

In the XIV years since he first founded his business, Eric Kuster has masterminded the growth of his vision and brand, seeing it transformed from a strictly Netherlands-based enterprise, to a major player on the international design circuit. Such is his talent and enthusiasm - not to mention his energy - that, having begun as an interior designer, he now works in a variety of design-related fields, creating not only beautiful homes for his world-wide base of A-list clients, but furnishings, fashion, footwear and home fragrances, too. "I've never been a fan of compartmentalising things," says Eric. "To me, life is an endlessly exciting series of inter-related ideas that cover every-

thing from architecture and philosophy, to food and fragrance - so it seems only natural to be involved in a variety of projects; I only take on those I feel truly passionate about, though," he says, "and ones where I know absolutely that I can deliver in terms of quality and excellence - these are the driving forces behind all my work."

So what else motivates him? "Not only meeting and working with great people - many of whom, whether clients or craftsmen, end up as personal friends - and travelling to some of the world's most beautiful places, but also the chance to exceed expectations. We like our clients to feel there's nothing we can't or won't do

for them, so that they feel truly cosseted and relaxed in all respects. We make it our business if, say we have a client in Ibiza, to know the best restaurants in that area, so we can make sure our clients know about them too. Basically, it's about spreading the word among the cognoscenti, so that those who are in the position to enjoy the finest things in life can, with our help, do exactly that."

Over the pages that follow, Eric Kuster takes us on a journey that covers everywhere from Curacao to Vegas, Holland to Ibiza. While we can marvel at the glamorous diversity of his work, we can also agree, that the recipe for true luxury combines beauty with space and comfort.

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*It's the light and the view – **180 ° of sea** - that make this house truly extraordinary. Consequently its interior design saw Eric Kuster and his team focusing on paying homage to its position, adding **natural seaside elements** including coral, shell and driftwood, and keeping the colour palette airy, allowing the villa and its inhabitants **space to breathe**. this house is rooted, in its Spanish identity: in the master bathroom for instance, craftsmen have created a dry stone wall of the sort you'll find in the local hills. With its **glorious location** combining with spacious interiors and exquisite detailing, this inspirational villa offers all the comforts that a hotel would bring - but the **individuality** that only a home can boast.*













Natural elements - including vases made from mother-of-pearl and filled with driftwood - emphasise an inescapable connection with the sea

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