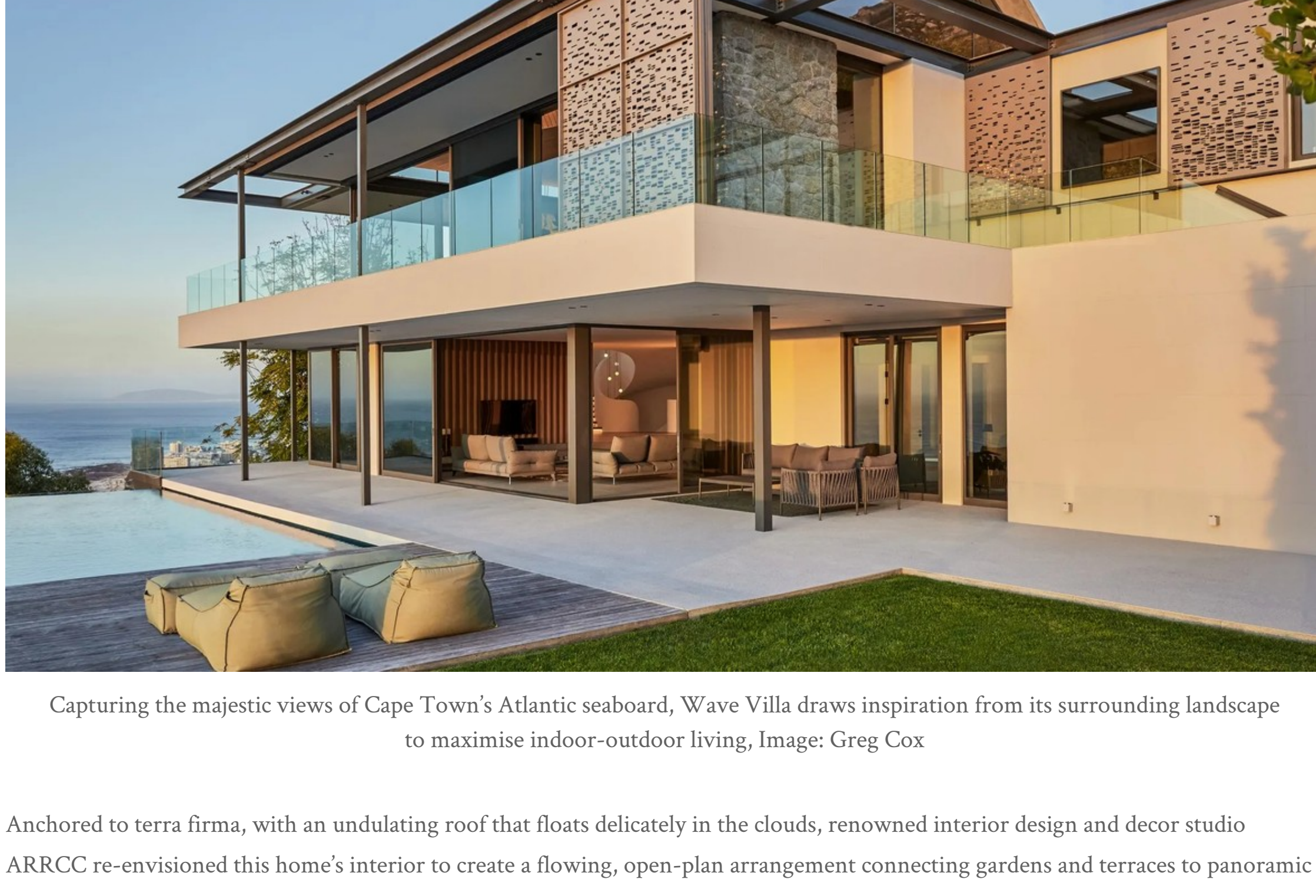


# TRANSFORMS HOME WITH OCEAN VIEWS AND LIGHT

ARRCC's redesign blends sculptural, wave-inspired architecture with organic materials to enhance oceanfront living

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Capturing the majestic views of Cape Town's Atlantic seaboard, Wave Villa draws inspiration from its surrounding landscape to maximise indoor-outdoor living. Image: Greg Cox

Anchored to terra firma, with an undulating roof that floats delicately in the clouds, renowned interior design and decor studio ARRCC re-envisioned this home's interior to create a flowing, open-plan arrangement connecting gardens and terraces to panoramic ocean views while retaining its existing footprint.

