes or materials for added flair.

03

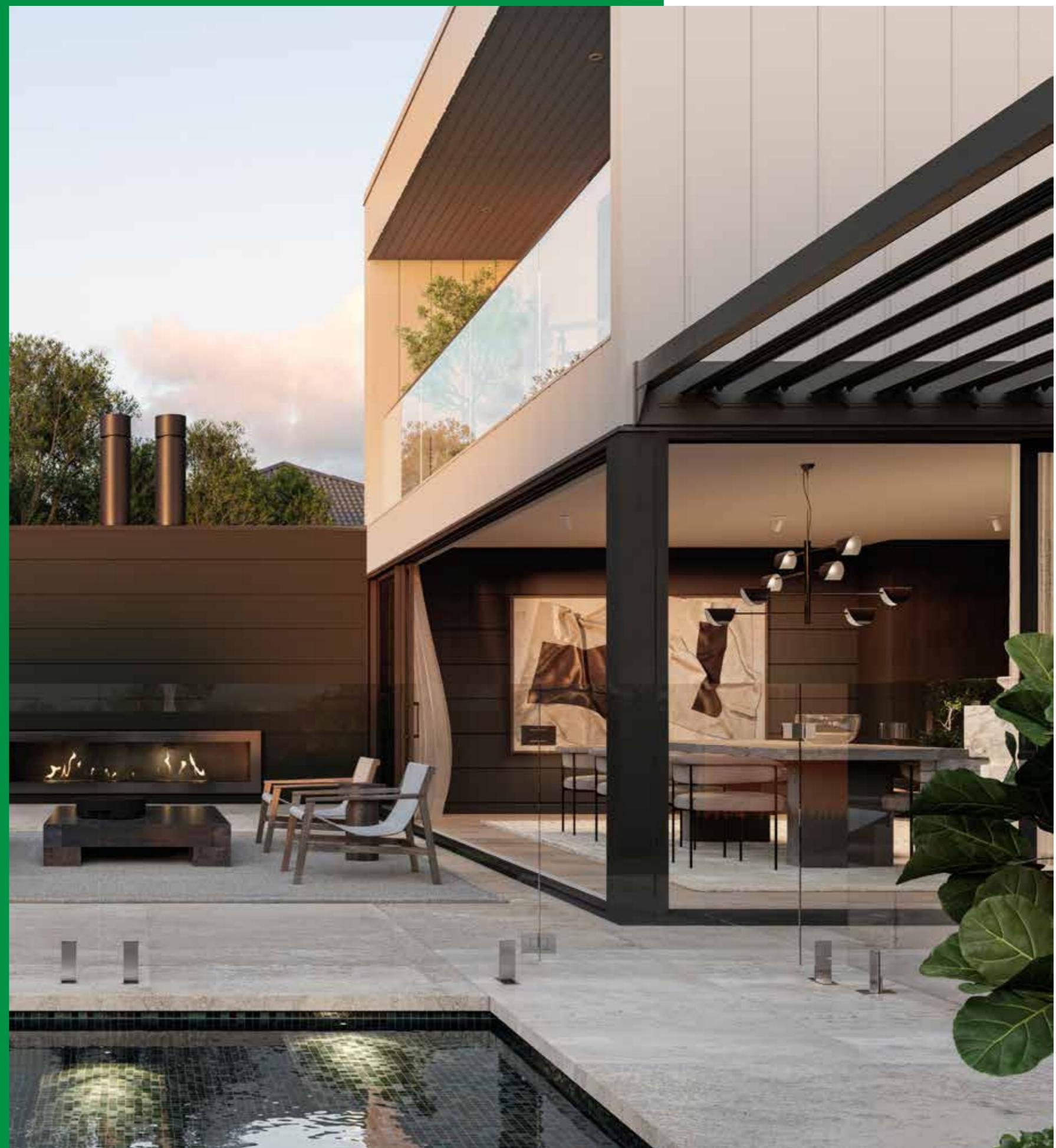
Neutral base

A base of crisp neutrals is essential as backdrop for intentional, bright-coloured punctuations in red, orange, green or blue.

04

Playful storage and partitions

Create smart features such as modular nooks, moveable walls, hidden storage and shelving that allow for flexibility without clutter.



/ Stria™ Cladding Fine Texture 325mm horizontal in Dulux® Mt Inaccessible and Oblique™ Weatherboard 300mm vertical in Dulux® Ōkārito

/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm



Dulux®
Ōkārito



/ Stria™ Cladding Smooth 405mm

/ Axon™ Panel Grooved Grained 133mm and Axon™ Panel Smooth with a rendered finish



04

Mid-Century Modern

Playful. Layered. Comforting.

Mid-Century Modern is a nostalgic classic, playfully reimagined for today's evolving lifestyles. The clarity of its architecture is enriched by layered finishes and lively colour accents, creating homes that feel both enduring and full of personality.



Style Evolution

Mid-Century Modern is maturing in 2026, evolving from its practical, timeless roots into a more layered and comforting direction. The look is refreshed with high-performance design and joyful maximalism, featuring bright colours, tactile finishes, and expressive geometry. Clean lines and smart layouts are softened with warmer tones, textured surfaces, and striking colour accents, creating homes that feel both timeless and full of personality.



About the Look



This look is defined by flexible rooflines and visible structures, with a mix of materials paying homage to the original homes of the era. Large floor-to-ceiling windows flood rooms with light and link the indoors with the outdoors, while interiors feature textured glass, breeze blocks, and natural stone in a monochromatic scheme, accented by pops of colour. Modular layouts and multifunctional nooks support changing lifestyles and spatial efficiency, while durable materials help homes stand the test of time.

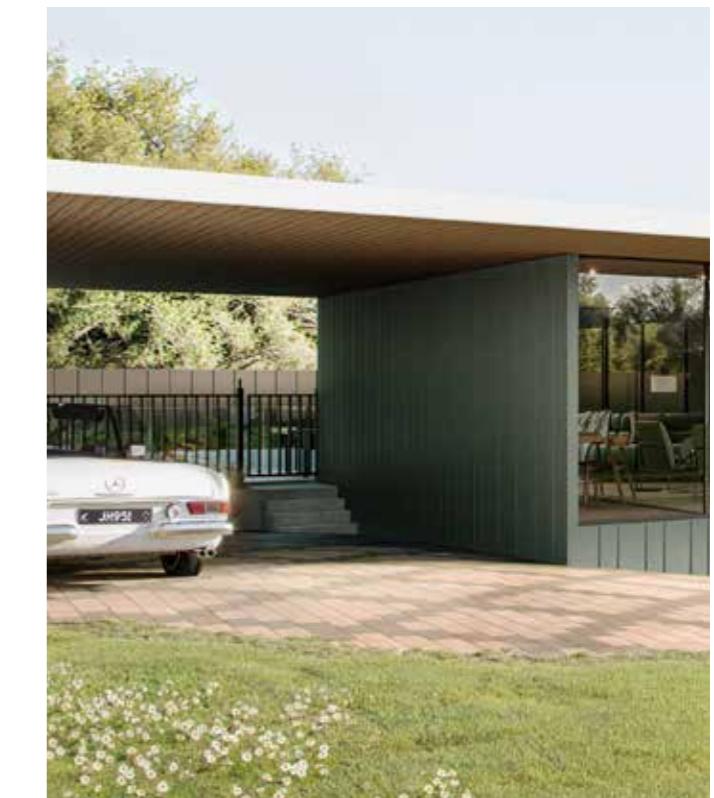
The silhouette features clean lines complemented by an energising colour story that injects optimism and personal expression.

The palette reinterprets Mid-Century optimism with pops of healing yellow, pop pink, and bright emerald to add energy, while grounding hues like wax paper and blue aura provide balance. Colour-blocking, patterned tiling, and lacquered finishes energise spaces, and textured materials add depth and a sense of story. The result is a comforting home that inspires creativity in the everyday, with a sense of optimism woven into every detail.

Theme Insights

Creative Living: Mid-Century Modern embraces retro-inspired creativity through expressive geometry and vibrant colour-blocking, turning nostalgia into a dynamic design language that sparks joy and individuality.

Evolved Living: With modular layouts and durable materials, Mid-Century Modern delivers high performance. It is a smart, design-led response to rising costs and changing lifestyle needs.





Style overview

Expressive roofline

Flat, skillion, or butterfly roofs are concealed behind parapet walls and feature wide, overhanging eaves. These pronounced rooflines define the home's silhouette and add playful character.

Structural expression

Exposed beams and columns showcase the building's framework, with detailed connectors adding visual interest. This structural clarity reinforces the style's geometric confidence and Mid-Century craftsmanship.

Layered materiality

Tactile warmth is created through a mix of materials from different textures and groove lines of cladding to touches of timber, stone, terrazzo and glass. This reflects the expressive layering of the style.

