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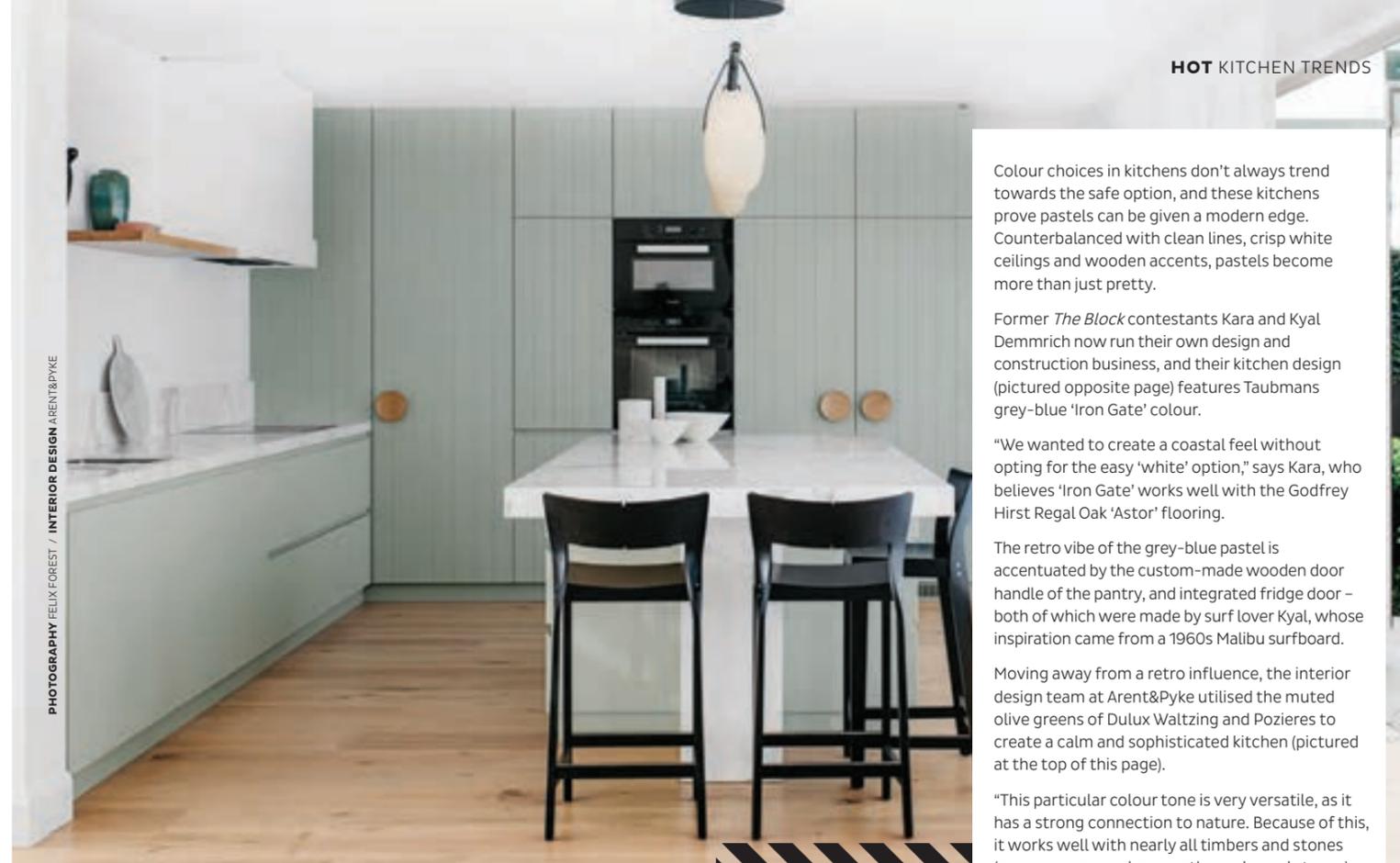
We explore the hottest kitchen trends stepping it up in the design stakes, this year - from the timeless elegance of Hamptons style and *au naturel* timbers, to more contemporary palettes of cool pastels, forest greens, and bold matte black.

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2017 KITCHEN TRENDS
Cool Pastels
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Colour choices in kitchens don't always trend towards the safe option, and these kitchens prove pastels can be given a modern edge. Counterbalanced with clean lines, crisp white ceilings and wooden accents, pastels become more than just pretty.

Former *The Block* contestants Kara and Kyal Demmrich now run their own design and construction business, and their kitchen design (pictured opposite page) features Taubmans grey-blue 'Iron Gate' colour.

"We wanted to create a coastal feel without opting for the easy 'white' option," says Kara, who believes 'Iron Gate' works well with the Godfrey Hirst Regal Oak 'Astor' flooring.

The retro vibe of the grey-blue pastel is accentuated by the custom-made wooden door handle of the pantry, and integrated fridge door – both of which were made by surf lover Kyal, whose inspiration came from a 1960s Malibu surfboard.

Moving away from a retro influence, the interior design team at Arent&Pyke utilised the muted olive greens of Dulux Waltzing and Pozieres to create a calm and sophisticated kitchen (pictured at the top of this page).

"This particular colour tone is very versatile, as it has a strong connection to nature. Because of this, it works well with nearly all timbers and stones (greys, creams and many other coloured stones), and always provides a tranquil atmosphere to the spaces," the team says.

The top tip for making your kitchen pop with pastel is to test your selected colour against the proposed stone/tile and tapware, to ensure the colour combination works harmoniously. And then stand back for pastel perfection.

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FRESH IN BLUE

Interior designer Lauren Li of Sisällä has opted for light turquoise cabinetry in her own kitchen (pictured), saying, "It's no surprise that pastel colours are still a huge trend. Light turquoise in particular is a colour I'm drawn to. I believe it's so popular because of its calming effect. Plus, it looks fresh."

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