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A high-end residential building project an opportunity to create a bespoke space that supports every element of your lifestyle. Of course, the construction process can be daunting and sometimes stressful, which is why it's so important that you find the right team to help you navigate the journey and bring your vision to life.

As specialists in high-end residential construction, we understand exactly how to do this. We've used our many years of experience in the industry to inform the below tips to help you craft a beautiful home that's tailored to your specific needs.



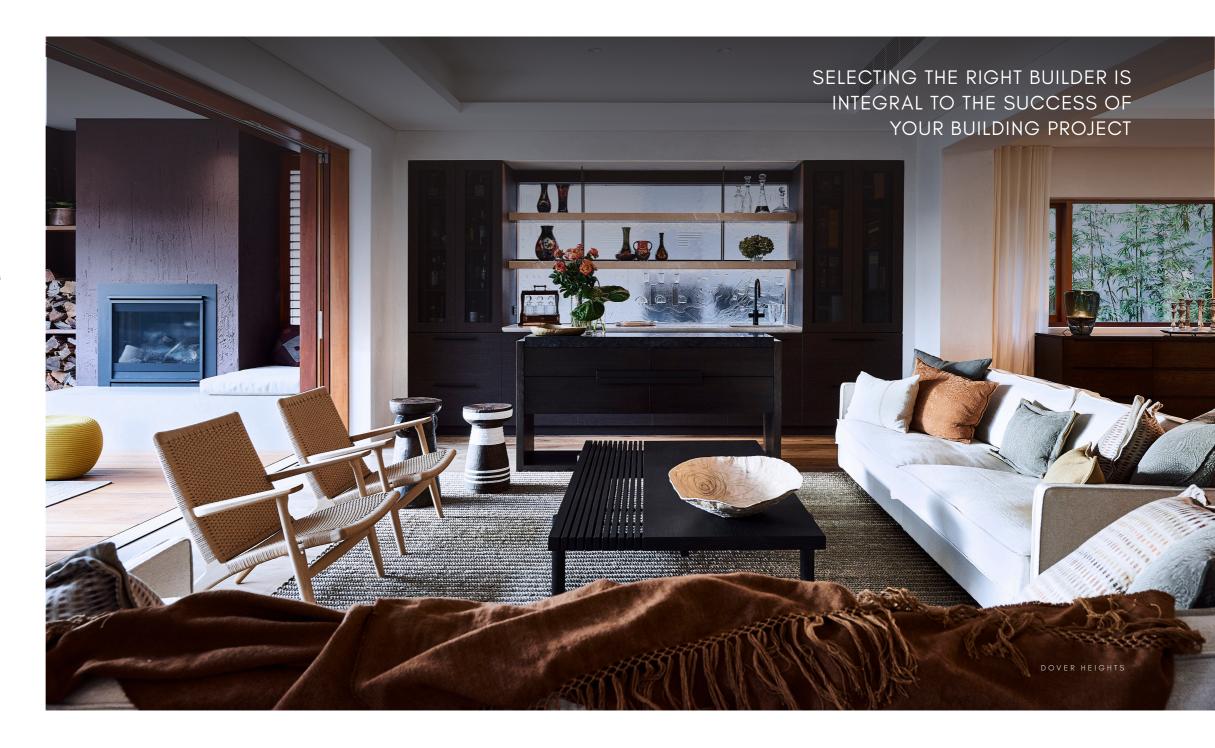
# Choose The Right Team

Selecting the right builder is integral to the success of your building project, however it should never be a popularity contest. While you might admire certain builders in the local area, it's essential that you engage someone who is suited for your specific project. It is always preferrable to work with a contractor who has experience in similar types of projects to yours – whether it be heritage restorations or luxury renovations – and whose goals and principles align with your own.

Remember to do your homework. A high-quality builder should have a compelling website to explore completed projects, review client testimonials, learn about their history and discover the services they offer. You could also obtain a sense of their values and expertise by visiting their social media pages.

The same rules apply when selecting the right architect or designer. At Stratti Building Group, we often suggest engaging your builder early in the process, as a high-quality builder will have strong ties to exceptional designers and architects and will be able to introduce you to the right person for your project.

Make time to meet with your building team before you finalise any decisions and use this as an opportunity to assess their communication, professionalism and collaboration. You'll want to ensure your team are exceptional to achieve exceptional results in your high-end residential project.





### Collaboration Is Key Throughout The Process

As mentioned, we recommend engaging a builder at the very beginning of your construction project. This is one of the best ways to ensure collaboration throughout both the design and build of your home.

Collaboration means every member of your building team is on the same page at all stages of the project and ensures they can consult on design practicalities, costs and delays as soon as possible. This also means you'll enjoy a hasslefree building process as your team take the stress and decision making out of your hands.





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Once you've selected a builder, perfected your design and are comfortable with the quote proposed by your contractor, you'll be asked to sign a residential building contract. This contract protects both you and your builder and will outline the cost of the build, the inclusions, schedule of works and payment terms. Make sure you understand each element of the contract before signing on the dotted line – it's always better to ask your builder to explain before rather than after.

Most high-end residential projects will require council approval, which your builder will be able to guide you through. If you're restoring a heritage home, your property may have heritage overlays, which could restrict any changes you wish to make. A high-quality builder will be able to help you craft a home that retains the character of your existing space, while infusing the design with modern luxury and functionality.



### Pay For A Quote

Many clients are apprehensive about paying a builder for a quote, often opting for contractors offering free quotes instead. But there are some very important reasons that builders charge for quotes...

Builders who don't charge for quotes generally base costs on square metre rates, which are only 20% accurate and can lead to budget blowout during a build. A builder who charges for a quote will strive for accuracy, often drawing on the skills of an estimator to consider all parts of the proposed build, not simply the square metre rate. They will investigate rates for tradespeople and factor in material costs among other specifications. A paid quote will be far more thorough than a free quote and will give you a much better understanding of the costs involved in constructing your high-end residential project.

It's essential that you're open and honest with your builder and architect about your building budget, so they can look for opportunities to save money if required. This will also help you to establish honest relationships with all parties from the get-go and means the quote you're paying for is more likely to be accurate.

A paid quote is a testament to the trustworthiness of your builder, as low-quality builders tend to use one page free quotes to hide details before surprising you with a bill that is not what you expected at the end. Paying for a quote and being honest about your budget are both crucial to a highend residential project, where innovative features, luxury features and quality materials will all impact your final cost.







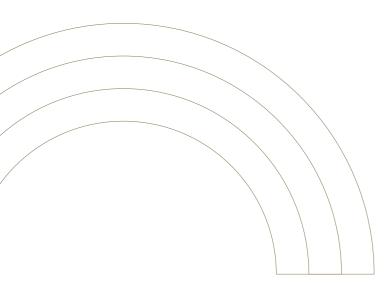
#### Consider The future

A high-end residential project may well be a once-in-a-lifetime project - a home that you spend the majority of your life in. This should factor into the design of your space, which should be versatile and easily adaptable to your changing lifestyle. This could mean things like making sure bedrooms are big enough that they could be transformed into a home office or guest suite down the track, as well as ensuring there are plenty of spaces to support both work and play.

Considering the future also means understanding your ecological footprint and thinking about how you can use modern, innovative technology to lessen your energy bills. This could mean designing a project powered by solar panels or that features sensor lights to reduce energy usage.



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