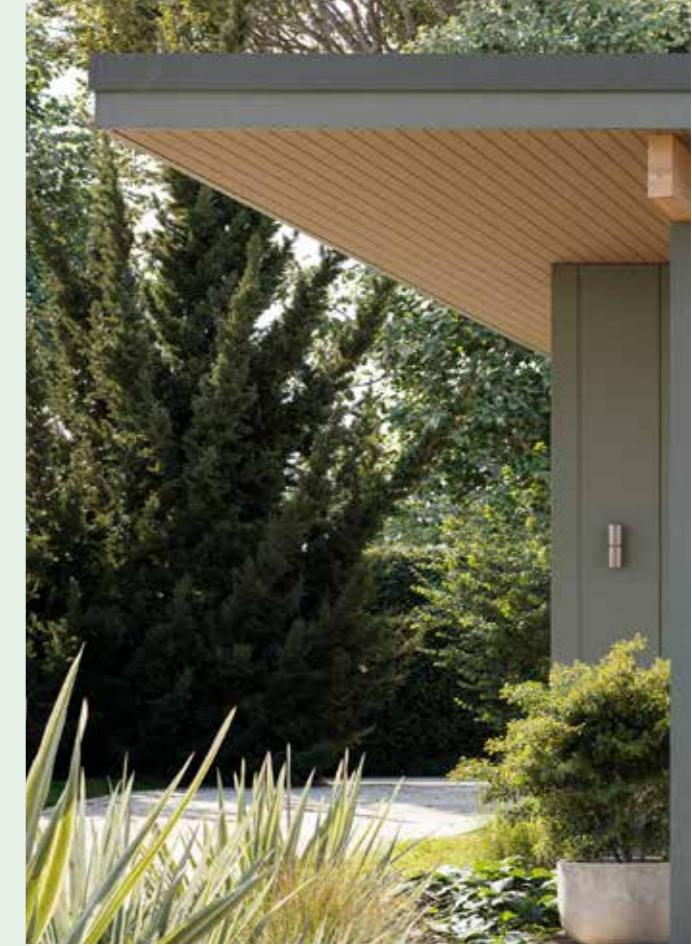


Light-filled openings

Large windows flood interiors with natural light and connect indoor and outdoor zones, reinforcing the style's open, optimistic character.

Interiors

Interiors feature breeze blocks, textured glass, and natural stone in monochromatic tones, accented by bold colour-blocking, patterned tiling, and retro-inspired palettes. Playful layouts and multifunctional nooks invite creativity and comfort.





Mid-Century Modern

Exterior Style

Recommended products



Recommended paint colours

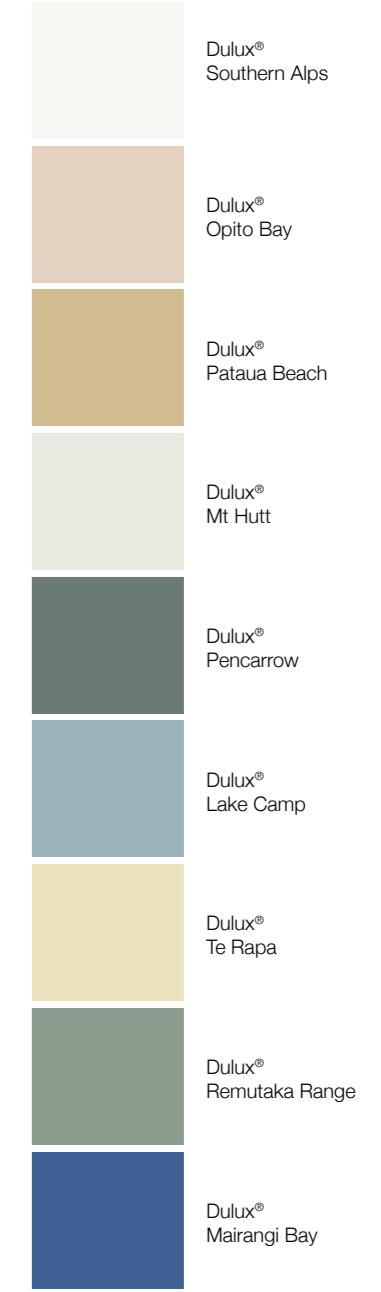


Interior Style

Recommended products



Recommended paint colours



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Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm

Mid-Century Modern

Practical Guidelines

01

Playful geometry

Classic Mid-Century lines and horizontal planes are met with vibrant pops of colour or patterns, balancing structure with creativity.

02

Colour-driven accents

Surface areas are highlighted with vibrant pinks, blues and emeralds, creating focal points that spark creativity and delight.

03

Expanded living spaces

Blend open-plan layouts with breezeways, glass panels, curtains or framed views to connect personal and shared spaces, interiors and nature seamlessly.

04

Personalised details

Celebrate story and craftsmanship through statement textures on surfaces and sculptural decor that elevate the home's personality.



/ Staggered Stria™ Cladding 405mm and Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm in Dulux® Pencarrow



/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200 and 300mm

Dulux®
Pencarrow



/ Stria™ Cladding Smooth 405mm and Linea™ Weatherboard 180mm



/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200 and 300mm



Modern Farmhouse

Resilient. Rooted. Nurturing.

Modern Farmhouse is a hybrid style that balances rustic familiarity with resilient design, offering a blueprint for shared, independent living. Multiple generations and diverse purposes converge in a home that is both grounded in charm and independence.





Modern Farmhouse is stabilising in 2026, evolving from cohesive, classic comfort into a resilient, rooted, and nurturing style. The style reimagines rustic warmth to include resource-smart, inclusive layouts and intuitive modern conveniences, creating homes that foster resilience across generations. Multiple dwelling volumes support independence and privacy, while forms are sharpened and streamlined for resource efficiency. Function and autonomy are brought into sharper focus, blending traditional charm with contemporary enhancements for shared, independent living.

/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm

About the Look



Open, pavilion-style layouts typically all on one single level offer ease and accessibility to support natural ventilation and flow between communal and private spaces. Durable materials and thoughtful details ensure lasting performance and ease of care, making the home resource-smart and resilient.

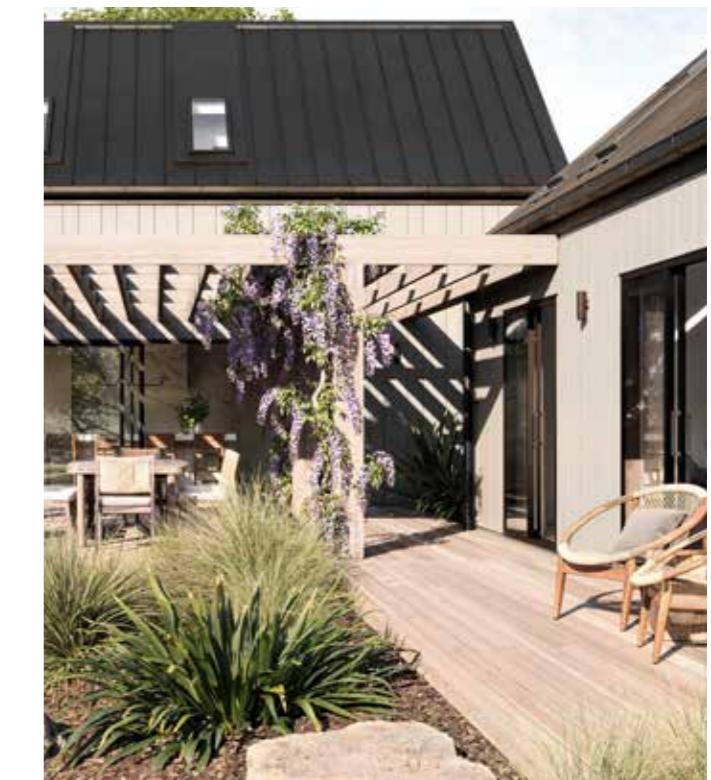
This look celebrates a grounded yet contemporary take on the farmhouse, where warm rusticity is balanced with purposeful calm. Natural light, earthen tones, and textural surfaces invite connection - both with nature and with each other - bringing rural charm into the present with updated intention.

Grounded hues of biscuit reds, deep greens, and weathered taupe define a natural, rural vernacular. Honest, almost-handmade textures and chunky forms convey simplicity and craftsmanship. Warm wood and soft surfaces balance calm with raw functionality, while expressive edges and grain-rich details celebrate enduring imperfection, durability, and the home's surrounding nature. The result is a farmhouse that feels both timeless and modern—inviting, nurturing, and built to last.

Theme Insights

Evolved Living: Modern Farmhouse grounds resilience in rural-inspired layouts and robust materials, delivering comfort and resource-smart living across generations.

Multigenerational Living: Rural charm is reimagined with separate dwellings and shared verandas, fostering independence and connection under one roof. The design balances connection and autonomy, allowing everyone to share resources while maintaining independence and privacy.





Style overview

Pavillion roofline

Multiple, interconnecting pavilions with A-shaped, hipped, or gable roofs create open, airy layouts and covered verandas. These expressive rooflines evoke a sense of rural tradition and often feature large eaves, which creates a distinctive “farmhouse” look.

Contrasting materials

Natural-look materials on the exterior, such as vertical joint cladding, are contrasted with black or metallic accents, such as window frames or lights, which add definition. It can also feature board and batten cladding for a perfect balance of old and new.

