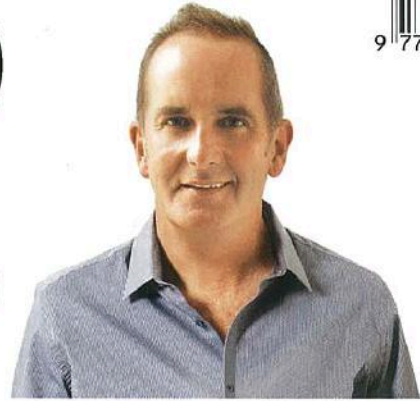


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Located in the Australian state of Victoria, this 279sqm home by modular-house specialist Intermod is the company's most eco project yet (+61 3 9665 2333; intermod.com.au). With a 6.6 star rating (six is considered the level for excellent eco design), the house features north orientation (the sunny side in the Southern hemisphere), an exposed thermal-mass floor, FSC-certified cladding and, because of its modular design, was efficient to manufacture and transport. Cross ventilation, maximised by full-height windows helps to keep energy costs down.



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It's a trend Sculpted timber

GDM has recently spotted lots of decorative 3D wood-clad facades. The skeletal structure of this home (above) in Walthamstow in north-east London by Neil Dusheiko Architects (07876 341 273; neildusheiko.com) was created by mounting larch cladding on to an oak timber frame, then leaving the fins exposed.

Similarly, when extending this Seventies family home in Offenbach, Germany (below), KHBT (07957 197 835; khbt.eu) used thin, vertical timber strips on an irregular grid to create a geometric facade.



Bring the outside in

Centor (0121 701 2500; centor.com) has updated its full-height C1 folding aluminium doors (pictured) to include three additional sills (two flat and one very low profile) – making the flow between your home and garden even sleeker. A new range of modern handles and hinges in the latest finishes completes the look.

Daryl Dusheiko, Julian Lanco, Johannes Marburg, Kilian O Sullivan

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