

SLOW LIVING

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A contemporary villa in Dubai's green heart boasts Bali's serene spirit through light, nature, and intentional design.





A serene interplay of light, structure, and water, where clean modern lines meet the quiet intimacy of a shaded courtyard

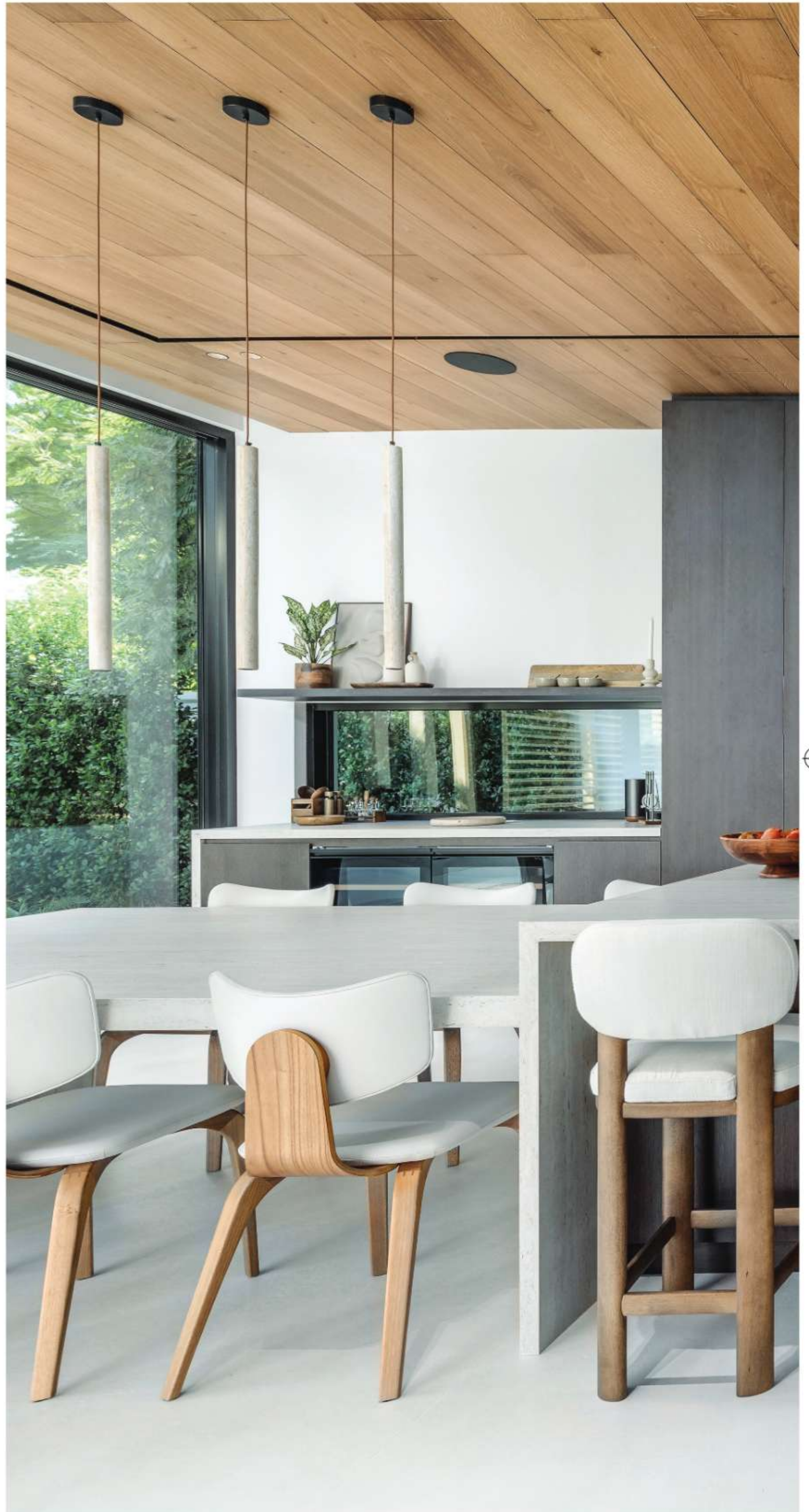
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In the heart of Al Barari, Dubai's verdant sanctuary, a villa emerges quietly among gardens, water features, and meandering paths. Designed by Claudia Baliyan of Creating Homes, it is a home that breathes—a retreat where calm, clarity, and light take precedence. Here, luxury is measured not in opulence, but in space to pause, move, and simply be.

"Bali was our emotional compass," says Baliyan, *"but Al Barari gave the home its grounding."* The villa does not replicate a tropical cliché; it translates a way of life: openness, mindfulness, and a quiet, constant conversation with nature. Floor-to-ceiling glass frames gardens like living paintings, while interiors flow effortlessly from one room to the next. Every transition, every carefully framed view, invites a moment of reflection—a breath of sunlight on stone, the tactile warmth of wood underfoot, the gentle sway of leaves in the breeze. ▶





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Facing page: A quiet moment of craftsmanship, where open shelving turns everyday objects into a curated display; This page: Warm timber tones and soft textures create a kitchen that feels both refined and effortlessly inviting





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Facing page, from top: A serene alcove defined by gentle geometry and light; A restful bedroom with warm wood and muted tones; This page: A calm, grounded living space where soft neutrals and sculptural forms invite slow, considered living





Materials speak softly but insistently. Travertine floors ground the spaces in earthy calm; Swedish natural wood warms bedrooms with quiet intimacy; custom wooden ceilings hover like protective canopies overhead. The palette whispers in shades of ivory, sand, and warm taupe, layered to enhance light, shadow, and texture. Every surface, every finish, is chosen for tactility, authenticity, and timelessness. Here, restraint is luxury, and subtlety is sophistication.

Intentional design shapes the home's rhythm. Rooms are softly connected rather than rigidly defined, allowing the villa to adapt—from quiet reflection to effortless entertaining. Custom joinery, ceiling treatments, and bespoke details feel grown-in rather than applied, reinforcing ►



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A tranquil bathroom retreat where natural light, soft stone, and sculptural lines create a sense of quiet luxury

the villa's enduring calm. **"We wanted the home to unfold slowly,"** Baliyan reflects. **"Not to impress, but to be experienced."**

Even its most ambitious elements honour nature's pace. Extending timber from interior to exterior demands meticulous research to withstand Dubai's climate, while a custom marine aquarium was developed patiently, creating a thriving ecosystem in harmony with construction schedules. Sustainability here is not a layer added; it is a principle embedded in every decision.

Wellness flows through the plan. Sunlight travels deep into open volumes, casting shifting patterns

across stone and wood. Framed greenery becomes part of daily life. Furniture is scaled for ease; circulation is designed for unbroken movement. The result is a home that feels alive yet serene, grounding yet expansive, where every step, every glance, encourages presence.

This villa is defined not by borrowed style, but by experience. Bali's spirit lingers in the air; natural textures echo beneath your feet. It is a contemporary, organic sanctuary – a home that feels less like architecture and more like a state of mind. Amid Dubai's bustle, it offers a quiet reminder: true luxury is intention, presence, and the art of slowing down. ■



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