Natural colours

Grounded hues of biscuit reds, deep greens, and weathered taupe anchor the home in rural calm. Neutral tones showcase tactile surfaces and craftsmanship, creating a serene, inviting atmosphere.



Framed views

Large, square or rectangular windows flood interiors with natural light and frame views of the landscape. Signature black frames add a sleek, modern edge to the welcoming ambiance.

Interiors

Interiors blend traditional and modern furnishings in muted shades, with chunky forms, soft surfaces, and expressive edges. The result is a space that balances comfort, simplicity, and enduring character.





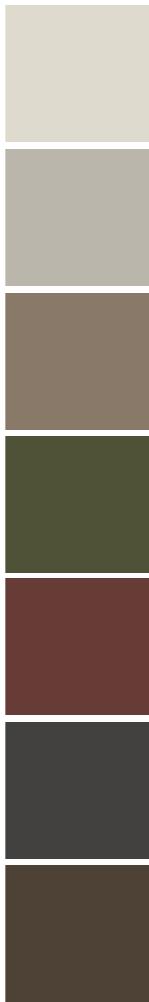
Exterior Style

Modern Farmhouse

Recommended products

Oblique™
WeatherboardAxon™ Panel
Smooth with Hardie™
Axent™ TrimStria™
CladdingLinea™
Weatherboard

Recommended paint colours

Dulux®
HaastDulux®
Midhirst HalfDulux®
Western SpringsDulux®
Mt StevensDulux®
Colorsteel® ScoriaDulux®
Colorsteel®
IronsandDulux®
Herald Island

Interior Style

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Recommended products

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Recommended paint colours

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Practical Guidelines

01

Distinct dwellings

Implement distinct dwellings as open, offset forms. These separate forms create spatial distinction, marking spaces for connection vs privacy, aligning with multigenerational needs.

02

Bring outdoor colours indoors

Incorporate earth-inspired browns and greens to root the space in nature while adding visual warmth and a sense of enduring tradition.

03

Celebrate honest textures

Embrace tactile irregularity in surface treatments, which highlights craftsmanship and celebrates longevity.

04

Incorporate weathered tones

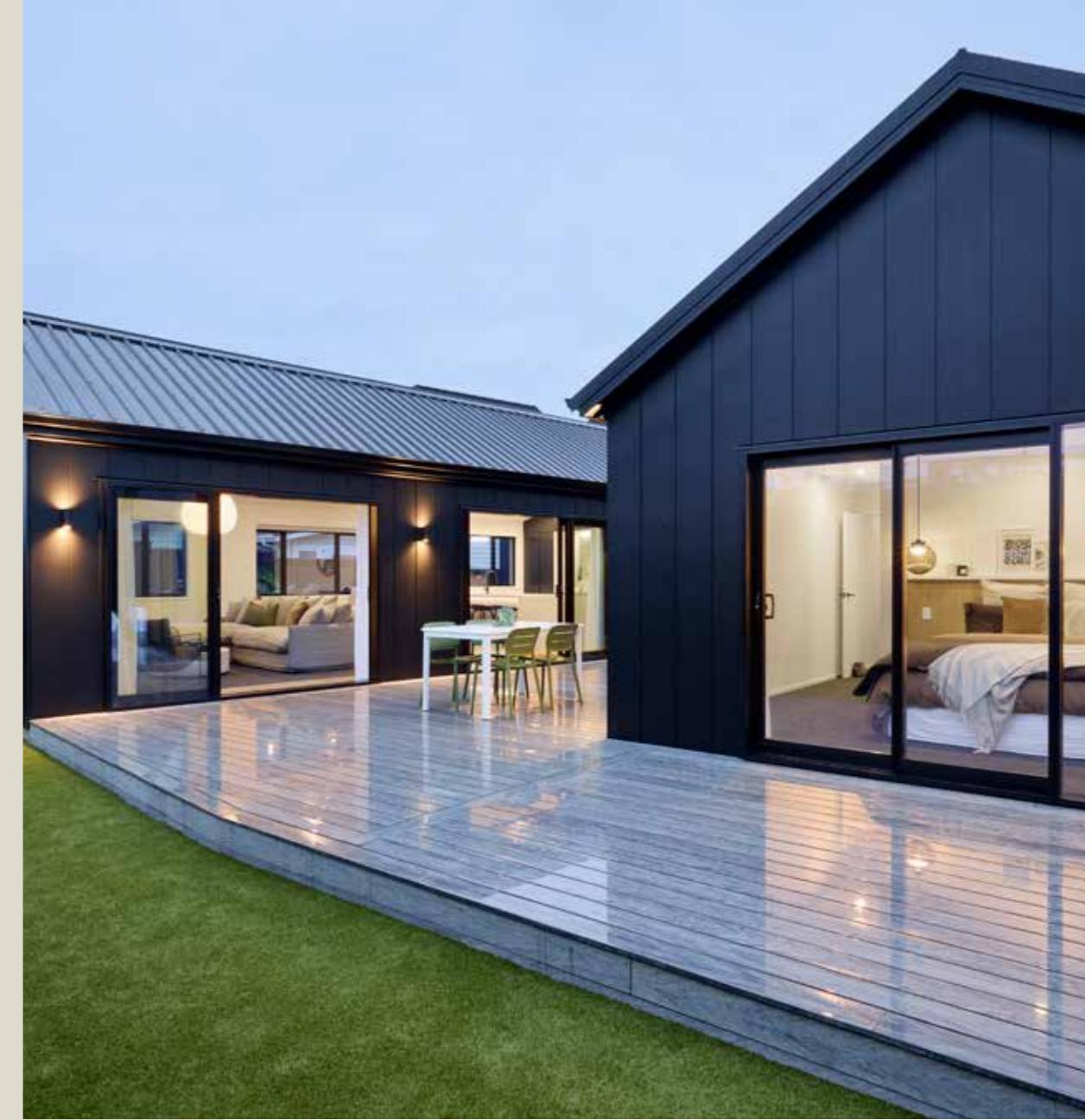
Finish surfaces with weathered tones to bring authenticity and durability, fostering connection to the land and reflecting resilient design.



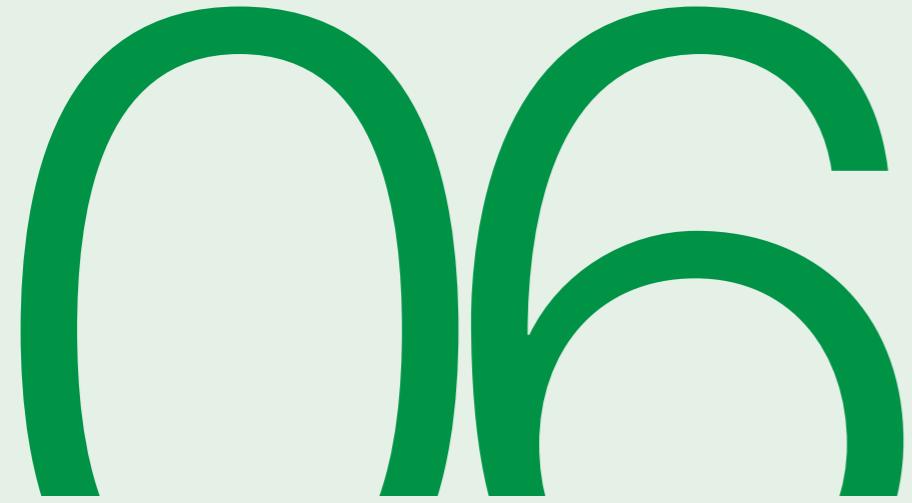
Oblique™ Weatherboard 200 and 300mm in Dulux® Haast



/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200 and 300mm



/ Stria™ Cladding Smooth 405mm



Japandi

Intelligent. Restrained. Calm.

Japandi is a style of quiet intelligence where simplicity meets precision, and every design choice is intentional. Evolving beyond calm minimalism, this look restores balance through clarity, flow, and care.





Style Evolution

Japandi is growing in 2026, moving beyond serene minimalism to become a style of quiet intelligence. Japandi prioritises smart layout and intuitive design, creating minimal, nature-integrated spaces that restore energy. Simplicity is now underpinned by thoughtful design choices and materials, with a focus on durability and adaptability. The style now emphasises clarity, flow, and care, blending natural warmth with architectural precision to foster restorative, intelligent homes that seamlessly connect daily rituals with nature.

About the Look



A sanctuary of grounded connection, Japandi merges natural warmth with architectural clarity, soft transitions, and purposeful design.

Nature is thoughtfully integrated to support wellbeing, while intuitive layouts respond to daily rhythms with ease. Multi-use zones and open circulation promote flexibility, while architectural elements regulate light, comfort, and privacy. Smart spatial planning and passive design principles, like deep eaves, natural ventilation, and strategic shading, help enhance energy efficiency.

