

Verdant Avenue

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

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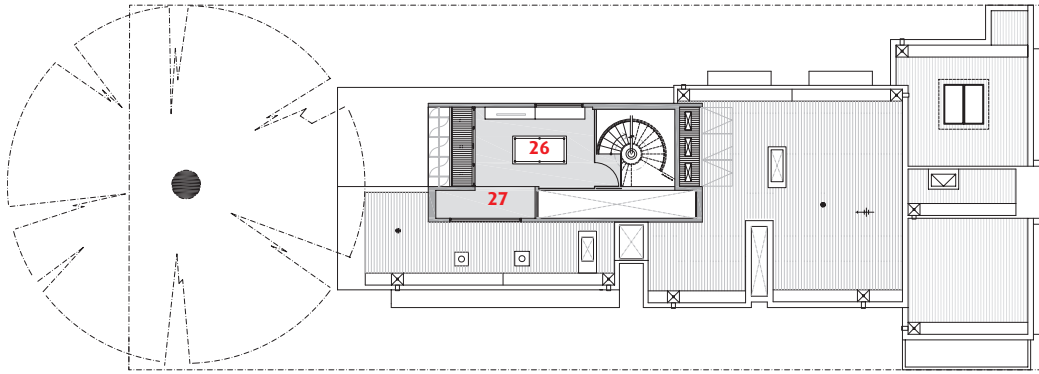
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This contemporary three-level inner-city family home is an expression of modernist living. An 80-year-old pin oak tree serves as the focal point for the first-floor living and first-floor bedroom areas, while dominating the third floor library and terrace. A striking sculptural staircase anchors the first to the second and third floors, while glass walls and sliding doors connect the kitchen and living spaces to the garden and 25-meter lap pool outside. Motorized oversize exterior window louvers provide light and ventilation to the entire home. An energy-efficient smart lighting system illuminates the outdoor areas when necessary.

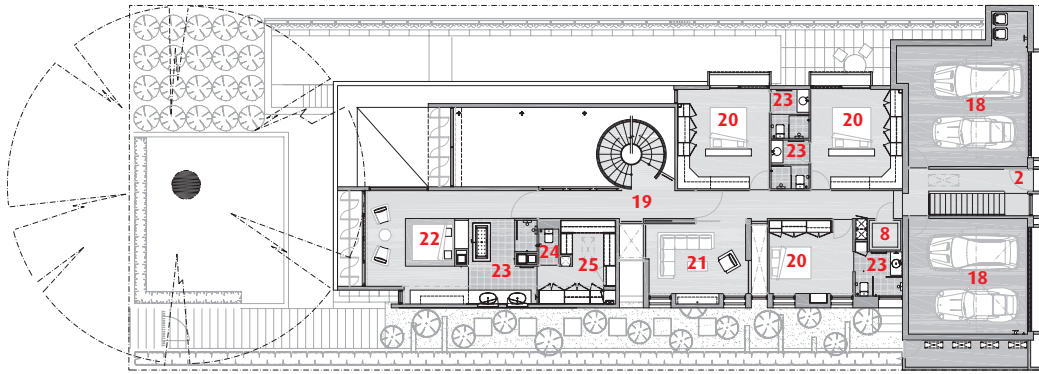
The first floor is largely devoted to the kitchen, living, and dining areas, with a powder room, bathroom, study, laundry, drying room, and cellar. The second level is home to the master bedroom and ensuite, and a further three bedrooms, each with ensuite; plus a living/entertainment zone for the children and a four-car garage at the rear. A theater and library room with extensive city views are at the top of the ribbon staircase on the third floor. This house dispels the myth that sustainable architecture means sacrificing glamour and luxury. It minimizes its footprint on the land by embracing its external landscape, while celebrating a love for opulent detailing.



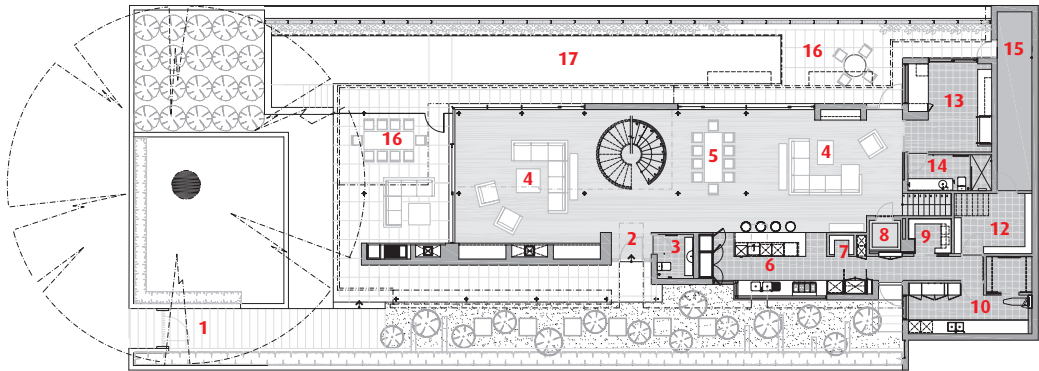




Third floor plan



Second floor plan



First floor plan

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| 1 Front gate | 15 Store/pool equipment |
| 2 Entry | 16 Terrace |
| 3 Powder room | 17 Pool |
| 4 Living | 18 Garage |
| 5 Dining | 19 Hall |
| 6 Kitchen | 20 Bedroom |
| 7 Pantry | 21 Family room |
| 8 Lift | 22 Master bedroom |
| 9 Storage | 23 Ensuite |
| 10 Laundry | 24 WC |
| 11 Drying cabinet | 25 Walk-in closet |
| 12 Cellar | 26 Library |
| 13 Study | 27 Raised platform |
| 14 Bathroom | |

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