

Boxshall by Cera Stribley

Brighton, Victoria, Australia

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An open corner site in the heart of Brighton called for a monumental building with a sense of refinement and dignity. The response is the sculptural, rhythmic architecture of Boxshall, a building by Cera Stribley in association with Dutch designers Studio Piet Boon, containing 15 high-end residences designed in a contemporary style with a superior level of privacy and discernment.

The low-lying and resplendent architectural form of Boxshall speaks to the style of Californian bayside residences, with dynamic curves that echo the rhythms of the nearby bay. Shapes formed by pillars and arched window frames create a sense of softness and sophistication, as well as creating the basis for private alcove balconies and terraces for the residences. Each of the homes within enjoys a vast floor plan similar to that of a grand home, and each is also uniquely planned to enable a sense of belonging for the residents. The scale of the structure resembles a public building – such as a museum or the nearby town hall – lending further distinction to the homes within.

Netherlands-based Studio Piet Boon took the reins on the interior design for Boxshall, using a minimalist palette of sleek stone, warm timber and soft fabrics. With bronze-mirrored elements, pale greys and deep textural charcoal, the interiors take on a timeless elegance in a range of colours that reference the nearby beaches, as well as integrating with the streetscape and landscape of the neighbourhood.

Myles Baldwin-designed landscaping is integrated into the architecture, with close connections to outdoor spaces for each of the homes. This helps to foster a healthy, clean living environment for residents and adds to the sense of openness in the interior spaces. The ground floor homes feature lushly planted courtyards, while the first floor and pent-houses enjoy private landscaped terraces, with green views from every picture window. The floor plans enable plenty of natural light into each home, allowing for energy efficiency, warmth and furthering connections with the outdoors.

A reflection of this global collaboration of design experts, Boxshall is a sophisticated contribution to this coveted bayside suburb.

