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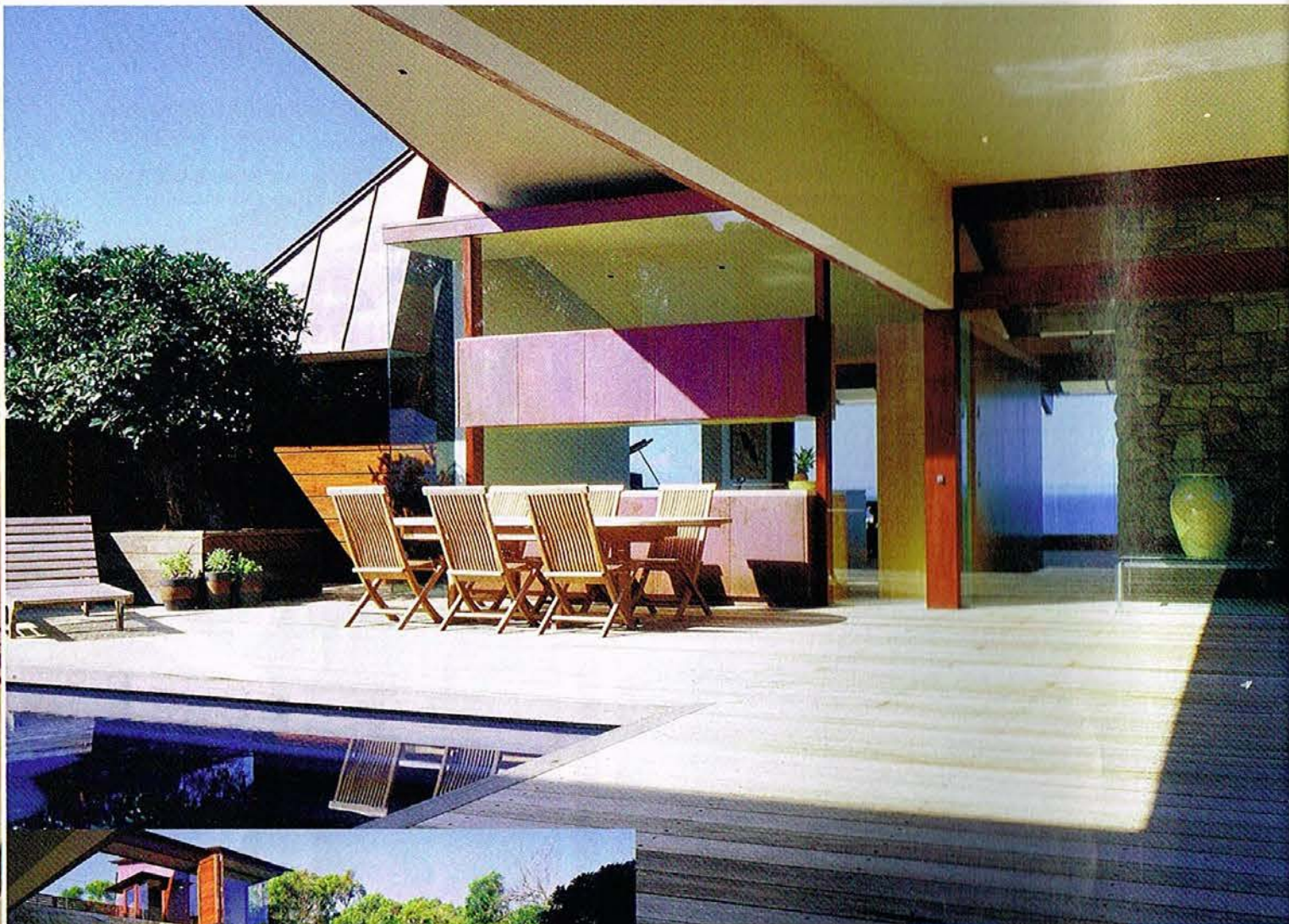