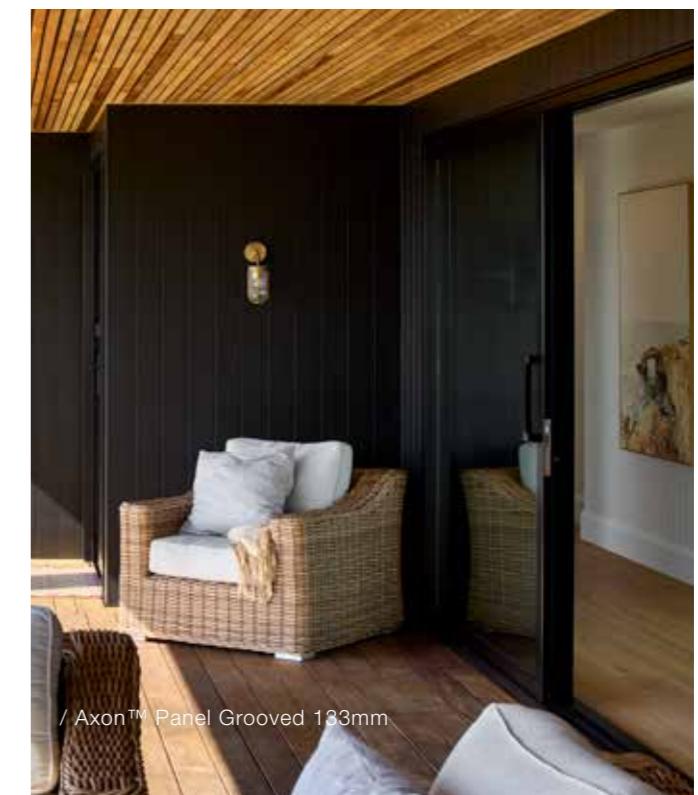
The palette is serene and earthy, with greys, greens, and warm tones reflecting a symbiotic relationship with nature. Materials are chosen for their longevity and tactile simplicity, creating a crafted harmony that feels both tranquil and enduring.

Theme Insights

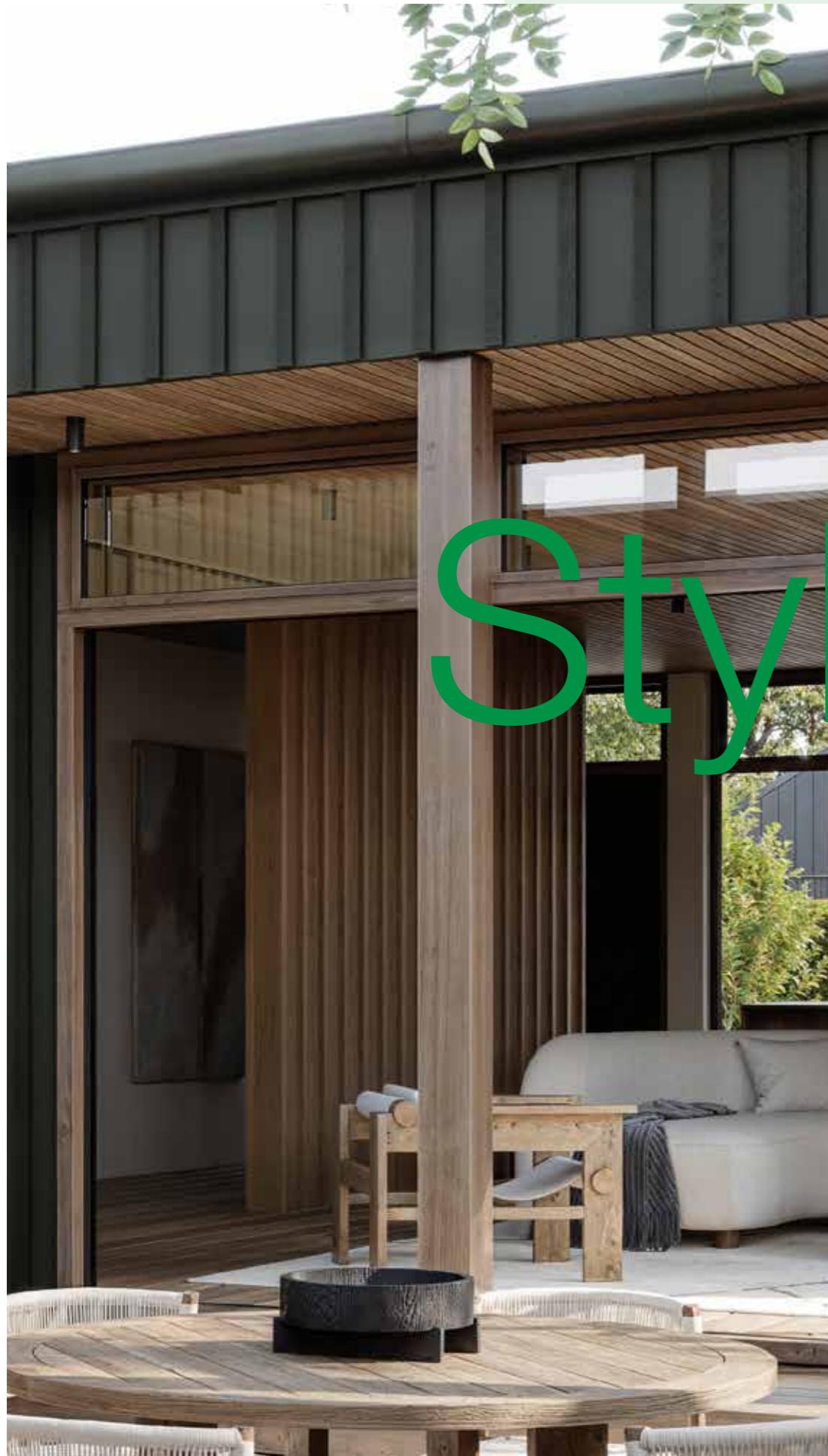
Evolved Living: Japandi prioritises thoughtful simplicity and long-term adaptability, where intuitive flow and passive design deliver high performance with quiet elegance.

Autonomous Living: With deep eaves, natural ventilation, and low-maintenance materials, Japandi empowers self-sufficiency. It's a style that quietly supports wellbeing and independence.

Creative Living: Japandi celebrates subtle mastery and personal care. Through crafted details, intuitive flow, and nature-driven design, it invites emotional connection and creative reflection in everyday rituals.



/ Axon™ Panel Grooved 133mm



Style overview

Refined minimalism

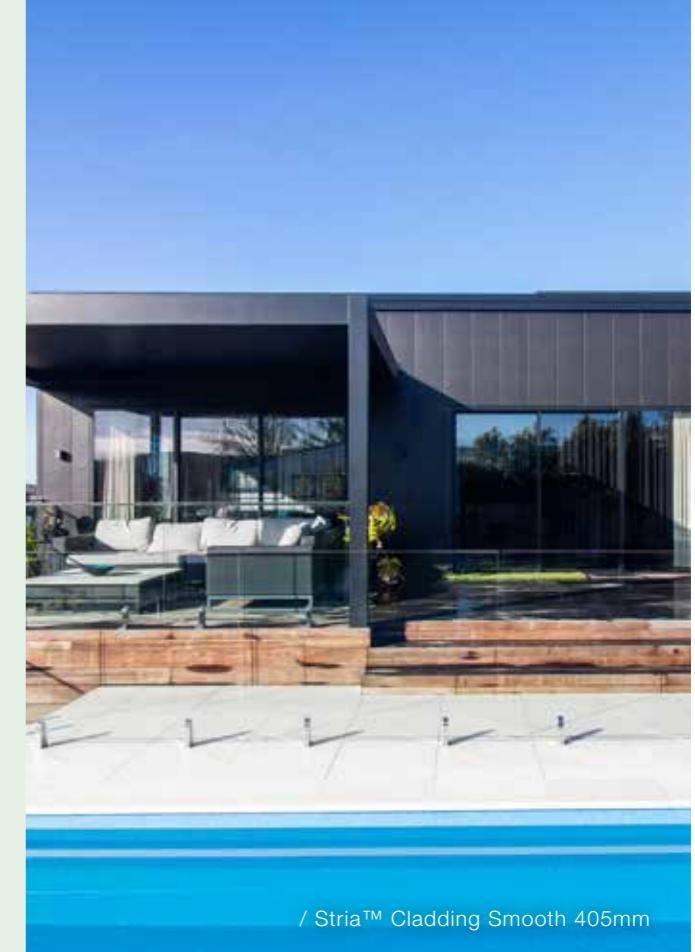
Simple, precise structures with clean lines and deep overhangs offer protection and clarity. Roofs can be flat, gabled, or hipped, and are designed to regulate light and comfort, supporting Japandi's calm, intelligent aesthetic.

Natural-look exterior

Facades feature natural-look materials in warm or moody tones, reflecting Japanese and Scandinavian influences. Textured finishes and subtle detailing foster a grounded connection with the surrounding environment.

Harmonious colour scheme

A serene palette of greys, greens, and warm wood tones creates visual harmony. Colours are chosen for their calming effect and tonal consistency, enhancing the home's sense of balance and longevity.



Indoor-outdoor flow

Design features like sliding screens, courtyards, and covered walkways blur boundaries between inside and out. These elements support daily rituals and restore wellbeing through gentle transitions and natural light.

