

# Best Dressed



## THE CASE STUDY

### PROJECT DETAILS

Location: Auckland

Project Type: New home build

Architectural Designer:

Laurence Nash of Nashdesign Architecture  
[www.nashdesign.co.nz/](http://www.nashdesign.co.nz/)

Builder:

Rick Hassett Builders

### DESIGN TREND

Mid-Century Modern

### FEATURED PRODUCTS

- Stria™ Cladding

A captivating, light-filled home with easy flow, organic connection to outdoor living areas and the long-term benefits of robust, low-maintenance Hardie™ fibre cement cladding.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Laurence Nash of Nashdesign Architecture refers to this project as 'The Swallow Roof House', due to the unique roof design that resembles a swallow in flight. The steel-framed roof presented significant design and construction challenges, sloping in two directions and spanning considerable lengths both inside, over double-height spaces; and outside, over the covered outdoor dining area.

Fortunately, the task of covering the exterior was much more straightforward.

The choice of Stria™ Cladding by James Hardie as the predominant cladding supported both the aesthetic and functional aspects of the home. It also kept the builders happy, because Hardie™ fibre cement cladding products are famously easy to work with. The horizontal installation of the Stria™ Cladding and its angular profile make a striking statement at the home's entrance, combining seamlessly with the timber lining to create a welcoming-yet-bold facade.

Stria™ Cladding was particularly relevant for the back of the house, where native forest will eventually embed the building into its natural landscape.

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Stria™ Cladding also offered benefits for the sunny north side of the house. The cladding's durability and stability, as a fibre-cement product, ensure it can withstand the heating and UV effects





### STRIA™ CLADDING

Suitable for exterior and interior use, this versatile cladding is made from super-durable fibre cement, which is low maintenance and can be painted any colour. Stria™ Cladding has distinctive deep grooved lines and can be laid horizontally or vertically.



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of all-day sun. This inherent durability is essential for maintaining the house’s exterior aesthetics and structural integrity over time. The paint finish on the cladding also provides an easily washable and maintainable surface, catering to the client’s desire for minimal maintenance.

The alignment and orientation of the home were meticulously planned to make the most of views and sun. Once the

surrounding bush regenerates, the house will sit right on the edge of the bush line. With its singular roofline following the contour of the land, the use of timber combined with smart black Stria™ Cladding will help to define the house against the bush edge. Its sculptural exterior also supports a seamless transition into the constructed landscaping of the north-facing garden.