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TOP TIPS FOR BUILDING A
LUXURY ARCHITECTURAL HOME



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It's wonderful when you've decided to take the plunge and craft your own, custom luxury home.

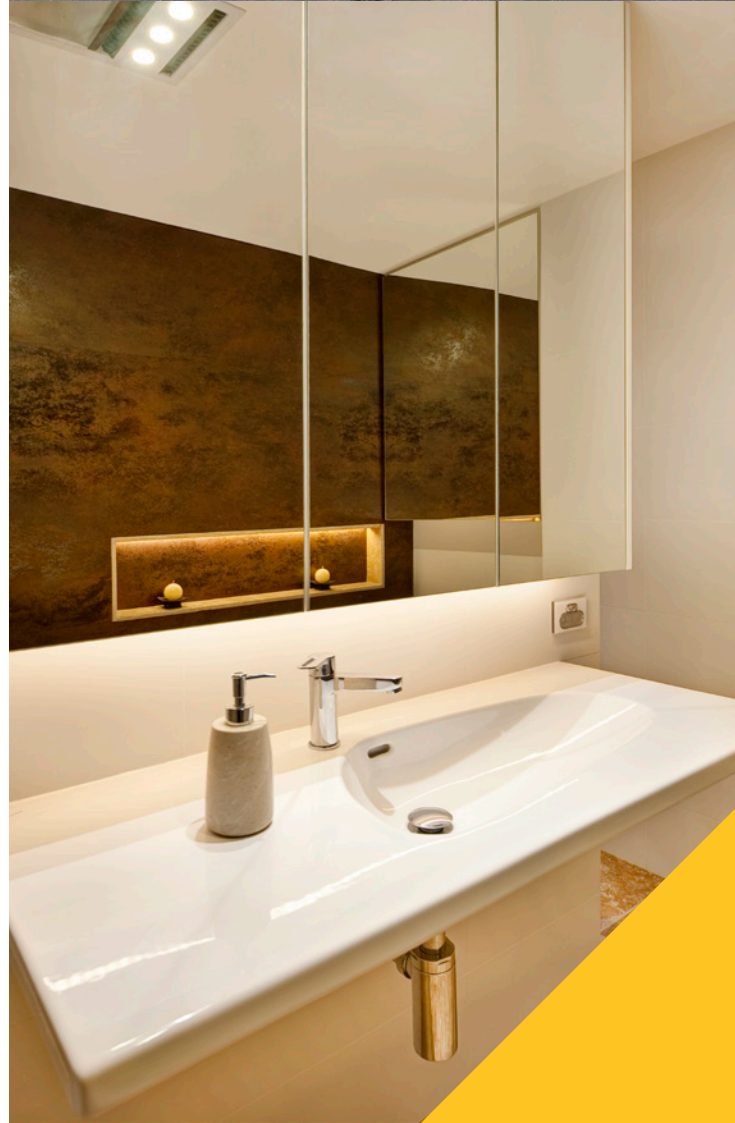
But there's plenty you should know before you begin the design and construction process, especially if you want to create an architectural marvel with plenty of stylish modern features. Keep reading to discover our tips and tricks to creating a luxury architectural home.

CHOOSE AN EXPERIENCED BUILDER FIRST BEFORE AN ARCHITECT

Did you know that 80% of architectural plans never come to fruition?

While architects are visionaries when it comes to crafting stunning design plans, it's beneficial to engage your builder before you begin drafting your house plans. Architects dream big and can create a design that perfectly matches your vision and goals - but all too often, these plans don't end up aligning with your building budget. This is because unlike builders, they aren't dealing with material and labour costs on a daily basis, and don't have the extensive site cost knowledge that builders do.

It's cost-savvy to engage a professional builder who can guide you through the process, helping you achieve a stunning build that is beautiful, functional and within your proposed budget. An experienced and respected builder will have connections to great architects and interior stylists and will be able to learn about your project and put you in contact with the ideal industry experts to facilitate your unique build.



CHOOSE THE RIGHT BUILDER FOR YOUR HOME

It's crucial to find a quality builder who has high standards, delivers outstanding results, is trustworthy and is an excellent communicator. You want to work with an expert builder who will answer your questions, listen to your ideas and establish clear timelines and deadlines that are adhered to. It's also beneficial to find a builder who will

take control of paperwork and safety issues and checks in regularly with updates on your project so you know what is happening every step of the way. By working with a good communicator, you'll feel confident that you're in safe and capable hands, removing unwanted sources of stress from the equation



WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN AN ARCHITECTURAL BUILDER

While it's important that your builder is trustworthy, you also need someone who can deliver on your brief.

