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Scottsville, Pmb, has the only house in South Africa designed by iconic Mozambican modernist architect and Wits professor, Pancho Guedes. With over 300 buildings to his credit in Maputo alone, he established an idiom of African expressionist architecture which turned the forms of concrete into objects of fun, delight and rational thought, contributing to his international architectural acclaim.

8 Christie Rd, Scottsville was built to Pancho's design in 1954, and has been the family home for his brother-in-law, engineer/architect Mike Dyer, who influenced the distinctive and slender folded concrete roof with its bold, structural entrance and flamboyant entrance mural.

The house sits modestly from the street, giving little indication of its interior playfulness and complex three-dimensional assembly. High, sloping concrete ceilings and generously sized windows at varying levels create a surprisingly well-lit and cool interior. Visual interest in all rooms is sustained by the unexpected: the shower is an 'open room' off the small internal courtyard, the main living room wall is built with inclined courses of dark facebrick at 22.5° to match the slope of the concrete roof it supports, an exotic seashell and mother-of-pearl *rocaille* panel crowns the dining room doorway, the wall-length kitchen sink is top-lit by concealed clerestorey lighting,

The cultural significance of this house lies both in the global reputation of its Modern Movement architect, and in the accomplishment of his design in a modest, but complex suburban home.

See below Pancho in PMB in 12 images











