

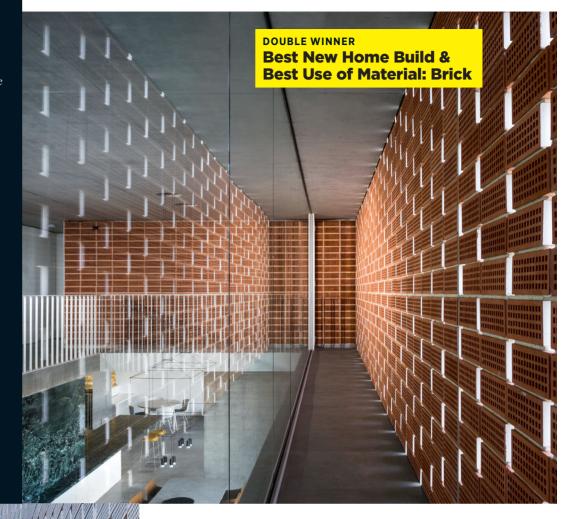
With four categories that cover the most innovative house projects of the moment, here our judges explain why these winners made such an impact PHOTOGRAPHY: JUSTIN ALEXANDER

GORDONS BAY HOUSE Renato D'Ettorre Architects

The house A new build on a clifftop overlooking a Sydney coastline. This house was a huge favourite with the panel. It's hard to beat with its mix of rich materials against the location's raw natural beauty – which is why it won in two categories. What the judges love it "For me, it's the purity of all of the materials; the glass, stone and brick all combining to create a tactile, sensual environment to live in," says *Inside Out* editor Eliza O'Hare.

"The architect's bold and inventive use of brick – for pieced and solid walls in large veil-like screens and in floors that ground the building – is a testament to the material's remarkable resilience and versatility," says Cameron Bruhn, head of school and Dean of Architecture at The University of Queensland.

"Highly considered and thoughtfully constructed, the project embodies a true strength in composition and the humble beauty of brick," says Brett Ward, general manager of international marketing at Brickworks Building Products. **Standout feature** That view. *dettorrearchitects.com.au*



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE An incredible glass and brick-lined walkway overlooks the dining area, kitchen and living room below. The master ensuite features an Agape bath. Outside, an infinity lap pool alongside white ceramic glazed perforated bricks. **OPPOSITE** Living Divani sofas, a Poliform coffee table. Poltrona Frau armchairs and a Paola Lenti rug fill the living room, which makes the most of those amazing views.

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