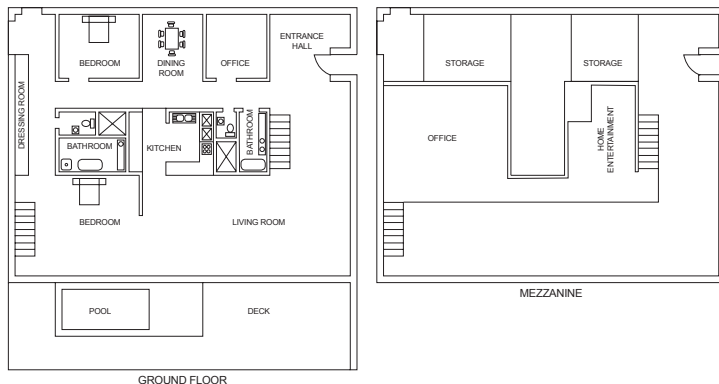
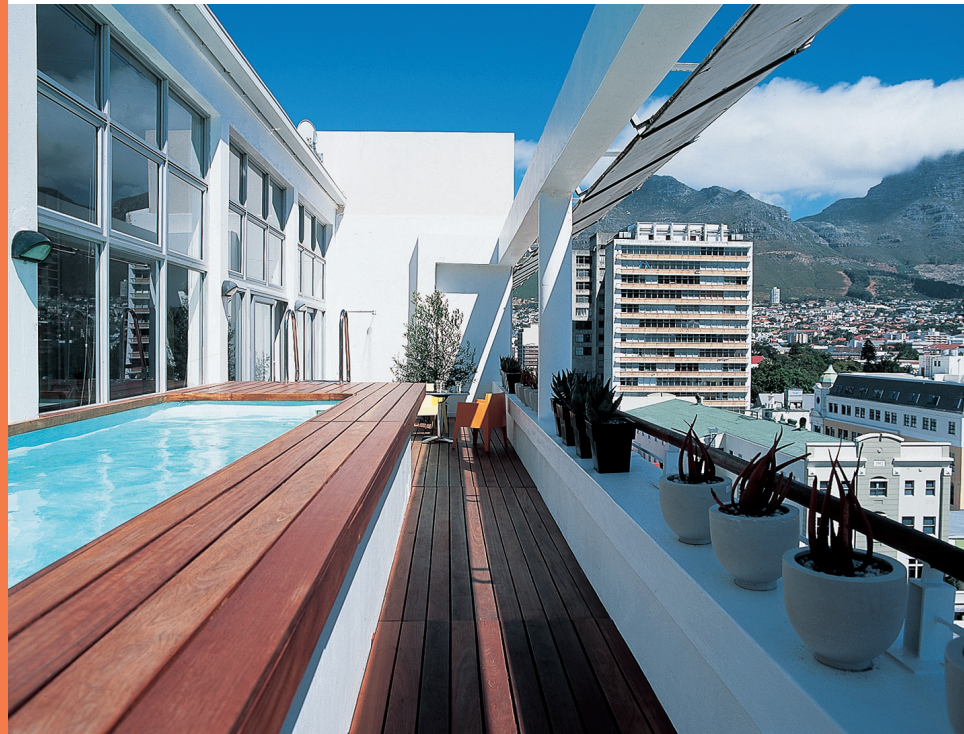


SOLUTIONS 2

Living flow

- The kitchen space works as a fulcrum around which traffic passes, and the left and right wings can function as independent entities. This means that house guests don't invade privacy, and that clients never have to enter the inner sanctum of Toby's bedroom.
- By keeping furniture to a minimum, Toby has maximised his space. The plush blue-grey sofas are inviting without diminishing the whittled-down aesthetic.
- Furniture is used to create 'separate' places within the open-plan space. A pair of black-vinyl and chrome chairs salvaged from the old DF Malan Airport demarcate a conversation area, for example.
- A large wooden sliding door affords the option of closing off the bedroom without compromising the space.



ABOVE The deck and lap pool were clad in balau timber by Stable Marketing 021-593-5540. **BELOW** The bedroom is located below the home-office space. It's linked with the living spaces by a large steel-framed doorway but privacy is easily achieved by sliding shut a heavy, industrial-style wooden door. The side tables are an Eileen Grey design (bought in London) and the table lamps by Philippe Starck for Flos. **OPPOSITE** The kitchen links the living and dining spaces. The sofa is by Comfort Creations 011-673-9337 and the cowhide rug is from Klooftique 021-424-9458. Just seen are Toby's home office and entertainment area on the mezzanine level. Architect Greg Meager 021-426-1834, 072-867-8767 was instrumental in the redesign of the apartment.

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- Well-conceived loft spaces are generally quite forgiving but when decorating, try to avoid complete lounge and bedroom suites as they tend to gang up on the architecture.
- My other rule to live by when decorating a loft space is don't bring truckloads of personal stuff from a previous home that was not a loft. You wouldn't wear somebody else's tailored suit, right? If you can't part with certain pieces, put them in storage.
- Currently there are many attempts at creating inner-city loft apartments. If you're thinking of buying, look out for well-proportioned living areas and a space that has a lived-in, worked-in feel. The space should be unembellished and radiate confidence and authenticity.

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