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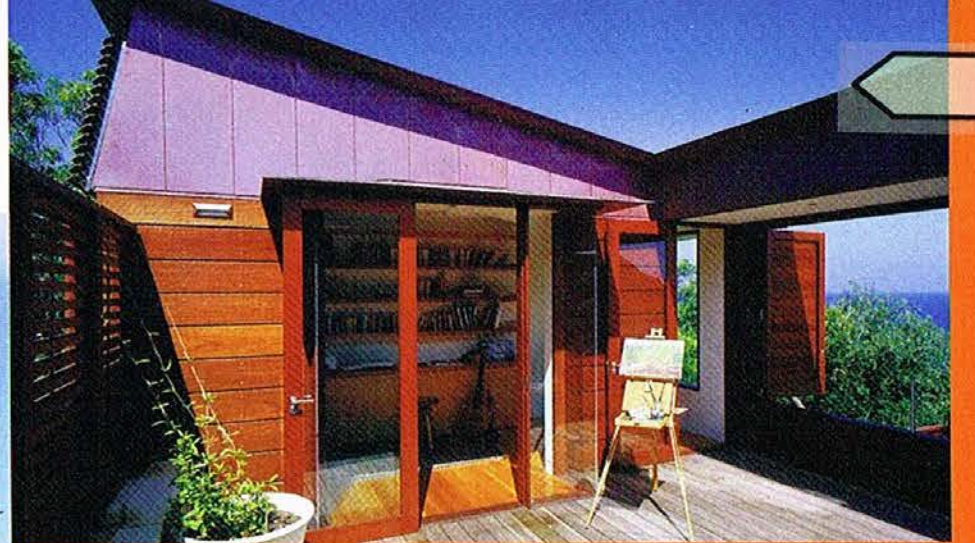
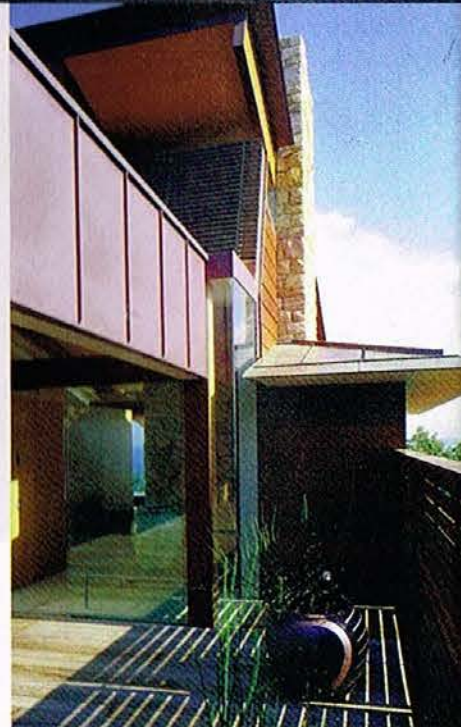
Bellevard's most difficult projects to date. An unstable site, the juxtaposing of contrasting materials, convex and concave tapering sandstone walls, huge laminated rafters and square-set internal plaster

THE TOP HONOUR IN THE 2002 MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF NSW EXCELLENCE IN HOUSING AWARDS — MASTER BUILDER OF THE YEAR — has gone to a building company who builds for the Who's Who of Australian architects, Bellevard Constructions. Bellevard Constructions is known as a perfectionist with a flair for devising elegant solutions to vexing problems.

The award winning house, perched precariously above a breathtaking stretch of beach, would have to be considered one of

ter works — to name a few — all contributed to the building difficulty. The house has a base of tapered dry stone walls and enormous openings for glass doors and windows. "It was a crazy house. Architecturally it took things beyond the limit," said John Fielding of Bellevard Constructions.

The house consists of two pavilions — north and south — which comprise residence and guest quarters respectively. The north and south pavilions are connected via an external cloister walkway that passes the central swim-