'The open-plan layout invites natural light through high-level windows, emphasising the sculptural roof while framing the mountain and ocean views,' says Jon Case, lead designer and director of ARRCC. 'The roof's flowing, wave-inspired design not only makes a bold architectural statement but also connects the house to its natural surroundings.'



The upstairs living space has been transformed into a light, transparent, pavilion-like structure flooded with natural light and fresh air, orientated to connect with the back garden and allowing views of the sea to flow through the interiors. Image: Greg Cox

This cast-in-situ concrete roof appears to float on a steel frame above clerestory windows that wrap around all four sides, providing the space with an airy, pavilion-like quality. The roof's sinuous shape, inspired by ocean waves, is organic in form and serves a practical function — a billowing, defining feature. Echoed throughout the home is a design language inspired by its maritime milieu.

The perforated metal screens on the façade cast patterns of light and shadow, reminiscent of the dapples of light that reflect off the ocean, while the restrained and consistent selection of natural materials creates a tactile yet neutral backdrop to enhance the colours of the landscape.



Light oak panelling on the ceilings, walls and floors provides softness and warmth, while exposed concrete elements provide a gritty contrast. Image: Greg Cox

The material palette further explores the organic forms of the villa's topography: the light oak panelling on the ceilings, walls and floors is an adagio of clean, soothing lines that exude warmth, while exposed concrete and Cape Granite provide a gritty, more tactile contrast that resonates with the mountainscapes.

In addition, accessories like natural stone vases and wooden accents tie into the neutral, earthy palette, allowing the outdoor vistas to remain central to the design. 'Although the clients chose to do their own decor, ARRCC played a pivotal role in guiding choices that reflect the home's organic architectural design,' says Case. 'For instance, sculptural furniture with flowing forms and minimalist pendant lights that provide soft illumination without overshadowing the home's natural light.'



The bespoke bar area features elements made of Cape Granite, timber, brass and copper. Image: Greg Cox

Apart from the deliberate relationship between the exterior and interior areas, the motif of connection further transcends into the spatial layout of the home's two wings, mediated by a winding, 'orange peel' staircase. The top level boasts ocean views and includes the main living spaces, open-plan lounge and dining areas that flow out onto a terrace through floor-to-ceiling glass doors.



The main bedroom en-suite has a consistent palette of natural materials applied throughout the home. Image: Greg Cox

