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House Tour: Natural materials in this calm, contemporary home



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The tall, leafy tree you see here -- a blossom tree planted by the homeowners 10 years earlier -- served as inspiration to design firm Studio Tate. This residence in Brighton is warm and inviting, and takes shade from the blossom tree.

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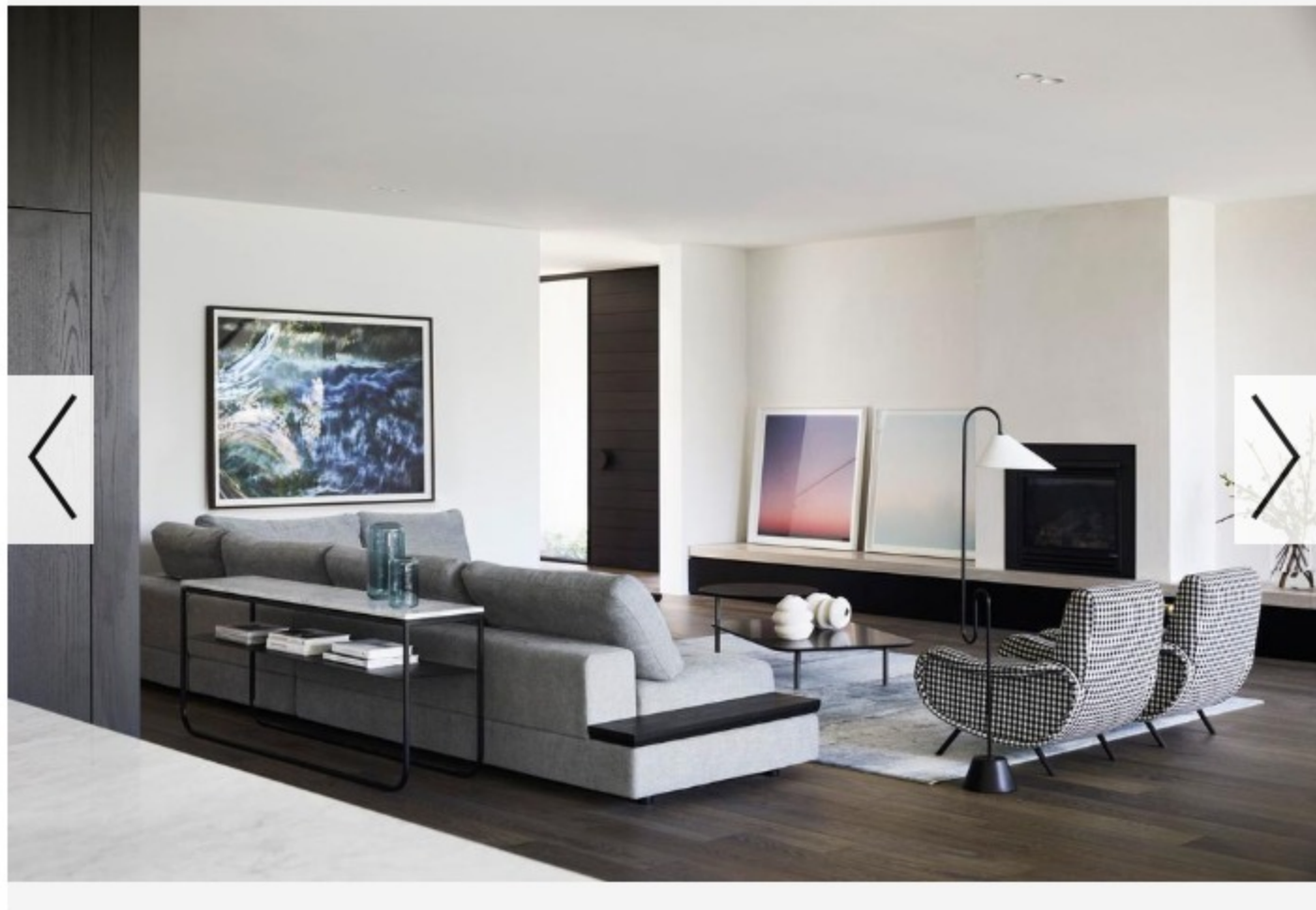
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The interiors reflect a sense of calm. Dark wood floors and soft grey furnishing, as well as photographs of nature, help achieve this.

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The living room features warm metals and glass. Shiny surfaces add to the elegant ambience of the home.

