

IN PRACTICE:

TERRAÇADE HIGHLIGHTS MODERN FAÇADE

terraçade^{xp}TM
TERRACOTTA FAÇADE SYSTEM



STEVE CORTESE OF BALDASSO
CORTESE ARCHITECTS

PROJECT.

Seymour Residence, Kew

ARCHITECT.

Baldasso Cortese Architects

BUILDER.

Pansec Constructions

AUSTRAL BRICKS PRODUCTS.

Terraçade terracotta façade
system in Kimberley Smooth

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Architect Steve Cortese describes the exterior of this remarkable house as "a series of interlocking planes. I felt the blades and masses needed to be treated by different colours and materials." The visually-dominant façade element is a double-storey corner panel clad in Austral Bricks Terraçade terracotta façade system.

Cortese considered many materials, including copper, render, timber and colour back glass, in his search for a lightweight, low maintenance yet substantial façade. "We didn't just want it rendered and painted, and we were concerned about the maintenance aspects of timber lining." He also examined adhering tiles to cement sheet "but the (sheet) manufacturer wouldn't warrant the application because of water penetration concerns."

Terraçade's genuine fired terracotta colour created a highlight, "something for the rest of the building to hang off," says Cortese and

respected the colours of neighbouring, long-established brick homes.

"We also liked the strong lines of the open joints. They give a nice texture." The panel runs past the glass line into a living area. Terraçade-wrapped pillars impart a ceremonial formality to the entrance.

Austral Bricks assisted in the design, documentation and installation phases and supplied all mounting and ancillary hardware. The entire system was builder-installed. "Once the horizontal rails were set up, it was very easy to attach the tiles," Cortese comments. Aluminium corner sections were powder-coated to match the tiles. "We wanted to lose the corner detail as much as possible."

The happy owners love the house's light and airy feel, and crisp, clean lines, and Baldasso Cortese has added a stylish new option to their material palette.



COLOUR. KIMBERLEY
FINISH. SMOOTH
SIZE. 600 x 300mm