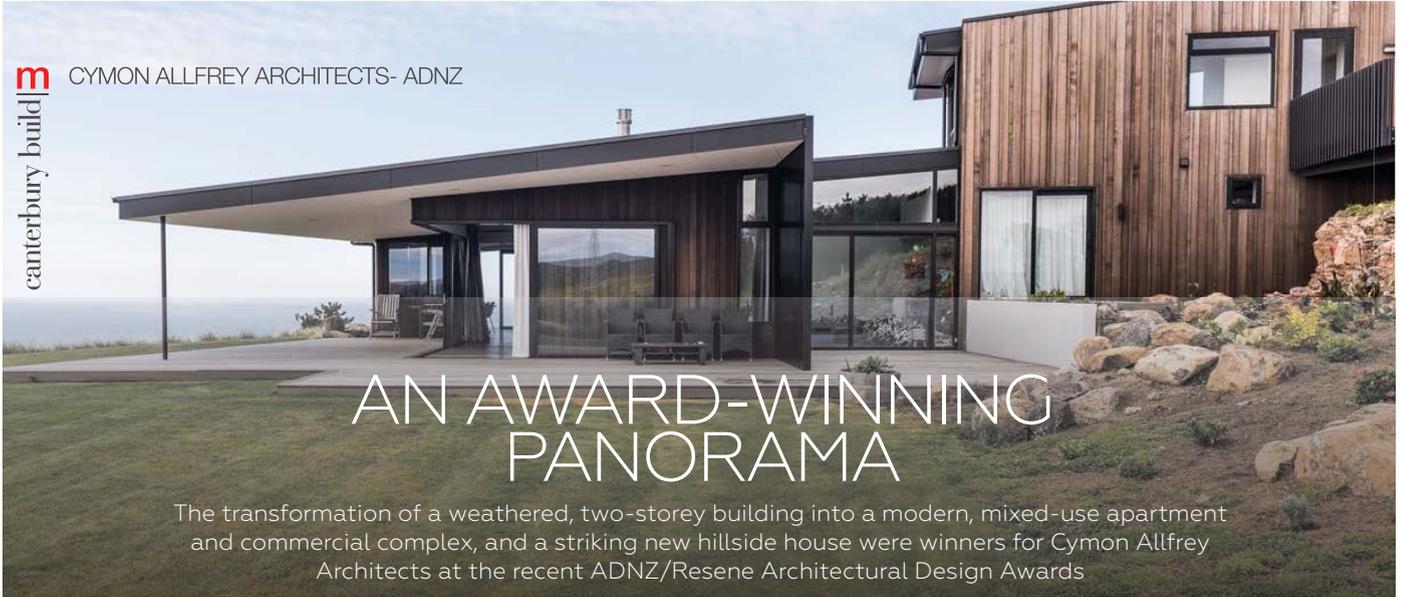




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CYMON ALLFREY ARCHITECTS- ADNZ



AN AWARD-WINNING PANORAMA

The transformation of a weathered, two-storey building into a modern, mixed-use apartment and commercial complex, and a striking new hillside house were winners for Cymon Allfrey Architects at the recent ADNZ/Resene Architectural Design Awards

Whe narrative for the home nestled high on the Port Hills was directed by the site's panoramic views and evolved from the concept of a leaf lying on a flat surface. "The risk with a large footprint home is that it gets in the way of itself," explains Cymon Allfrey, who co-designed the 300m² new build with his colleague Don Roy. "We had to channel the wide, panoramic views. To achieve this, our idea was for the home to terrace down the hillside as a single-level home, like a leaf on a flat surface, allowing pockets of

space around and below it."

The use of three separate compartments with dynamic volumes creates a character that cannot be achieved with level square lines. "This formed interesting spaces and perspectives throughout the home and allowed views set up on a hierarchy basis."

The home's colour palette and natural finishes reflect the surrounding semi-rural landscape. Set amongst volcanic rock and wild tussock, many of the retaining materials used were sourced from or close to the extensive site.

The stunning abode - which was constructed by Trevor Hone Builders - was recently named best Residential New Home in the over 300m² category at the annual Canterbury Westland Regional ADNZ/Resene Architectural Design Awards. "Our co-designing process combines our different perspectives," Cymon says of the architectural duo behind the designs.

"Don brings freedom in his thinking and I bring a bit of rigour, this gives us the opportunity to fully explore our ideas to their full potential."