

MODERN MUSE

Luxurious amounts of *SPACE* and *beautiful finishes* serve up *sophistication* and functionality in this *ENTERTAINER'S* kitchen.

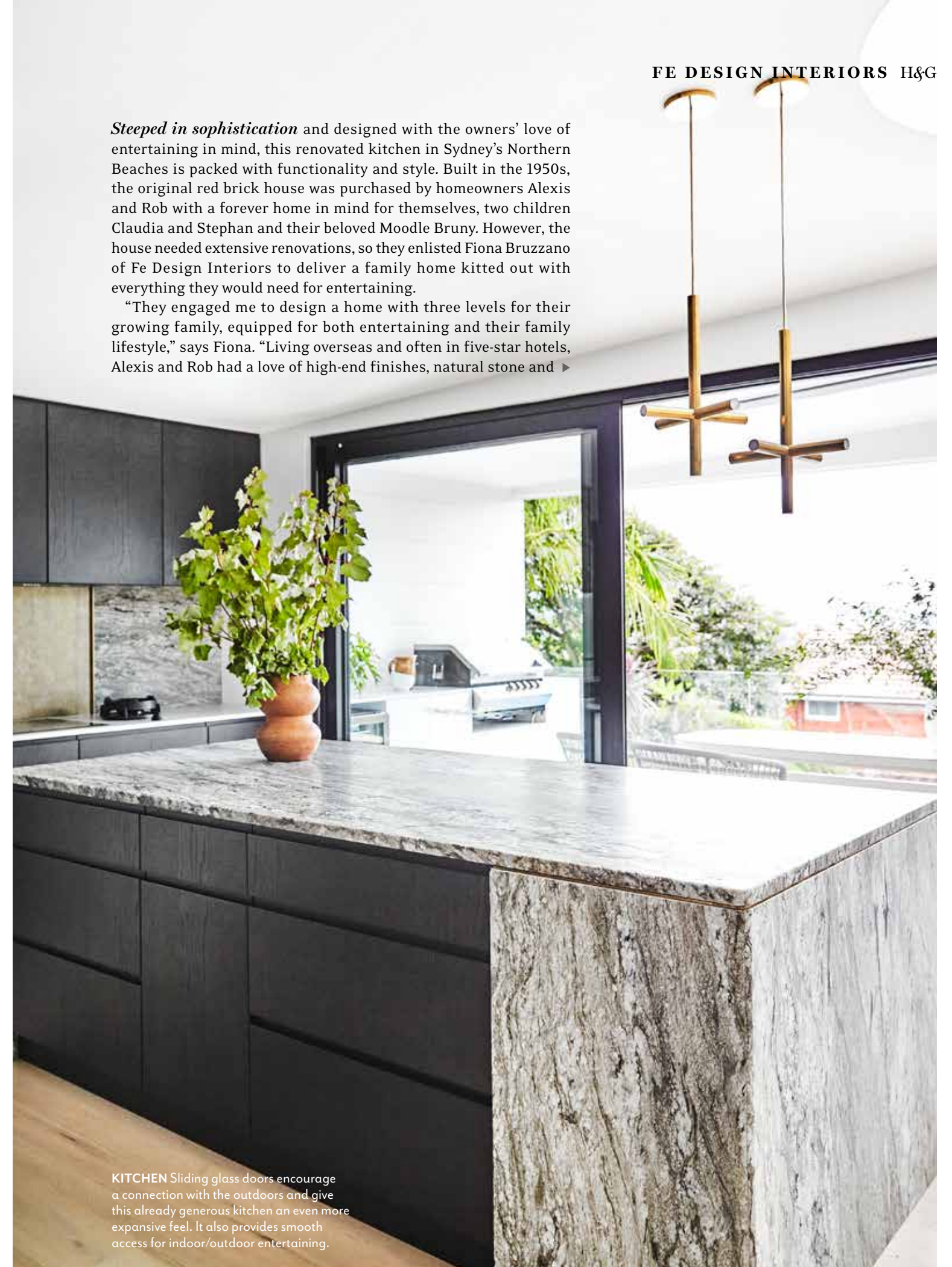
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KITCHEN In this stunning kitchen, which spills into the outdoor area, a careful curation of textures and tones align to create a sophisticated hub for living and entertaining. Custom made stools, Fe Design Interiors. Engineered oak flooring in Voss, Woodcut. Petrine pendant in Aged Brass, Nightworks Studio. Montreal granite island and splashback in leather finish, SNB Stone.

