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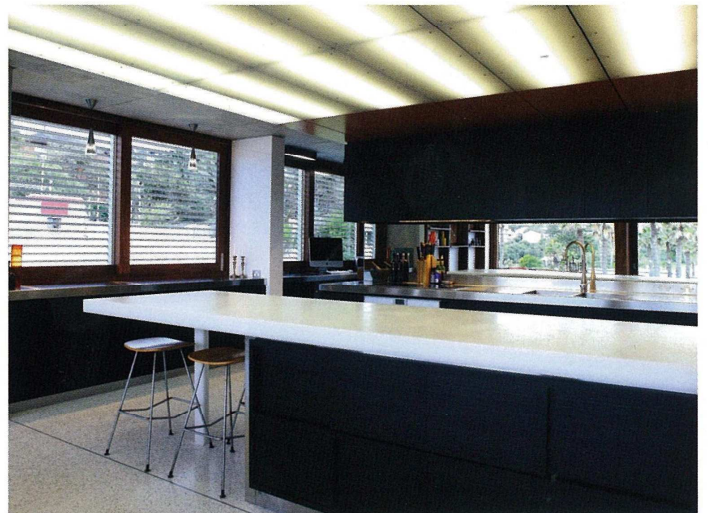


A WORTHY WINNER

The main brief of this client to Mardini Constructions was to build a maintenance-free beach home at Freshwater Beach, incorporating natural products that centred on the use of concrete. As a result, the entire box-shaped home was custom built on the 356-square-metre site using concrete slabs and walls with minimal tolerances.

The home has a pared-back, industrial feel, as the architect, Brewster Hjorth Architects, specialises in public buildings.

The attention to detail was incredible. Elvis Mardini worked with 2mm tolerances to achieve the concrete beachside home, which is surrounded by recycled spotted gum screens and includes a grand



internal staircase, doors and panelling. The wood's rich tones contrast against the cool cement.

Also incorporated were eco-friendly self-cleaning glass and terrazzo floors with underfloor heating. The veneered kitchen ceiling is clad in an eye-catching bank of Marblo opaque solid-surface lighting panels.

A large pivot window opens to the water and takes advantage of the ocean views as the beach is almost on its doorstep.

It was a very difficult and time-consuming project of 21 months because of the intricate detail and standard of finishes. "It is the company's proudest completed project as I feel we have achieved an incredible

building standard considering the complexity of the design," Elvis said.

"The constant lingering dream is to win the Master Builder of the Year award. Everything we do is to achieve that goal."

Mardini Constructions is a small company specialising in high-end, difficult and detailed residential construction. Mardini loves to use