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LAKESIDE LIVING

CALM WATERS

*A seamless mix of European and north
African styles creates an enviable
sense of serenity in this relaxed Swiss home*

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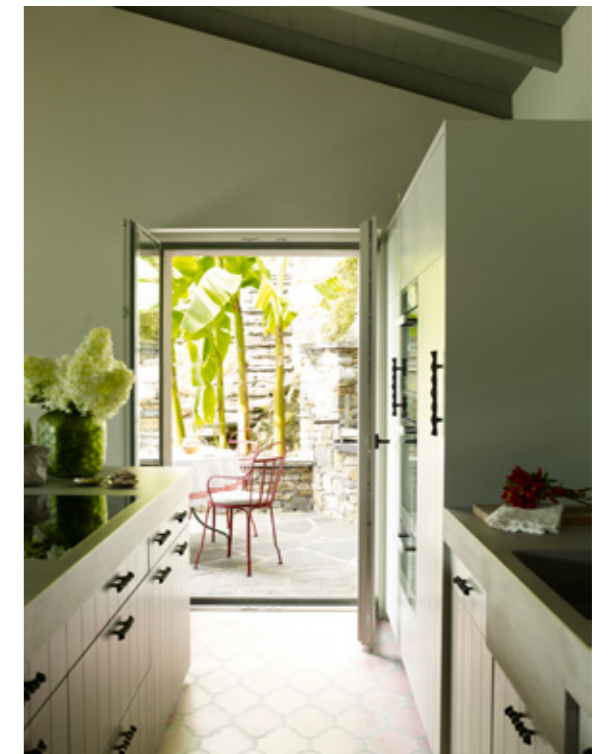
KITCHEN TERRACE

This sunny space, with its spectacular view of Lake Maggiore, is the perfect spot for a leisurely breakfast. Louvre armchairs in Poppy, £173 each, Fermob at Barbed, barbed.co.uk.



SITTING ROOM
Jutta wanted a living area that worked equally well in summer and winter, which she has achieved with a subtle mix of textured fabrics in neutral tones and warm metallic accents (below). Furnished with a generous helping of cushions, the

integrated fireside bench (left) makes a cosy corner for reading when the cooler nights draw in. **Evergreen chaise longue**, from £6,628, Flexform at Interdesign, interdesignuk.biz. **Habibi side tables**, from £566 each, E15 at Atomic Interiors, atomicinteriors.co.uk.



DINING AREA
For a contemporary take on Moroccan style, terracotta floor tiles from Marrakesh are teamed with dramatic pendant lights (left). The concrete-topped island (below), created by interior designer Claudia Silberschmidt, incorporates a bench on one side, allowing it to blend seamlessly with the dining area.

Random pendant lights, from £482 each, Moooi at Utility, utilitydesign.co.uk. **CH24 Wishbone chairs**, £620 each, Aram, aram.co.uk. **Interior design**, Claudia Silberschmidt, Atelier Zuerich, atelierzuerich.ch.

KITCHEN
Sculptural handles give a decorative flourish to the wooden cabinetry (above).



As the sun rises over the northern shore of Lake Maggiore in Switzerland, there cannot be a more perfect spot from which to take in the serene view of water and mountains than the terrace of Jutta Schild's house.

Set on the edge of the lake near the town of Ascona, close to the Italian border, the property is a holiday retreat for Jutta, who works in fashion, and the place where she loves to go to relax with friends. When she and her partner, Lambert, found it three years ago, the 1960s house was "simple and very basic", so they embarked on a year-long renovation to create a stylish interior to match its idyllic situation.

SIMPLE AND SUSTAINABLE

Although the property did not need a lot of structural work, what Jutta calls "the technical details" required modernisation: the electrics and plumbing had a complete overhaul, and the house needed to be made watertight. As eco credentials were of the utmost importance to Jutta, she ensured that the renovation met the Swiss Minergie building standard for low energy consumption by installing efficient windows, underfloor heating and solar panels on the roof.

It was with the decoration of the interior, however, that Jutta's innate flair for design came to the fore. One of her key objectives was not to overdo it: "We wanted to preserve the simple, easy spirit of the house," she explains, "and taking inspiration from the historic north Italian villas in the area, we reinstated some classic features, including the shutters."





MAIN BEDROOM
A built-in shelf with drawers beneath makes a useful workstation and dressing table (above). For this scheme (right), Jutta chose green for its serene, restful quality. Curvy lamp base, £350; 18in lampshade, £375; both Melodi Horne, melodihorne.com. Dhurrie, CHF230sq m, Frohsinn,

frohsinn.ch. 205 table lamps, £359.66 each, Lampe Gras at Spatial Lighting, spatial-lighting.co.uk. Rope stool, €1,098, Riva 1920 at Progarr, progarr.com.

STAIRCASE
Claudia's unique rope screen design (below) enhances the crisp beauty of the staircase.



CROSS-CULTURAL COMPOSITION

To help her achieve the specific style she wanted, Jutta enlisted the help of interior designer Claudia Silberschmidt, of Swiss firm Atelier Zurich – a friend with whom she had worked before on previous projects – but the design took an abrupt turn after Jutta went on a trip to Marrakesh. “I came home and said, ‘Claudia, I think we have to change the look because I have such different ideas now,’” she recalls. “It was just that Moroccan feeling: the colours, the shapes and the style. We sat and talked it over for hours, it was such fun.”

EDITED WITH STYLE

This new look, a cross between contemporary riad and elegant Italian villa, was the perfect fit for another of Jutta's requirements, that the interior of the house be appropriate for the summer and winter months. This she and Claudia achieved through their choice of fabrics, carpets and curtains in soft greens, greys and mauves, which lend the interior a fresh, bright look in warm weather when the French windows are flung open, and a cosy, cossetting feel on chilly evenings – an effect heightened by the custom-built fireplace with its integrated bench, which is Jutta's favourite place to sit. Added to the mix are items that Jutta picked up in Morocco, pieces that have been designed by Claudia, while others were chosen from European design brands, such as Moooi, Flexform and British designer, Melodi Horne. It is a look that keeps on evolving. “Finding things for the house is like a never-ending story,” says Jutta. “I love the thrill of the chase.”



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BALCONY

The bedroom's covered balcony (above left) has been fitted with diaphanous curtains to filter the glare of the sun on bright days. Simple lights, from €327 each, Tobias Grau, tobias-grau.com.

GUEST BEDROOM

Jutta opted for a textured wallpaper and a padded headboard (left) to add softness and comfort; the red pillows were chosen for their rich colour, which introduces a note of warmth. Fierce wallcovering, £124.17m, Arte at TM Interiors, tm-interiors.co.uk.

MAIN BEDROOM

A double set of French windows (above) maximises the view of the lake, and the reflected light from the water.



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BATHROOM

The original arched window was replaced by glazed doors (above), so the bathroom now opens onto the terrace. Its river-stone floor not only adds a decorative touch (above left), but is pleasantly tactile underfoot.

Stairs towel holder, from £511.20, Agape at West One Bathrooms, westonebathrooms.com. **Piazzolla wall lamps**, £652.74 each, Delightfull at Beut, beut.co.uk.

ROOF TERRACE

An outdoor rug and relaxed seating bring the comfortable feel of the interior outdoors.

Knot rug, £3,700, Roda at Summerhill & Co, furniturebysummerhillandco.co.uk. **Opera table**, from £193, Fermob at Barbed, barbed.co.uk.