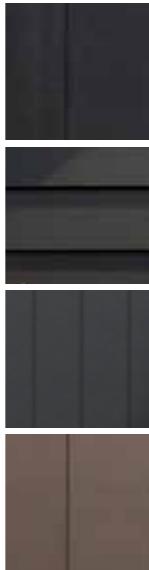
Interiors

Interiors are minimal yet warm, using natural materials, soft textures, and intuitive layouts. Multi-use zones and open circulation foster flow, while craftsmanship in the details reflects care and longevity.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



Axon™ Panel
Smooth with Hardie™
Axent™ Trim

Linea™
Weatherboard

Axon™
Panel Grooved

Stria™
Cladding

Recommended paint colours



Dulux®
Duvauchelle

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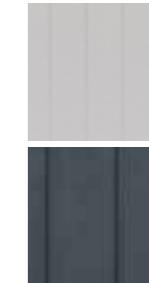
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Interior Style

Recommended products



Hardie™
Groove Lining

Oblique™
Weatherboard

Recommended paint colours



Dulux®
Duvauchelle

Dulux®
Kaikorai Valley

Dulux®
Lyttelton

Dulux®
Haast

Dulux®
Tapawera

Dulux®
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Practical Guidelines

01

Soft divisions

Sliding panels and wood slats softly divide spaces to support different needs while keeping openness and calm.

02

Wellness zones

Compact saunas, gardens and contemplation nooks offer daily escape and restorative reset.

03

Grounded greens

Nature-inspired neutrals and greens are key to fostering a sense of balance.

04

Rhythmic daylight

Strategically placed windows and sunroofs amplify natural light, subtly guiding daily activity and flow with restorative quality.



/ Axon™ Panel Smooth with Hardie™ Axent™ Trim 45mm in Dulux® Mt Stevens



/ Stria™ Cladding Smooth 405mm



/ Linea™ Weatherboard 180mm and Hardie™ Groove Lining



/ Stria™ Cladding Fine Texture 325mm

07

Modern Heritage

Enduring. Rich. Sensorial.

Modern Heritage is a rich, multi-dimensional aesthetic that blends heritage character at the front with sensorial richness at the back. Deeper tones and tactile materials elevate the home's historical soul with a contemporary edge, while an immersive layering of history, texture, and colour invites intimate family moments.



Modern Heritage

Style Evolution



Modern Heritage is stabilising in 2026, evolving into a richer aesthetic that integrates old-world charm with modern functionality, layering multi-sensorial detail and bold finishes. Deeper, more profound hues amplify the home's historical soul, while tactile materials and modern craftsmanship create warmth and comfort for all generations. The style now welcomes enveloping, tactile design and deep, calming colours, honouring history while embracing modernity.



About the Look



This is a home that honours its past while embracing modernity, offering comfort for all generations.

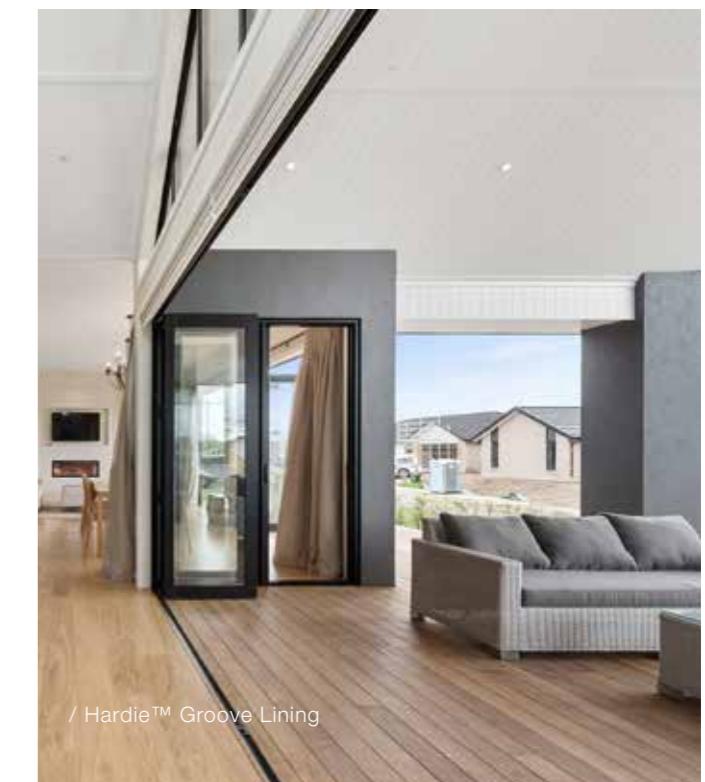
Original house details like masonry, arches, and timber panels are thoughtfully preserved, anchoring the home in timelessness. Framed glass panels and sliding screens allow spaces to shift fluidly between open, social zones and private retreats. Extensions are seamlessly integrated to the heritage structure, ensuring the home can evolve gracefully with future needs.

A palette that is grounded yet eye-catching features ginger reds, mulberry, and navy, with bright green accents for timeless appeal. Tactility is highlighted through grooved surfaces, brushed metal finishes, and the rich interplay of marble, tile, and natural-look materials. Large windows welcome sunlight, and rounded forms soften silhouettes, creating a strong sensory experience that restores, not overwhelms. Modern Heritage homes celebrate the interplay of old and new, layering comfort, character, and a sense of story into every detail.

Theme Insights

Multigenerational Living: Modern Heritage supports multigenerational living through adaptive extensions and layered zones. It balances privacy and connection, allowing families to evolve together while preserving the home's character.

Creative Living: This style celebrates expressive contrast fusing old structures with bold extensions. It invites storytelling through design, turning the home into a canvas of history and imagination.





Style overview

Flexible roof

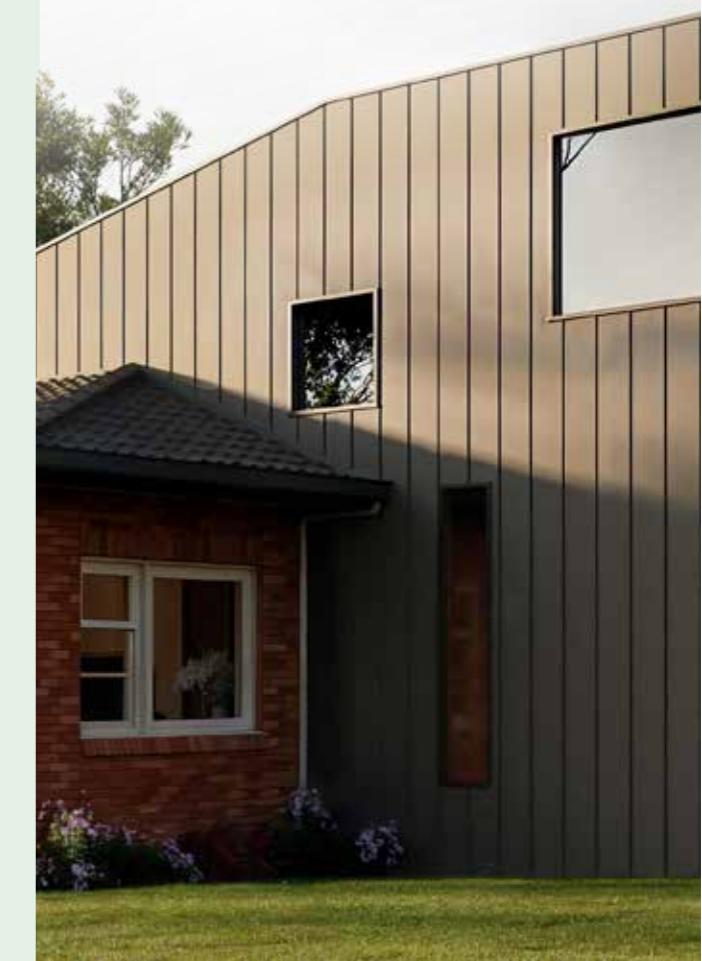
Roof designs either complement or contrast with the original structure, using matching flashings and bargeboards. Minimal trim preserves heritage features while allowing modern extensions to integrate seamlessly.

Dual exterior

Heritage facades are preserved, while extensions use modern cladding to create contrast. This duality allows the home to evolve while honouring its original character.

Statement junctions

Bold transitions through colour, form, or architectural detailing visually bridge the old and new structures. These junctions celebrate the home's layered story and create moments of expressive contrast.



Integrated outdoor zones

Large windows, sliding doors, and sheltered courtyards connect heritage interiors with modern outdoor zones. These layered spaces support family life and bring light into older layouts.



Interiors

Extensions feature simpler cornices and joinery, contrasting with heritage detailing. Coordinated furniture and finishes create harmony across eras, blending comfort, character, and contemporary function.



/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200 and 300mm

Exterior Style

Recommended products

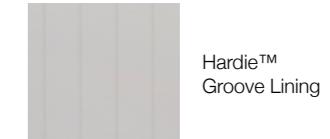


Recommended paint colours



Interior Style

Recommended products



Recommended paint colours



Practical Guidelines

01

Double-fronted personality

Heritage facades meet deep sensorial rears, fostering a home that embraces both its historical roots and contemporary evolution.

