



**PROJECT  
DETAILS**

Bakoven, Cape Town

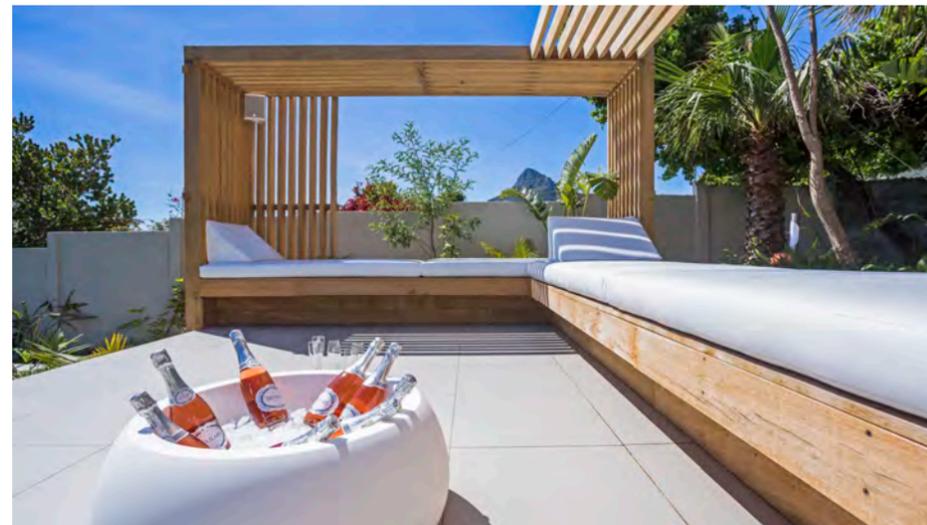
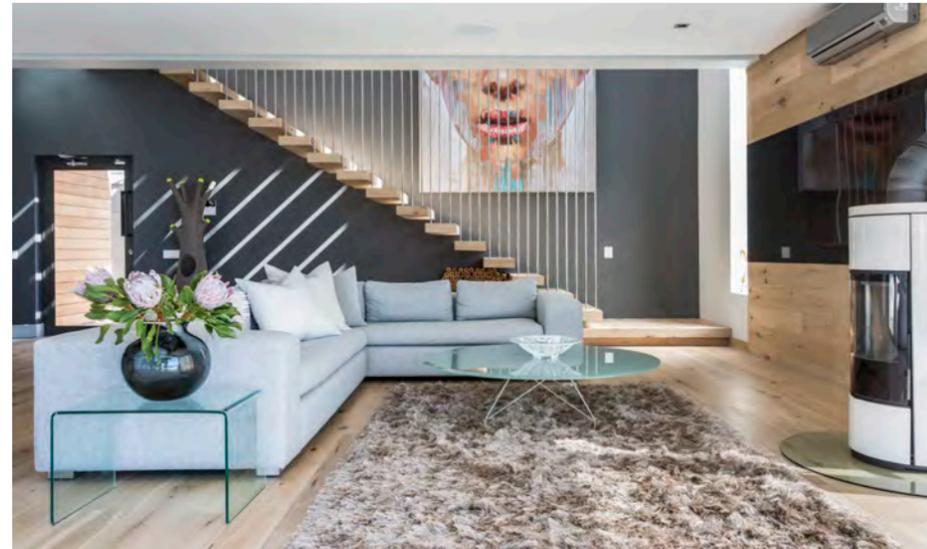
**TIMELINE**  
April 2016- July 2016

**SIZE OF PROJECT**  
±600²m

**COST**  
R 650 000

# BAKOVEN BEAUTY

*Urban Landscape Solutions creates a stunning contemporary tropical garden in Bakoven, Cape Town just in time for its tenants to enjoy the el fresco lifestyle a South African summer has to offer.*



**The Brief**

The client wanted to extend his living and usable space to the outdoors with a tropical/ resort like feel. The property was to be rented out to short term occupants that would pay a premium rate to enjoy the views of Camps bay and the 12 Apostles mountain range. The steep slope of the site was excavated and shaped to form a flat lawn that cuts back into a retaining wall and surrounds the lawn with tropical lush greenery. This aspect provides privacy from the neighbours and a backdrop to the garden that will mature into a dense tropical forest feel. One of the larger rocks was kept on site to be integrated into the retaining wall and also creates the backbone of a natural water feature. Steps that lead from the lawn area to the top of the retaining wall will take you to a formal seating area with a wooden pergola structure. The seating area was placed in the south eastern corner of the property to align with the linear shape that leads from the pool area to the back garden. The position of the seating area also

gives you a complete view of the garden yet still can be an intimate spot to relax. The client also wanted the garden to feel established almost immediately after construction so planting density was high. We used mature open ground specimens where we could to bring this request to life. The green wall gives a great planted framed view from the kitchen window and brings some natural elements to the inside of the house.

**Materials**

The materials were all sourced around the Cape Town area with exception to the green wall which was ordered from Johannesburg. Garden lights were also imported. Local suppliers were however given preference to keep to the standard of this project 'green'.

Access to the site was a challenge, Urban Landscape Solutions had to use a crane truck

to lift majority of the materials. The garden and house were both one storey higher than the street level. The large palms also had to go into the garden a month before construction of the actual house started. This was done because there would have been no access to the back of the house for the large palms at a later stage. All other materials such as soil and plants had to be carefully lifted to the upper level and moved from there into the garden. The soil also had a high clay content so we had to install subsoil drainage to prevent a waterlogged lawn and to improve drainage around the plant rootzones.

What we accomplished is an outdoor environment that showcases the beautiful surrounding scenery. It is an elegant, contemporary setting with a mix of hard and soft landscaping and we are confident that it will mature to have the feel of a lush tropical and modern garden.

**SUPPLIERS:**

**Pavers**

Cemstone  
Hennie: 021 905 9415

**Compost**

Reliance  
Mieke: 0861 888 784

**Wooden tree rings**

Stone & Bark  
Kim: 021 555 2782

**Plants**

New Horizen Nursery  
Jean-Paul: 072 594 9875

**Irrigation**

Fluidra  
Jannie: 021 982 3546

**Drainage**

Kaytech  
Claudine: 021 531 8110

**Greenwall**

Modiwall  
Charl: 076 874 0299

**Pool**

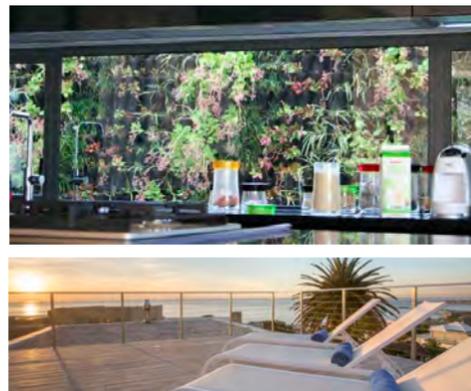
Build West  
Tinus Smuts: 021 553 2695

**Decking**

Homefront Timber  
Anthony Basson: 082 821 7734

**Photographer:**

Aiden Weiner



**About Urban landscape solutions**



Urban Landscape Solutions (ULS) was established in 2003 and operates from its admin offices

in Montague Gardens, Cape Town. The company also has a warehouse and workshop for its equipment, vehicles and staff based in Montague Gardens. ULS undertakes numerous types of work that includes; Installations of both commercial and domestic landscaping; Hard landscaping (ponds, paving, pergolas, etc); soft landscaping; Irrigation systems; Maintenance of landscaping; Installation of grey water systems; Sports field construction and maintenance; Environmental rehabilitation contracts; Contracts for growing of plants.