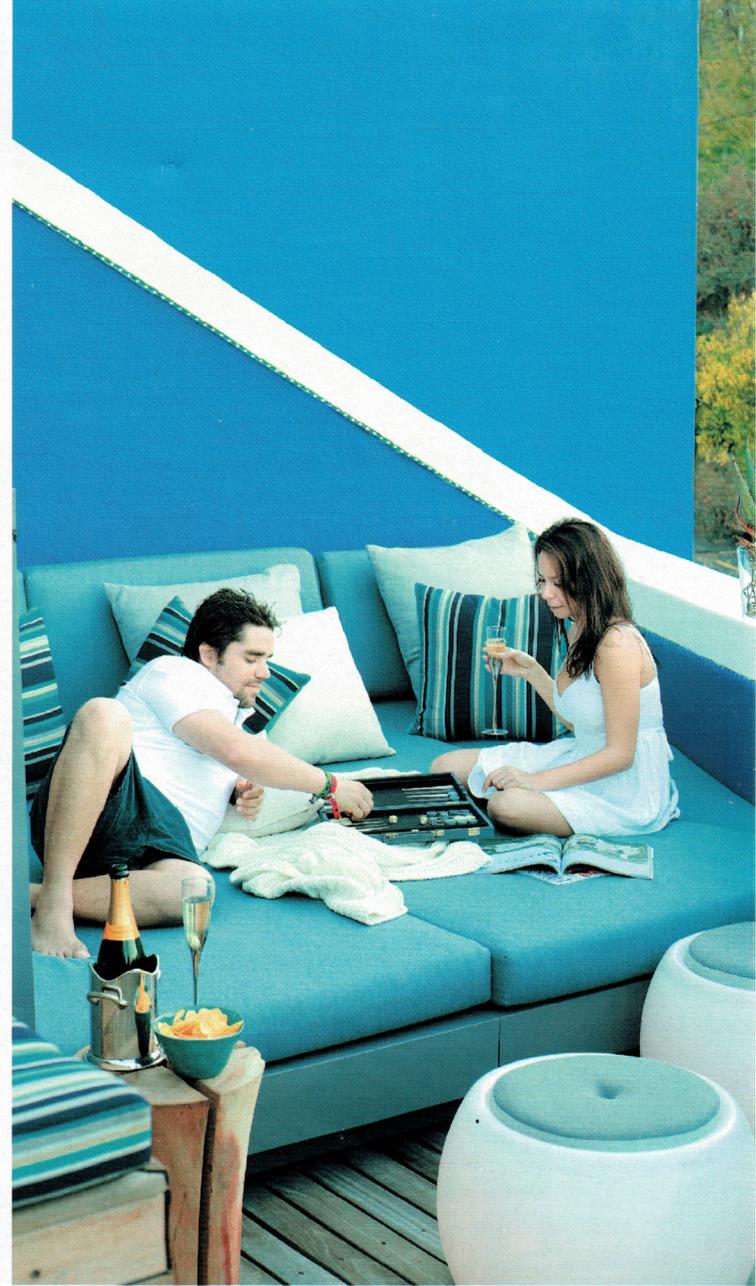


ALL *decked* OUT

Indoor-outdoor living is what summer in South Africa is all about. Here are three stylish examples of living spaces that blur the boundaries

Lighting in the form of LED stools and strip lighting along the staircase turns this multi-level city deck into the perfect party venue at night.



INNER CITY OASIS

When a young entrepreneur approached architectural team Antonio Mariano and Daniel Rossouw to update his tired multi-level deck in the Cape Town City Bowl, they leaped at the opportunity as it had so much potential. "The owner has an active social and professional life and wanted a space where he can relax and entertain," explains Antonio.

Taking the existing decking and canopy as well as the owner's love of blue and natural finishes into consideration, they introduced custom-made furniture painted in a glossy grey to reflect light and blend into the deck.

To make a feature of the lighting, they installed strip lighting under the

banquettes and along the staircase and added LED stools which introduced a playful touch. Providing extra storage space and doubling as a counter is a unit between the pool and the lounging area.

A relaxing space during the day, the terrace turns into a chic, Mediterranean beach club at night – perfect for watching the sun set over the city. ▷

ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT: ● Furniture was custom designed to fit under the existing canopy. The LED stools change colours, adding to the urban vibe. ● Below the pool, built-in sun loungers provide plenty of space for relaxing and enjoying the sights and sounds of the city.

IDEAS TO INSPIRE

from Antonio Mariano and Daniel Rossouw of Mariano Rossouw:

- If you don't want to splurge on new lighting features, add a few tealights or candles and replace light bulbs with warm white ones to create ambience.
- Work with what you have; not all makeovers require renovations. Give existing furniture a fresh coat of paint or reupholster an outdoor sofa.

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