02

Statement transitions

Grand threshold moments such as arches, grand steps or colour-blocked hallways visually bridge zones of traditional influence and modern flair.

03

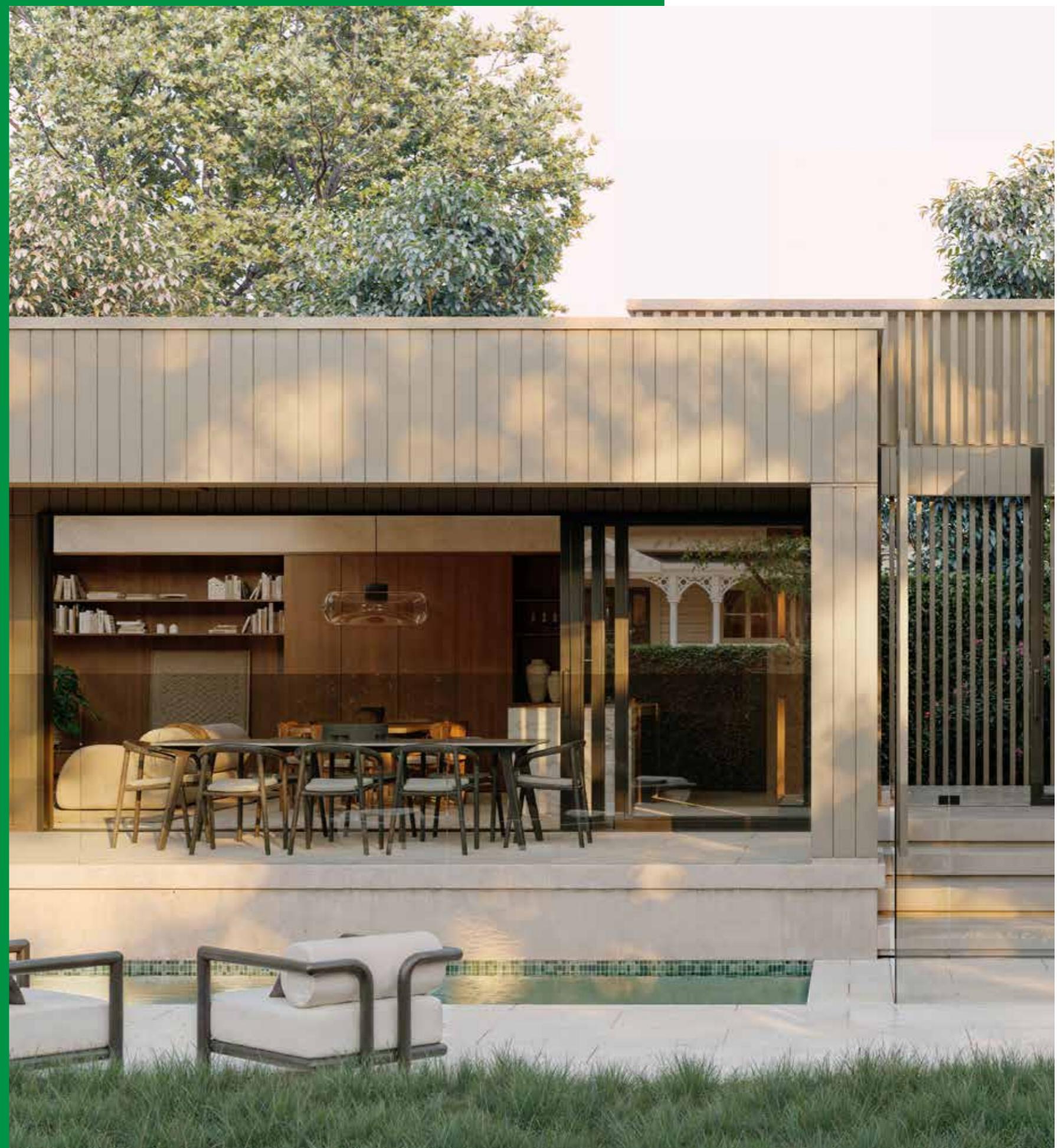
Adaptive extensions

Flexible additions or backyard expansions are crafted to evolve with family needs, allowing the dwelling to adapt without losing its inherent character.

04

Rich colours

Add depth to conventional palettes, with jewel-toned greens, reds and mulberry in unexpected areas.



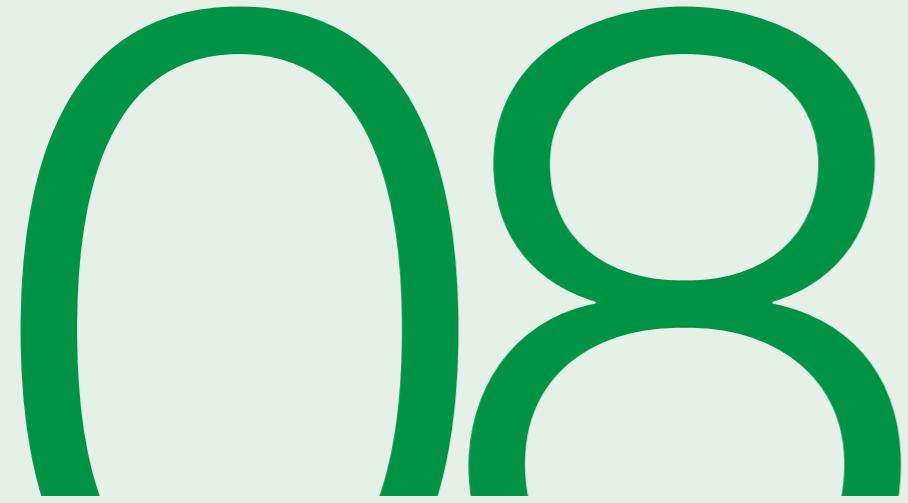
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Modern Classic

Grand. Approachable. Harmonious.

Modern Classic is a reimagining of classic European elegance, balancing timeless architectural symmetry with more approachable detailing. It softens grandeur with warmth, outdoor connection, and quiet opulence, all crafted for today's functional, flexible, and multigenerational lifestyle.



Modern Classic



Style Evolution

Modern Classic is growing in 2026, evolving from elegant, warm, and whimsical forms. The design extends its timeless elegance through functional simplicity and purposeful layouts, balancing classic European symmetry with more approachable detailing. It expands indoor-outdoor flow to create more harmonious spaces that foster both shared connections and personal solace for multigenerational living.

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About the Look



Prioritising tranquillity and ease, Modern Classic weaves minimalist outlines with seamless indoor-outdoor connection. Textured materials bring soft, practical elegance to classical forms. Designs seamlessly connect shared, private and outdoor spaces to support both harmonious multigenerational living. Smooth connections from indoors to outdoor spaces, such as terraces or a pool area, combined with integrated biophilic elements enhance emotional wellbeing. Accessible and intentional layouts prioritise movement, ease, and enjoyment across all life stages.

A serene palette of muted creams, botanic greens, and grounding earth tones establishes a warm, resort-like elegance with enduring appeal. Tactile surfaces create visual depth, while traditional forms such as arches and trims are re-envisioned with calm, contemporary colours. The result is seamless living spaces that foster both shared connections and privacy, allowing different generations to live together comfortably.

Theme Insights

Multigenerational Living: Modern Classic combines refined design with effortless approachability. Its intuitive layouts, softened transitions, and integrated outdoor zones foster togetherness while respecting individual rhythms.

Creative Living: This style reinterprets European grandeur with sculptural restraint and biophilic grace. Through botanical accents and tactile finishes, it invites emotional ease and quiet self-expression.

Evolved Living: Modern Classic delivers enduring value through purposeful simplicity and serene materiality. It balances timeless form with contemporary function, offering homes that feel elevated yet approachable—ready to adapt across life stages.





Style overview

Contemporary apertures

Doorways and windows in black steel add sculptural interest to textured exterior walls. These elements reimagine classical forms with a minimalist, contemporary edge.

Neutral colours

A palette of muted creams, botanic greens, and grounding earth tones creates a warm, resort-like atmosphere. Two-tone schemes enhance the calm, timeless appeal.

Integrated biophilia

Potted plants, hedging, and green walls are thoughtfully integrated into terraces, patios, and balconies. These elements enhance wellbeing and connect the home to its surroundings.



Indoor outdoor connection

Outdoor spaces feature expansive courtyards, terraces, pools and patios. Accessible and intentional layouts ensure enjoyment and ease, perfect for entertaining all year round.