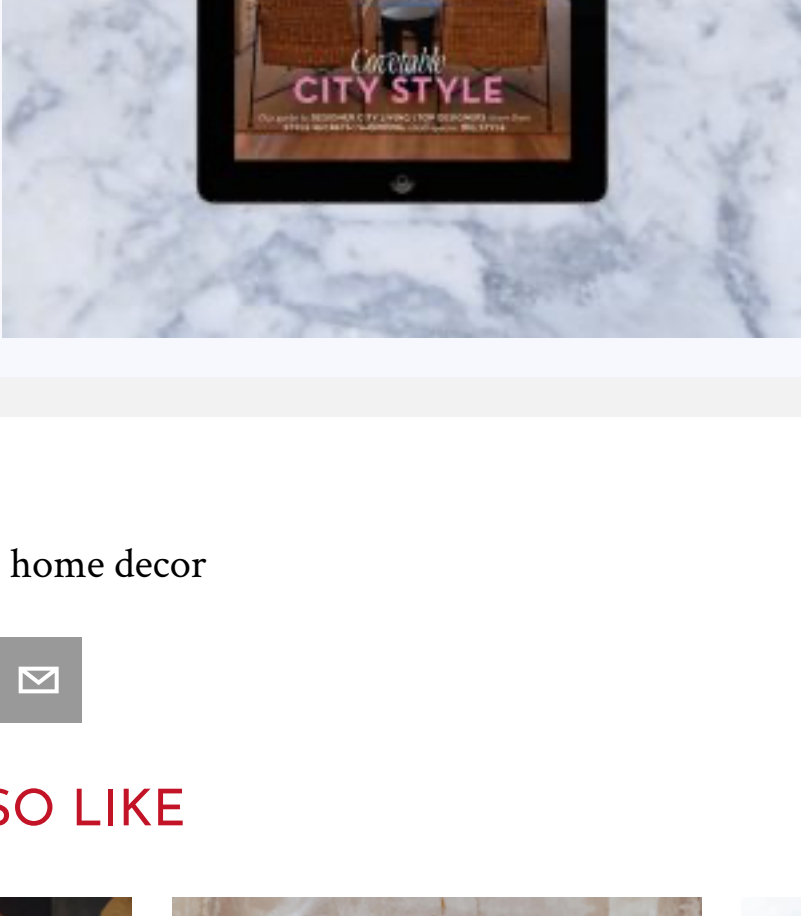
The lower level accommodates three guest bedrooms, staff quarters, a gym, a study, a games room and another lounge that opens onto the pool terrace. The homeowners wanted to preserve the existing footprint of the lower level — maintaining the core structure while enhancing the upper-level living areas to create an open and airy space,' adds Case.



The roof of the main bedroom in the adjacent wing has been peeled back and lifted upwards to capture and maximise the views. Image: Greg Cox

This home is deeply rooted within its locale, and ARRCC's intervention dramatically enhances its relationship with the setting. The sculptural form of the roof further expresses its exuberant, new spirit — capturing the beauty of the mountains and ocean — the crowning moment of the entire project.

