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t could be called a mission statement, writ large. 'Belle Vue' is the latest display home by custom luxury builder, Comdain Homes, and it says much about the company, which has been named the Housing Industry Association's Victorian Professional Small/Medium Builder of the Year six out of the past nine years.

Located at 74 Greythorn Road, Balwyn North, the Belle Vue is a room-by-room expression of Comdain Homes' commitment to designing, building and finishing luxurious, custom-built homes.

The classic facade and formal entrance hint at what lies in wait beyond the wrought iron double front door. Three substantial living areas include quality finishes and hightech features, while the chef's kitchen has a marble island bench and European appliances.

A double-height ceiling soars above the ground floor's rear casual living and dining areas. The formal



entertaining rooms at the front of the house have a more stately air.

Upstairs, the master suite comprises a dressing room, bedroom, retreat and en suite with a freestanding bath, twin basins and a make-up table. The remainder of the



floor includes two more bedrooms, which share a bathroom and powder room, and another living area.

Below ground, there's a four-car garage and spacious, French-inspired wine cellar.

John Coen, managing director of Comdain Homes, says that while the house is classically styled, a second display house at 1288 Toorak Road, Camberwell, has a more contemporary feel.

"The two houses allow us to demonstrate that we can design and build to the highest standard across a broad range of styles," he says.

Coen says the majority of their clients want to knock down their existing house and rebuild.

"Typically, they own or will buy a property in one of Melbourne's established leafy eastern suburbs, like Camberwell, Kew, Balwyn North or Mont Albert," he says.

"Our clients come to us because they want a custom design. They are looking for superior quality, and that's about the design of the house, the orientation, and it's about the build quality – those three things are very evident when you step inside a Comdain home."

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