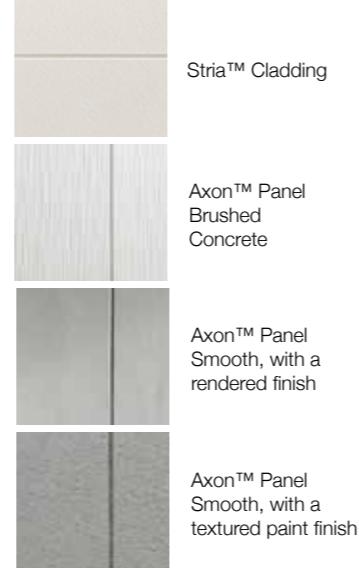
Interiors

Interiors feature curvatures, natural light, neutral-coloured and textured materials and simple shapes. Interiors feature soft curves, natural light, and tactile materials in neutral tones. Seamless transitions and accessible layouts support comfort, movement, and multigenerational living.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



Recommended paint colours



Interior Style

Recommended products



Recommended paint colours



Practical Guidelines

01

Fluid layouts

Create seamless indoor-outdoor access through large openings and sliding glass doors, encouraging natural light and easy breeze.

02

Accessible design elements

Design for accessibility by incorporating wider corridors, step-free access and generous circulation for ease and movement across generations.

03

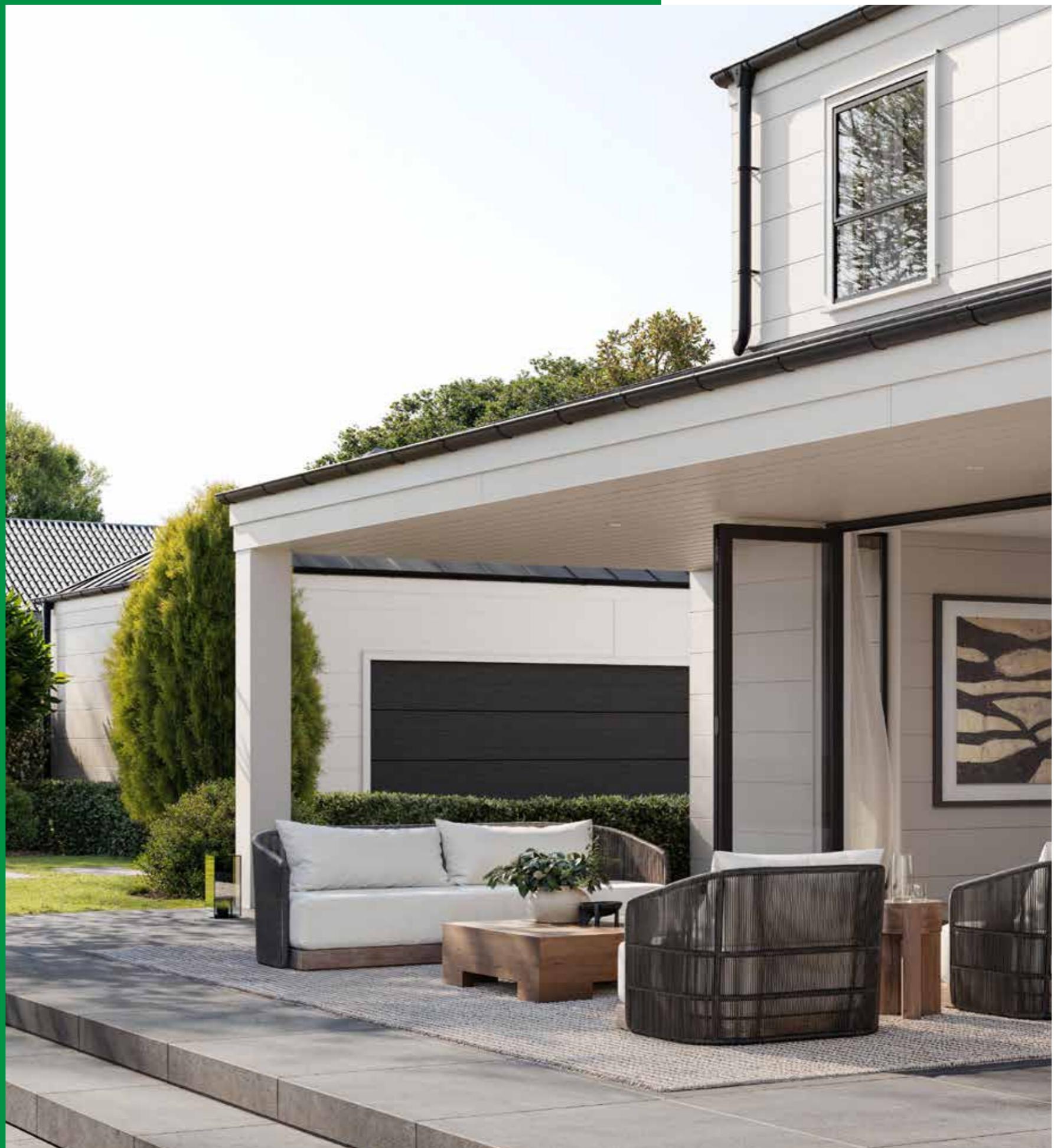
Earthy materiality

Use calming neutrals and green hues as grounding tones, paired with organic materials such as wooden panels and soft textiles for a warmer, classical feel.

04

Textured finishes

Opt for refined, tactile surfaces such as soft ribbed detailing, fluted panel or gentle undulating textures for quiet depth.





/ Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete and Axon™ Panel Grooved 133mm

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/ Axon™ Panel Smooth, with a rendered finish and
Axon™ Panel Grooved Grained 133mm



/ Linea™ Weatherboard and Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete



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Linea™ Weatherboard

From classic cottages to modern masterpieces.

Made to withstand our harsh environments, including coastal conditions, Linea™ Weatherboard is both tough and beautiful. The durability, low maintenance and design flexibility sets this product apart from its weatherboard alternatives.

From villas to baches, New Zealander's love affair with weatherboard can be seen in many of our historic building designs. An obvious choice for restoring older buildings, the clean horizontal lines of Linea™ Weatherboard also work beautifully with the expansive surfaces and spaces of contemporary architecture.

Linea™ Weatherboard can be used to create colourful feature walls, full cladding for new builds and cladding for additions and renovations.

Your home can have the distinctive features and charm of weatherboard with all the benefits of Hardie™ fibre cement. The boards are pre-primed to hold paint longer and you can take your pick of exterior finishes, including modern dark paint colours. With minimal maintenance such as periodic wash downs, you can keep your home looking great for many years to come.

/ Linea™ Weatherboard 150mm



Profiles

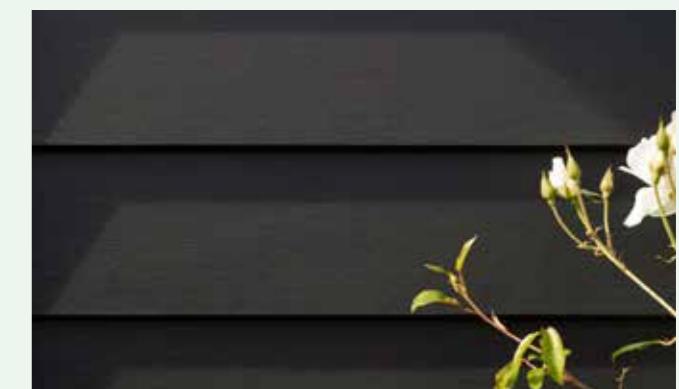
150mm wide

Ideal for smaller homes, this width ensures you get the accentuated design shadows you're after within the space.



180mm wide

Larger walls suit the larger board size, giving you stylish, deep shadow lines and impressive external feature walls and contemporary scale walls.



Corner options



Corner Soaker

Use a corner soaker to achieve a modern, angular, sleek corner to your design. Aluminium corner soakers come ready to paint or you can add further definition to your design with stainless steel or copper corner soakers.



Slimline Box Corner

The slimline box corner is achieved using an aluminium box corner profile. The slimmer profile gives you the traditional box corner design with a modern twist. Ready for paint, match your cladding colour for a classic look or contrast colours for design impact.



Hardie™ Axent™ Trim

Hardie™ Axent™ Trim made from fibre cement, is an easy way to create the classic feature corners often seen on traditional New Zealand homes. The 19mm thickness helps create the impression of solidness, and it's crisp, clean edges highlight frames and openings. With performance benefits that match your cladding, Hardie™ Axent™ Trim is resistant to fire, rot resistant, resistant to damage from moisture, and can be painted in a wide variety of colours.

Oblique™ Weatherboard

A modern classic.

Embrace design diversity with Oblique™ Weatherboard, choose to personalise your home using a blend of colours and lines. Find inspiration in the different elements Oblique™ Weatherboard brings to external walls for dynamic and unique building facades that really stand out.

Oblique™ Weatherboard comes in two widths and can be used in both horizontal and vertical applications enabling you to create a range of different looks and designs.

Oblique™ Weatherboard can be used to create colourful feature walls, full cladding for new builds, cladding for additions and renovations and internal feature walls. It is lightweight and durable, making it ideal for overhangs, protective cantilevers and other striking architectural features.

Oblique™ Weatherboard gives you classic and contemporary design solutions at your fingertips, all with the added benefits of Hardie™ fibre cement.

/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm



Profiles



200mm wide

This width captures that timeless, classic charm of the rusticated weatherboard look. It's also an ideal way to make smaller wall spaces look larger.



300mm wide

For a modern twist of a classic profile, use the 300mm wide weatherboard. Ideal for larger walls, it creates a look that's confident and contemporary.