JUDGES' COMMENTS

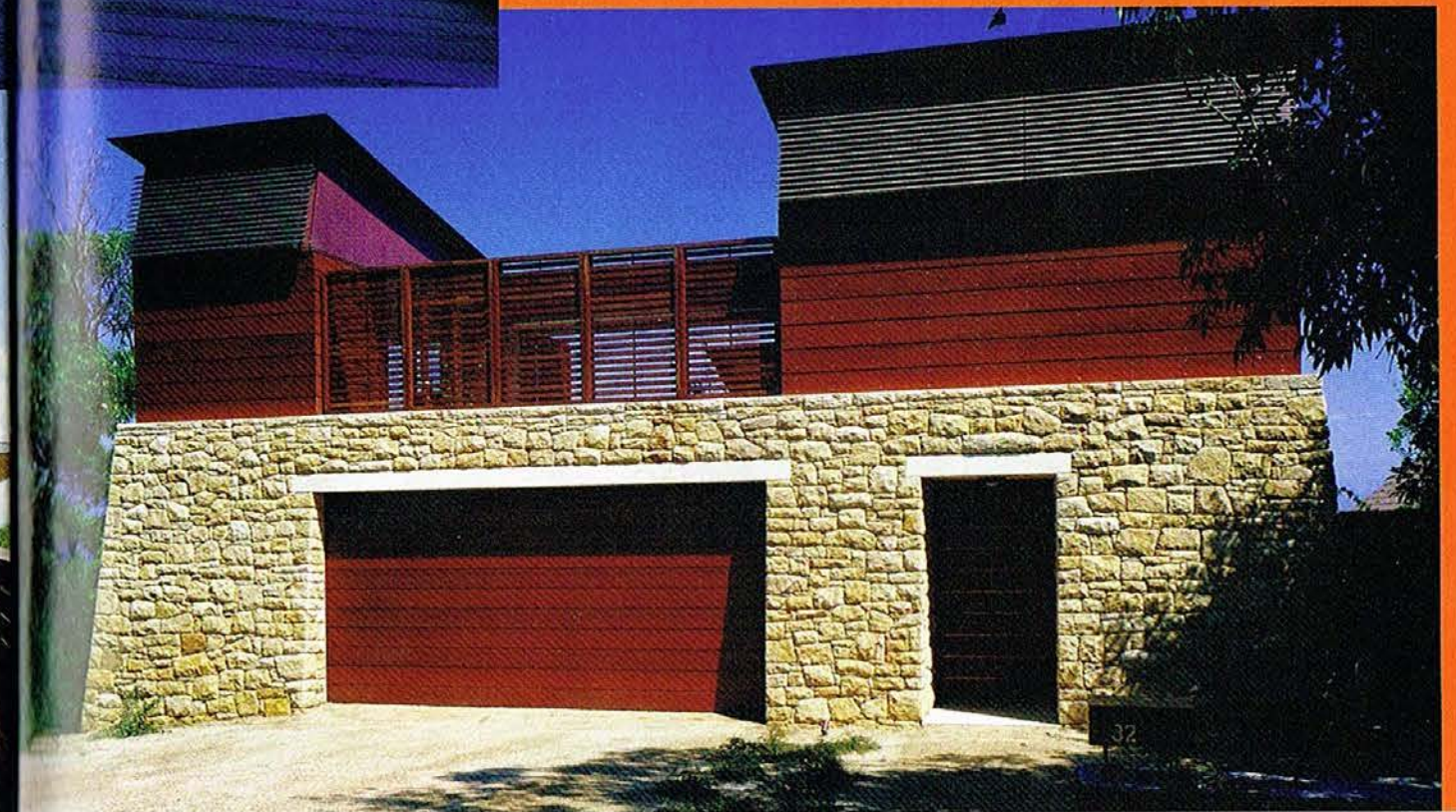
On the south-facing site, Bellevard Constructions has produced a client's wish and an architect's dream. Finishes and details throughout were completed perfectly. A worthy winner for the Master Builder of 2002.

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ming pool and leads to the kitchen and living areas.

Two stonemasons were enlisted from the Snowy to build the extensive sandstone walls, which make up the entire ground-floor level of the house, the retaining wall which forms the central courtyard between the two pavilions, and the dominant central fireplace and chimney which visually secures the main living area. Skilled carpenters were also needed for the extensive timberwork in the house. The residence is a steel portal frame construction but clad totally in timber, with giant exposed blackbutt beams.

The house has two swimming pools, both with timber decks. There's a generous-sized splash pool in the courtyard for use when the southerlies are blowing, and a pool with a glamorous wet-edge feature right on the edge of the cliff.

The client's request to nurture the remnant vegetation was successfully met with every banksia tree remaining intact. From the beach, the house dissolves into the bush with a thin slice of roof and a study sandstone chimney elegantly anchoring it to the edge.

AWARD-WINNING EXCELLENCE

The Master Builders Association of NSW's Excellence in Housing Awards is the state's premier building industry competition, celebrating workmanship and quality of the highest standard.



THE MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF NSW EXCELLENCE IN HOUSING AWARDS ARE THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING SECTOR'S HIGHEST PROFILE AWARDS. The Housing Awards showcase the very best in residential building, rewarding quality, workmanship and innovation. As such, these prestigious awards attract a broad cross-section of the residential building sector, including project home builders, contract builders, multi-unit developers and medium-density housing builders as well as builders specialising in additions, alterations and renovations.

In 2002, the MBA Excellence in Housing Awards attracted a record number of entries in all categories, ensuring that competition was fierce as the state's premier contractors vied for top honours. The winners were announced at a gala presentation night held at the Darling Harbour Convention Centre, Sydney, on 13 September 2002 with over 700 builders, sub-contractors, clients and suppliers turning out to support their colleagues.

The MBA Excellence in Housing Awards is broken up into 15 divisions covering a diverse range of residential projects including energy

efficiency and waste management. The entire residential building spectrum is covered — everything from multi-million-dollar design and construct projects, exhibition homes and townhouse developments to the best use of recycled timber, energy-efficient housing and environmental management.

The awards evening also incorporated the Excellence in Pool Awards in acknowledgement of the MBA's growing Master Pool

Builders division.

Members of the judging panel personally inspected every entry, a crucial part of the judging process. The MBA of NSW is most grateful to the judges for giving their time and expertise. It also extends these thanks to the awards sponsors.

And, of course, congratulations go to all the winners, in particular the 2002 Master Builder of the Year, Bellevard Constructions.

