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Kashiwa BATHROOM by Arthouse Architects

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Japanese sensibilities informed the design of this ensuite.

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Bathroom design has come along in leaps and bounds in recent years, transforming the once utilitarian room into an experiential space. For those of us over a certain age, we likely grew up in a house with just the one bathroom that most likely comprised a bath, contained shower (with stainless steel tray), vanity and a separate toilet.

Today, however, more and more Kiwis are tending towards open-plan bathroom design with all the elements within the one space and in many instances, unenclosed.

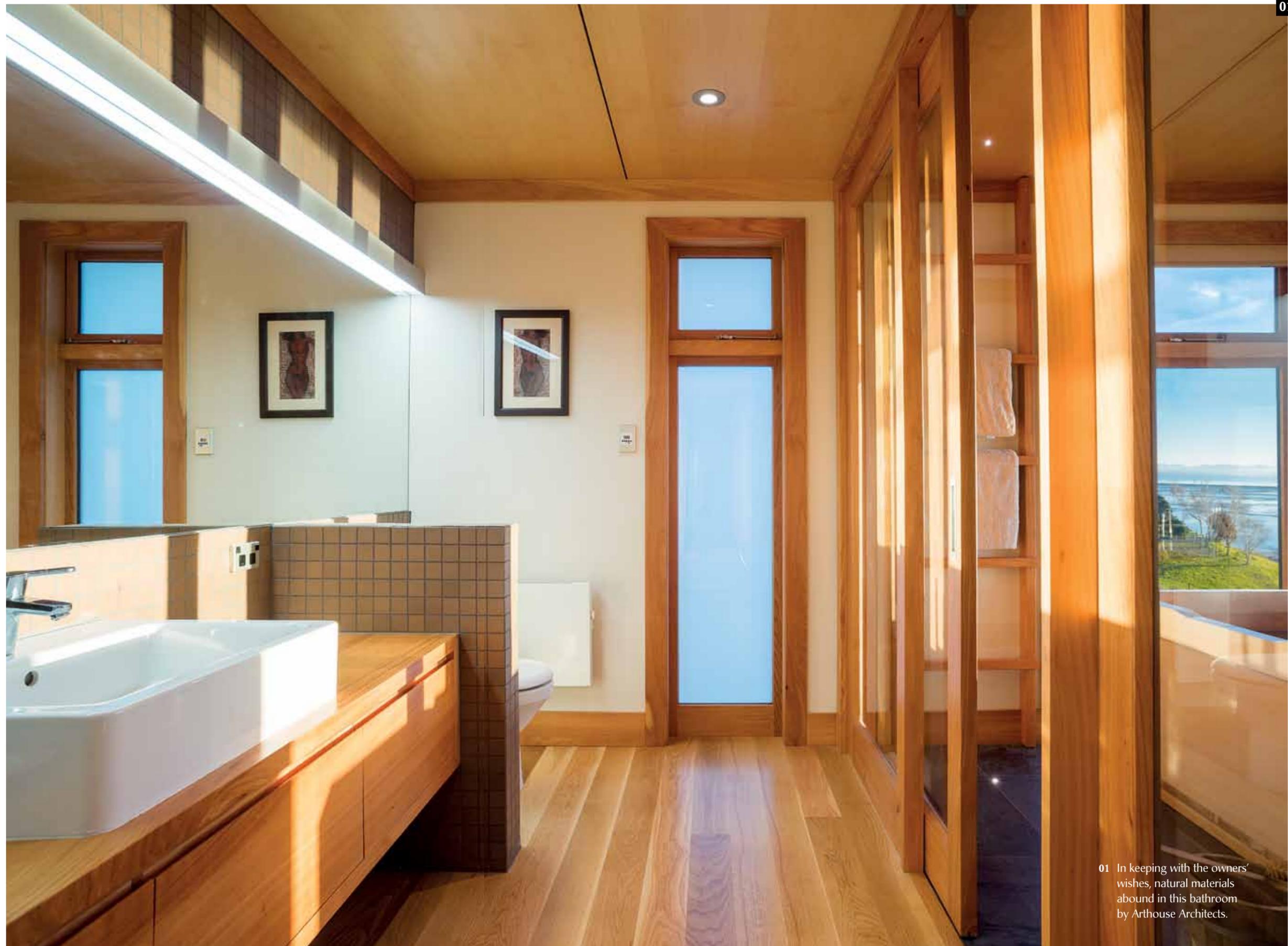
For the owners of this house, by Arthouse Architects, a clear delineation between the wet and dry areas of the space was a must, says interior architect Helena Glover.