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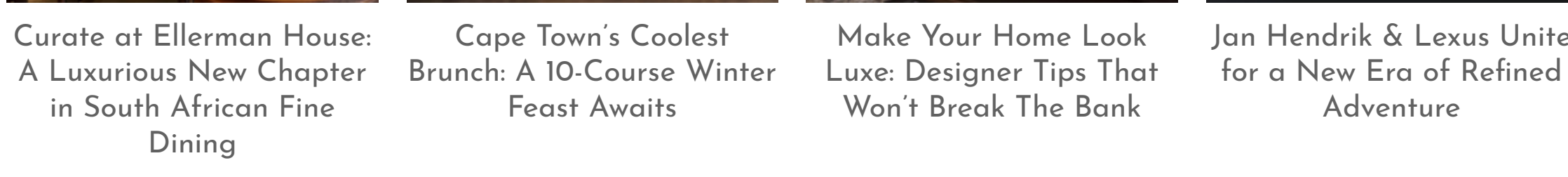
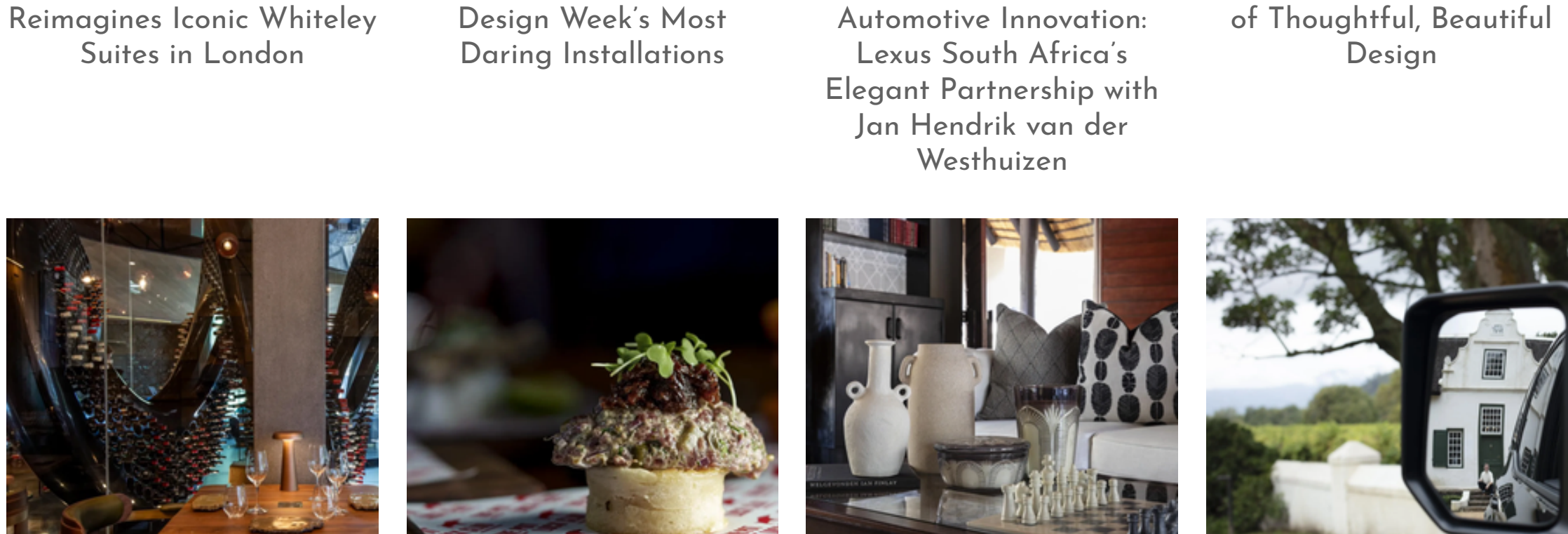
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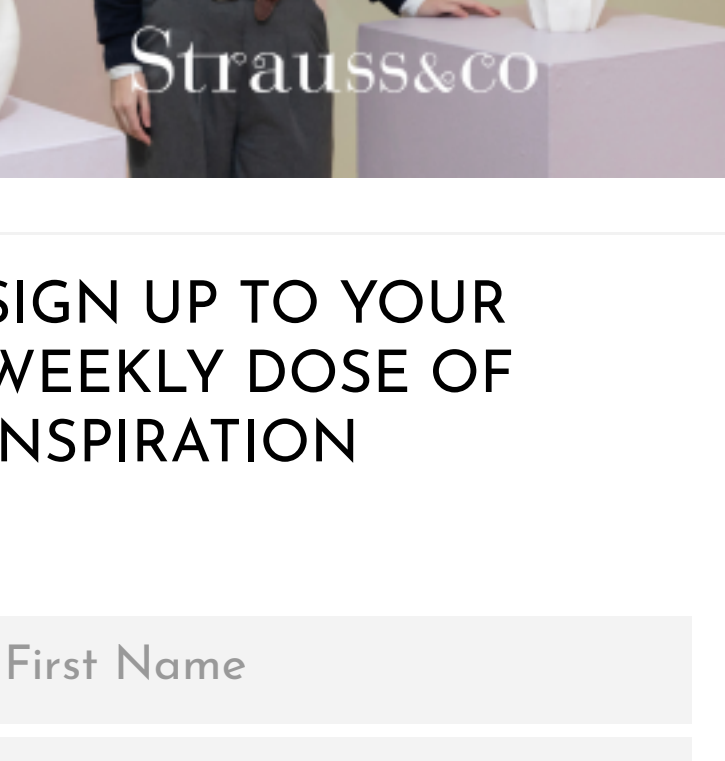


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