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Opening doors

Cobus Lourens from leading window and door manufacturer, Swartland, offers some insight into the top internal door trends for 2018.

28 February 2018, Johannesburg: Interior doors are more important to the overall feel of your interior spaces as you may have realised. While they remain comparatively minor elements in the greater architectural scheme of things, they do create a tactile experience that any homeowner will come into contact with a number of times everyday, which will leave a significant impression. Says Cobus Lourens from leading window and door manufacturer, Swartland: “Beautiful internal doors remain one of those subtle design necessities that can make a really big difference to the overall impression of your home – both aesthetically and from a more physical experience. Aside from the floor and countertop surfaces in your home, internal doors remain one of the most common elements that will be experienced through daily touch.”

For this reason, Cobus explains that a good amount of thought should go into choosing your selection of the internal doors for your home: “If you are building, remodelling or just looking to upgrade the aesthetics of your interior spaces – then selecting new interior doors is an important step. You need to consider things such as style, materials, soundproofing and door swing, amongst others, when making your choice.” However, he also notes that being aware of the latest and hottest interior door trends could also help make the selection process a little easier. Here is an overview on Cobus’ top internal door trends:

Trend 1: Flexible is key: Open-plan floor plans are certainly not a new trend, however they are an increasingly popular layout for residential living spaces – and with open-plan designs, the openings between different spaces are getting ever wider. Cobus explains: “To accommodate these increasingly widening spaces between rooms, internal doors that can divide the spaces when required, but then also open the space up into one seamless open-plan layout, are becoming increasingly sought after. It’s all about providing flexibility in space defining functionality – doors such as interior bi-fold doors and sliding doors all offer the ability to quickly and effortlessly divide a space when needed or keep it open.”

Trend 2: Internal glazed doors: Cobus notes that there has been a marked uptick in the use of internal glazed doors, such as single- or cottage-frame doors for example, as they provide a natural and cost-effective means of dispersing light and thereby creating the impression of a larger interior space: “Glazed internal doors are being used in homes as a means of spreading more natural light throughout the home. Obviously in rooms where privacy is an issue, such as bedrooms and bathrooms, they are not the ideal choice. However in all the other rooms, including kitchens, living rooms, hallways, lounges, living rooms, home studies, and so on – glazed internal doors are a clever way to brighten up your

interiors. If you would like the influx of natural light, but you still want a little privacy, you can opt for sand-blasted or opaque glazing instead of clear glazing.”

Trend 3: As nature intended: When it comes to internal doors, solid wood doors remain an incredibly popular option, says Cobus: “We can call this a trend, but we can also call it an untrend, as solid wood doors have never really ‘gone out of fashion’ so to speak. They are strong and durable – able to withstand a lot of wear and tear – and they look beautiful. Whether they compliment a home with traditional and classical interiors, or one that is sleek and modern – the beauty and warmth of solid wood doors with its natural grain on display, stand as features in their own right.”

Trend 4: Making a statement: Traditionally, internal doors have, for the most part, been unobtrusive features that blend in seamlessly with their surrounds. However, increasingly more homeowners and designers are including internal doors that stand out as features in their own right, notes Cobus: “Gone are the days when internal doors took on a ‘behind the scenes’ role – today, there are internal doors that boast standout features and craftsmanship that will add interest and appeal to any interior space they grace. Its including these kinds of world-class finishes whenever possible that really distinguishes a high-end home from the rest.”

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