“The clients wanted to draw from the Japanese model where there is a distinct division between the two zones. Floor-to-ceiling glazing ensures the wet, warm environment of the bathing zone remains contained. The use of glass however, means the view is accessible to the rest of the space.”

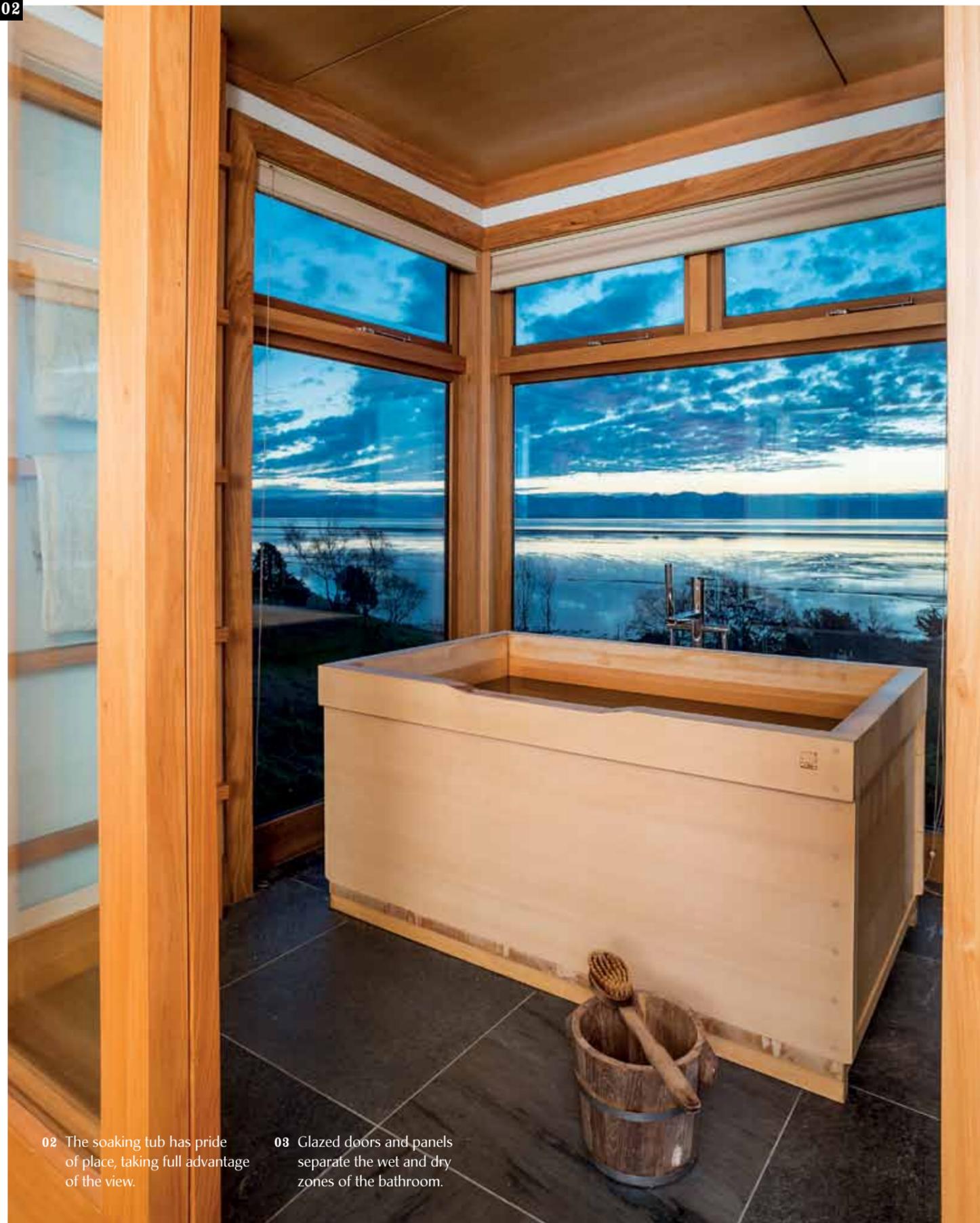
Architect David Wallace says the position of the bathroom within the home’s floor plan was an early consideration during the design process.