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KITCHEN Sliding glass doors encourage a connection with the outdoors and give this already generous kitchen an even more expansive feel. It also provides smooth access for indoor/outdoor entertaining.



beautiful things.” To this end, finishes including leathered granite, brass inserts and black cabinetry were used to amplify the grandeur of the space and reflect the owners’ penchant for luxe details.

The kitchen is located on the ground floor of the home, the middle of three levels, and connects to the living, dining and outdoor patio area through a carefully considered open-plan design. “There is a lot happening behind the walls of the main kitchen,” says Fiona. “The butler’s kitchen and laundry are tucked neatly away so the main kitchen can always remain clean and tidy when entertaining, and can be on show from all viewpoints of this level.”

The hero of the kitchen - the generous 2.5m long island bench - ticks multiple boxes for Alexis and Rob. “We wanted to have a kitchen island where people could feel comfortable to sit while we were prepping or for the kids to sit at while doing homework,” says Alexis. It also provides ample storage for the main area of the kitchen, ensuring easy access to all appliances.

Space and flow are key considerations for all of Fiona’s designs and this kitchen was no exception. “There is a small service sink next to the cooktop that allows for quick rinsing and storage on both sides of the island,” says Fiona. “There is a place for everything and not too much space between zones to ensure an effective work zone within the kitchen.”

Capturing natural light in the space was another key consideration. “The large circular skylight above the island plays with the light so beautifully at different times of the day,” says Fiona. “Bruny, the family dog, lays in the warmth of the sun provided by the skylight and adjusts during the day to ensure maximum sunshine exposure.”

All elements have come together to create a seamless family kitchen that embraces a luxurious but homely feel, equipped for entertaining and everyday use. Understandably both Fiona and the homeowners are thrilled with the outcome. “Each stunning element in this kitchen holds its own, however, the richness of the layers enhance each other so well; it really is a beautiful space,” says Fiona.

“We loved working with Fee; she worked closely with us to achieve our brief of a high-end alpine feel reflecting the places we have lived and travelled to over the years,” adds Alexis. “There is something very warm and inviting about the space and we feel it reflects our love of nature and the wild outdoors. We also love the sliding doors that open to create a large, seamless entertaining space.” **H&G**

Design and building team Interior designer Fiona Bruzzano, Fe Design Interiors; fedesigninteriors.com.au. Joiner Debrich Custom Joinery; debrich.com.au.

KITCHEN Cupboards within the island are great for storing vases and glassware, while open shelves display cookbooks and dried goods in clear labelled canisters. **BUTLER’S PANTRY/LAUNDRY** A combined butler’s kitchen and laundry helps keep food prep and mess out of sight. Feature tiles custom cut from a slab of Prima Vera marble, Marble Mosaics. Natural terrazzo tiles with a border of Aged Brass, Surface Gallery. Elysian pull-out mixer and Vari single bowl sink in Gunmetal, ABI Interiors. Caesarstone Fresh Concrete benchtops, Styled In Stone.

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KITCHEN *design notes*

JOINERY White oak veneer stained a warm dark black by Debrich Custom Joinery.

ISLAND Montreal granite in leather finish, SNB Stone.

BENCHTOP Rear and butler’s bench in Caesarstone Fresh Concrete, Styled In Stone.

SPLASHBACK Aged Brass, That Metal Company. Montreal granite in leather finish, SNB Stone. Custom cut Prima Vera marble tiles (butler’s), Marble Mosaics.

FLOORING Engineered oak in Voss, Woodcut. Terrazzo tiles in Natural with an aged brass border (butler’s), Surface Gallery.

LIGHTING Petrine pendants in Aged Brass, Nightworks Studio.

TAPWARE Caroma ‘Urbane’ wall-mounted tap and mixer and Elysian pull-out mixer in Gunmetal (butler’s), ABI Interiors.

SINK Nala undermount sink and Vari single bowl sink (butler’s), ABI Interiors.

APPLIANCES Miele French-door integrated fridge. AEG steam ovens, induction cooktop, dishwasher and undermount rangehood.

FURNITURE & ACCESSORIES Custom bar stools, Fe Design Interiors. Artwork on shelf, artist unknown.

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