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"The ground floor kitchen and dining are cloaked by [the tree's] foliage," says Alex Hopkins, principal interior designer at Studio Tate. "The warmth of its changing autumnal character also mirrored our desired feeling for the home; welcoming and adaptable."

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With natural light streaming in, the materials chosen -- from the glazed backsplash to the wooden cabinetry -- offers an ever-changing panorama.

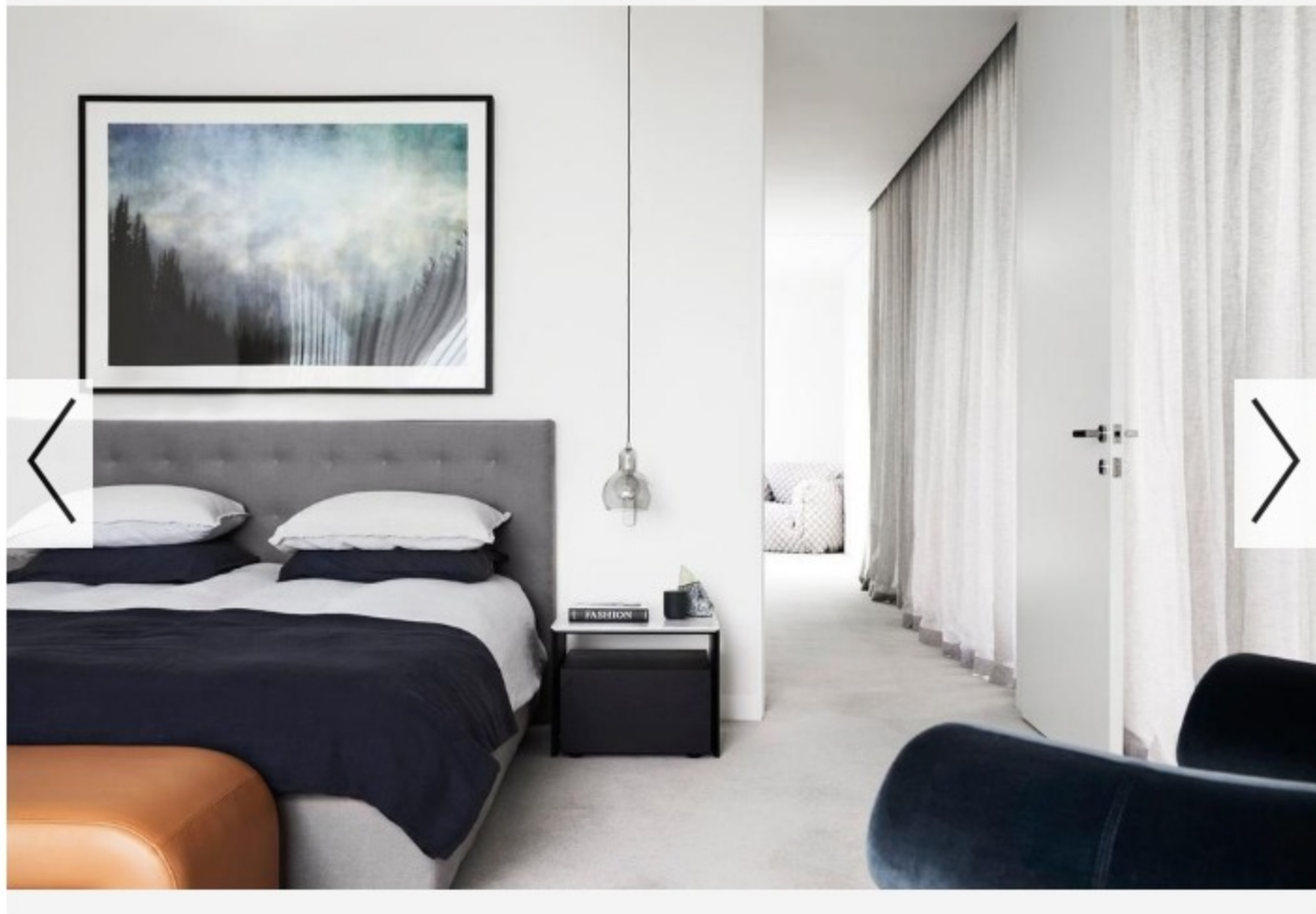
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The simply designed, contemporary furniture and fittings were paired with wood finishes in natural grains and textures.

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Natural materials, such as stone and wood, establish a connection between indoors and out.

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