“The clients already had the large Japanese soaking tub, so we knew it was going to be the primary element within the bathroom space. Siting the tub front and centre to the view required the bathroom to be set back from the perimeter to create an additional level of privacy.”

“The result is a calm and relaxed atmosphere, a really peaceful space,” says Wallace. “The definition of luxury for our clients lies in simplicity.” 



01 In keeping with the owners’ wishes, natural materials abound in this bathroom by Arthouse Architects.

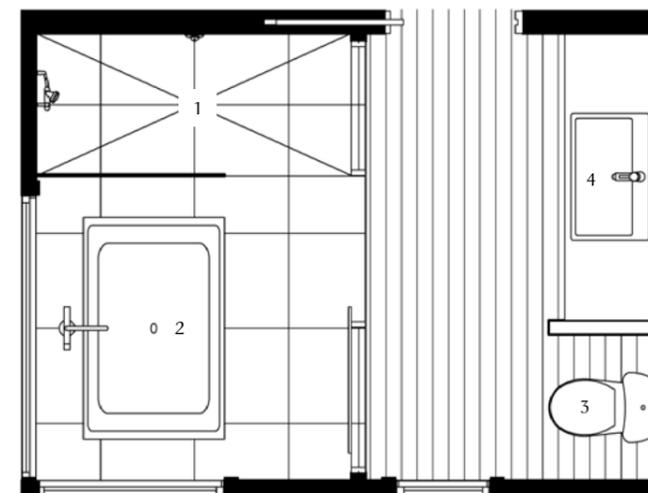


02 The soaking tub has pride of place, taking full advantage of the view.

03 Glazed doors and panels separate the wet and dry zones of the bathroom.



- 1 Shower
- 2 Bath
- 3 WC
- 4 Vanity



Bathroom plan

Practice

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Practice profile

Arthouse Architecture's team of award-winning architects takes pride in designing collaboratively with each client to produce a highly resolved and well documented solution.

Project team: David Wallace, Helena Glover, Nick Reeve

Builder: Lovell Inch Building

Consultants

Joinery: Waimea West Joinery

Products

Vanity: Custom macrocarpa
Bath: Ofuro from Bartok Design
Basins: Vitra Nuovella
Toilet: Vitra S50

Tapware: Hansa Primo basin mixer; Hansa New Ligna bath pillar

Shower fittings: Hansa Purejet slide shower set

Tiles: Walks and Architecth by Floor Gres

Lighting: Inlite SC Profile; Switch 9W LED downlights; Switch 1W LED mini

Heating: Slim-Line 'E' by Enersave; underfloor

Windows and doors: Western red cedar (exterior); Macrocarpa (interior)

Accessories: Emco Optima towel ring and roll holder; macrocarpa towel ladder

Time schedule

Design and planning: 8 months*

Construction: 8 months*

*whole house

Project areas

House area: 257m².

Bathroom area: 11m²