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# WIDE OPEN SPACE

## BELIEVES IN

Open spaces that facilitate communication; pared-down contemporary styles with stylish accents and clutter-free living.

## STRENGTHS

Space-enhancing looks and tranquil settings.



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**LEFT** Curvy transparent Eros dining chairs add to the sense of spaciousness in the dining area. **BELOW, LEFT** The view from the living room is one of water sheets streaming down a ribbed granite wall. **BELOW, RIGHT** Stylised bar stools echo the linear form of the stair rail. **OPPOSITE** The classic black-and-white colour base adds to the home's ageless appeal.

This five-year-old firm relentlessly pursues what every homeowner covets – space. “The colour “white” represents an expanse of space, and also sounds like “wide”.

Designer Derrick Lim says: “Most of us may not live in very big spaces, but we aim to expand it, fully utilise it, and make it adaptable for everyday living. As a starting point, we look at the flow of human traffic and communication between occupants, hence the emphasis is on fluid, transparent spaces that would help verbal and visual contact.”

The designer separated the living and dining rooms in this Kismis Avenue house with large sliding panels. The divider is made of two sheets of clear glass that encase a black roller blind material for colour and glossy effect. The other end of the living room opens up to a placid outdoor scene: sheets of

water streaming over a ribbed black granite wall and slate-coloured slabs in a peaceful pool.

To play up the spaciousness of the two-storey house, the dark-toned wall spanning both levels was accented with soft backlighting. Contrast comes in the form of linear off-white storage cabinets in the dining area and grey marble flooring. From the stylish eight-seater dining table, diners can enjoy generous views of the living room and foyer.

The home's wet and dry kitchens are linked by timber sliding doors that barely

