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CASE STUDY

TMRW HOME, COBURG, MELBOURNE

ARCHITECT: Melbourne Design Studios **BUILDER:** Hütt Homes
FURNITURE HARDWARE: Blum Australia

BACKGROUND

Located just over six kilometres from Melbourne's bustling CBD, Hütt Homes's Coburg project sees a narrow plot of land transformed into a contemporary oasis that's sympathetically anchored within its urban context by the principles of passive housing.

Designed by Melbourne Design Studios, this striking residence was brought to life by the visionary duo – Marc and Felicity Bernstein, who are both the home's owners and the Director and CEO of Hütt Homes. The project is their personal ode to the fundamentals of sustainable design, which has been underpinning the work of the wife-and-husband team for a long time.

"We've always been interested in sustainable architecture and sustainable design, and have done lots of energy efficient and sustainable homes in the past. And the more we did that, the more we came towards the passive house just because it looks at all factors that have an impact on sustainable design," explains Marc.

As a result, the angular volumes of this small-scale residence, gently mirroring the geometry of its train line-adjacent surroundings, have been mindfully designed to consider all facets of sustainable design and lifestyle.

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FELICITY BERNSTEIN





CHALLENGE

Because of the site's petite size and unique dimensions, specifying intuitive and functional storage solutions that would enhance the residents' lifestyles, while making the most out of the home's compact footprint, was essential.

"We've really tried to make the most out of a small space so there's a lot of overlapping happening with built-in seats and storage solutions that are hidden,"

SOLUTION

Led by the premise of creating furniture fittings for a better quality of living, Blum was the perfect choice for this conscious project. With clever design solutions, latest technology and seamless, refined visual language, their products enabled Marc and Felicity to capitalise on every inch of their mindfully devised residence, without compromising on style or intuitive ergonomics.

"I'm a real Blum addict," Felicity admits with a smile. "I love the functionality, I love the look. I love the feel of it and the fact that it has no off-gassing of any toxins. It just does it all."

The owners had a clear vision, supported by the expertise of Blum's team where organisation and usability were concerned. In the primary bedroom, Blum's floor to ceiling storage solutions maximise the footprint of the room, while enhancing the home's gentle, organic, timber-led palette. In the children's bedrooms, on the other hand, the signature storage systems have been incorporated to house Lego and double up as stairs onto the next level.

In the kitchen, a selection of Blum's innovative storage solutions has been incorporated in a deep,

explains Marc. "One of the major problems for homeowners is usually a lack of storage, so it was very important for us to get that right," Felicity adds.

Naturally, taking into consideration the environmental credentials of the project, it was vital for the storage solutions to promote the principles of sustainable living by augmenting the lives of the residents for years to come.

refined, yet practical shade of Terra Black, providing a stunning counterpoint to the lighter textures of the kitchen and living area. The LEGRABOX box system with inner dividing system, AMBIA-LINE, and Blum's ultimate pantry solution, SPACE TOWER, enhance the organisational potential of this essential space – and the addition of the single-touch SERVO-DRIVE uno bin makes for an even more seamless experience.

The carefully curated workflows that respond to the family's needs, habits and preferences enrich the experience of the residents as they move about the home, while complimenting the timber textures, selected as the key material for the TMRW HOME because of its carbon neutral character and biophilic qualities.

"We're quite successful in the fact that the home is healthy, and comfortable, has ideal temperature all year round, and it has this wonderful functionality with all the storage solutions. All these things really come together and I'm so proud that we managed to create a home that's good for the planet, and for the people that live in it – and that it acts as an inspiration for others to follow suit," sums up Felicity.