Combination

Try combining the 200 and 300mm widths vertically to create an architectural look that's modern and unique.

Corner options

Aluminium Trim

Use the aluminium trim to achieve a sleek modern corner. The trim comes ready to paint, allowing you to create an almost seamless finish to your final design.



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Stria™ Cladding

Ultra sleek and modern.

Stria™ Cladding is an option that plays with definitive lines and shadows to instantly transform home designs into an extension of your own personal style.

Find inspiration in the versatile elements Stria™ Cladding brings to external walls for dynamic and unique residential and commercial facades that really stand out. Stria™ Cladding has distinctive deep grooved lines and can be laid horizontally or vertically, introducing an interesting design feature to the walls of your home.

Imagine a house that's completely wrapped in Stria™ Cladding where every wall is different, where it's not just the wall style but the colour being changed, and you'll start to see the playful element it brings to your design.

It can be used to create colourful feature walls, full cladding for new builds, cladding for additions and renovations and internal feature walls. Stria™ Cladding is lightweight and durable, making it ideal for overhangs, protective cantilevers and other striking architectural features.

/ Stria™ Cladding Smooth 405mm



SMOOTH Profiles



325mm wide

The narrower lines of the 325mm profile establish a look of modern simplicity and are a great way to make smaller walls appear larger.

405mm wide

The modern architectural style of the 405mm panel brings a bold statement to any design. The perfect solution for large scale walls.

Combination

Stria™ Cladding Smooth features a 15mm wide square-shaped groove and is available in two profiles. Try combining the 325 and 405mm widths vertically to create an architectural look that's modern and unique.

TEXTURED Profile

NEW Stria™ Cladding Fine Texture

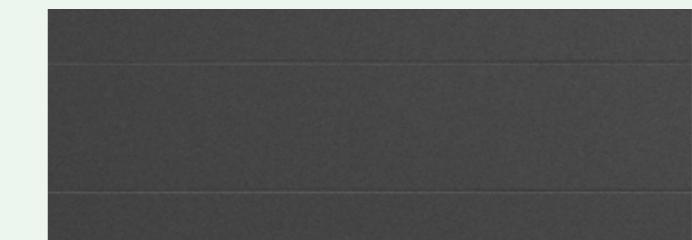
325mm wide

An extension of our popular Stria™ Cladding range. This new profile features a sharp v-groove combined with an embedded fine texture for a robust look and feel.



Horizontal

Installed horizontally they provide a look reminiscent of masonry with the distinctive lines of large format shiplap boards.



Vertical

A highly versatile cladding solution, equally suited to facades, features and broad walls where tactility is desirable. Vertically install Stria™ Cladding Fine Texture for a more contemporary look.



Axon™ Panel

Modern panel collection with distinctive textures and grooves.

Creating a strong visual impact for your home is easier than ever with Axon™ Panel. Easy to install, robust and versatile, Axon™ Panel is a vertical shiplap panel available in five finishes. The textures and grooves complement classic and modern building designs to create stand out facades, and bring interest to outdoor rooms.

Use one finish to wrap an entire house or create a unique look by mixing grooves with texture or introducing Hardie™ Axent™ Trims for board and batten designs.

The new texture is inspired by the craftsmanship of brushed concrete and transforms with light and proximity. Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete has the versatility to be used stand alone, or paired with other claddings from James Hardie's range.

/ Axon™ Panel Smooth with Hardie™ Axent™ Trim



GROOVED Profiles



Grooved Grained 133mm

The grooved and grainy, wood-like texture contrasts well with a smooth flooring surface and can help bring a softer touch to your modern outdoor space.

Grooved 133mm

The 133mm spaced grooves combined with its smooth finish help create a clean and distinctive design look.

Grooved 400mm

Got a bigger area to clad? With its subtle joins, this larger format panel is perfect for larger walls and surfaces, creating an almost geometric feel to your exterior.

TEXTURED Profiles

Brushed Concrete

With the embedded swept texture reminiscent of softly brushed concrete, these panels give your home a finish that's visually sophisticated, and dynamic to the touch.



Smooth

A panel with a shiplap vertical joint and a smooth clean finish. It can be finished with a site applied roll on textured acrylic paint for that rendered look, or you can paint it smooth.



Board and Batten

Bring depth to your walls with a vertical board and batten application. Axon™ Panel Smooth makes the perfect surface for Hardie™ Axent™ Trim.



Hardie™ Flex Eaves Lining

Protection from the great outdoors.

The smooth flat sheets of Hardie™ Flex Eaves Lining are the perfect width for eaves lining. The ideal way to keep it simple while making it look great!



Villaboard™ Lining

Performance that lasts.

With seamless stopped joints and negative details, Villaboard™ Lining brings a smooth plastered look to your design. Can be used as an internal lining or externally on your eaves and soffits.



15 Year warranty

Hardie™ Groove Lining

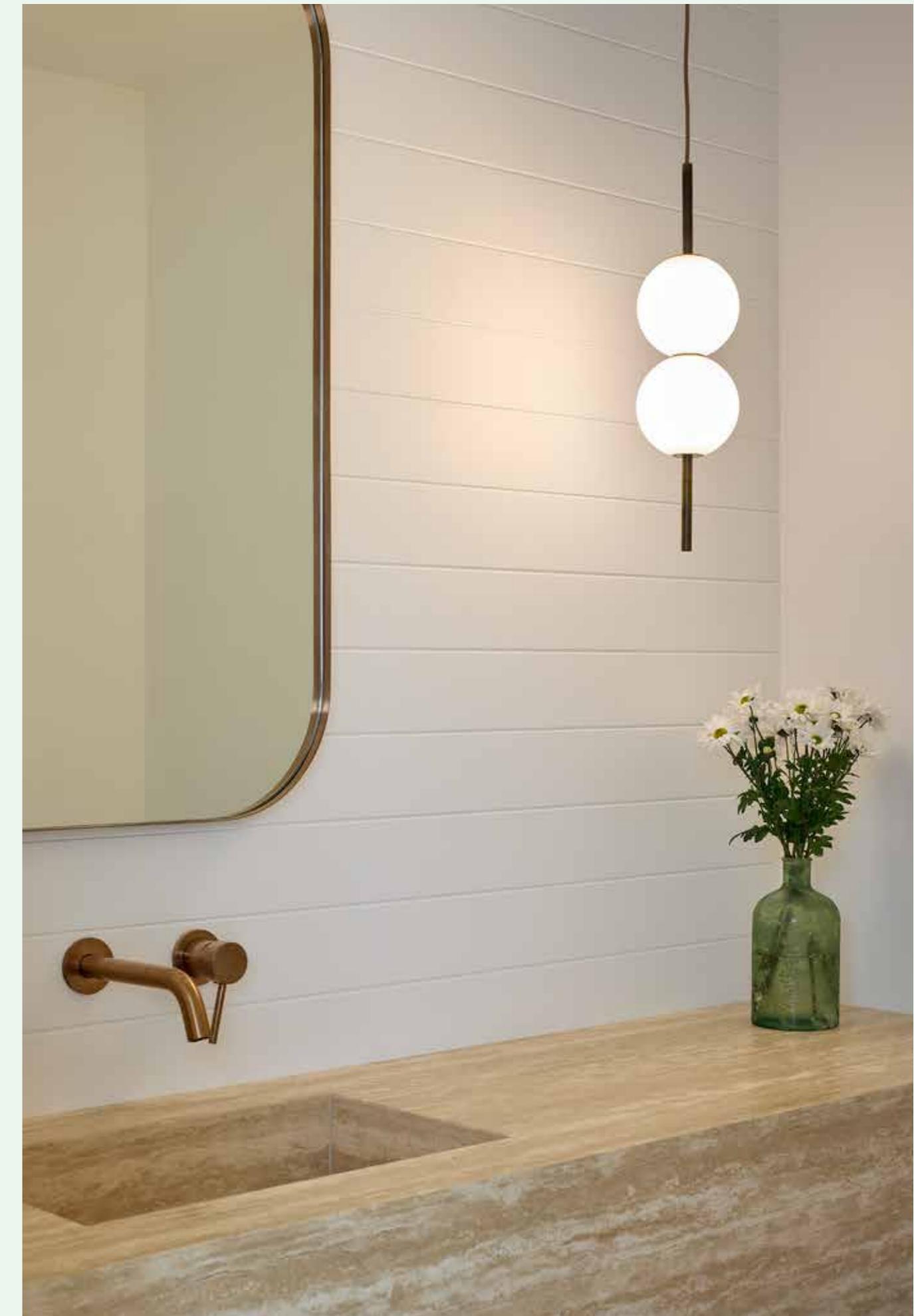
Find your groove.

Hardie™ Groove Lining lets you add a tongue and groove look to your walls. Made of Hardie™ fibre cement, it adds durability as well as timeless charm. It also retains its good looks year after year, even in the most demanding conditions such as semi-wet areas in laundries and bathrooms.

This grooved lining is also suitable to use as a ceiling lining or externally on eaves and soffits.



Hardie™ Groove Lining



Hardie™ Groove Lining



Build your modern life

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