Architectural homes are no different. The first thing to look for is a builder that has experience in your specific niche. You'll want to work with someone who has spent years building architectural homes, and intimately understands the potential challenges and constraints posed by these unique builds.

Look for a builder who understands you and your family's lifestyle now and will work hard to create a home that suits these needs, while still factoring in the future. You'll also want to work with a builder who has the collaborative skills to effectively communicate between the homeowner, trades, suppliers, architects, consultants, and decorators, and who has connections to cutting edge materials, products and suppliers.

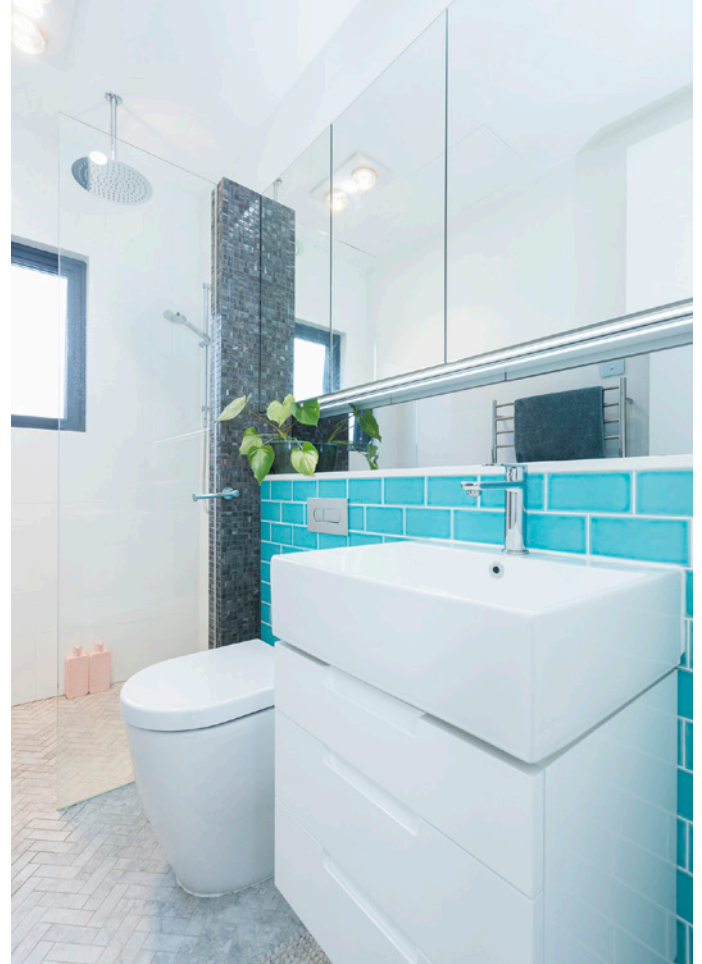


PLANNING



Plan a realistic budget for your bespoke project

In order for costs to remain stable, you'll need to plan a realistic budget. An experienced builder can assist with this. They'll be able to build your luxury home while being guided by your desired price and will be transparent about costs so you can be confident your building budget won't blow out. They can also assist in tracking your initial budget to the actual costs and will help you navigate the selection of luxury items. With experience under their belt, they'll know what the value of items and materials are worth and assist you in choosing selections and finishes that are not only luxurious, but cost-savvy as well.



Create a design for now and the future

There's no use investing in a beautiful, bespoke architectural home that will only suit your needs for a few years. Think about how you and your family use your current home and how that can be improved and consider how your new home could potentially better support your lifestyle. But you should also think ahead. What will the next 10-15 years look like? Will your luxury home cater for children, grandchildren, pets, retirement or working from home? The best architectural homes are those that evolve with their occupants.



SPLURGE ON A FEW ITEMS THAT SPARK JOY

A luxury architectural home is about indulgence, enjoyment and creating a private oasis that you're proud to call your own. It's a reward for all your hard work over the years, and therefore it's important to invest fully in realising this unique opportunity to its full potential. Of course, you'll need to adhere to budget constraints. While you may not be able to include everything on that wish list, you should still invest in some considered, yet indulgent features that are sure to bring you joy and comfort for years to come. You should

make a list of luxury inclusions that you're interested in, which may include things like a mudroom, spa, in-ground pool with an outdoor kitchen, gourmet kitchen with a wine cellar, butler's pantry, car turntable or the use of natural stone to create your own private day spa in the bathroom. From your list, you should pick the few that you believe will best accommodate your desired lifestyle and fulfil your dreams for your new luxury home!



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