

**Preface:**

Among the high-rises and inner-city bustle of São Paulo, unique home V4 maintains the balance between privacy and openness. Marcio Kogan has created a space that brings nature and community together – and shows that cosy can work in the heat.

# SECRET GARDEN

— *São Paulo*

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Glass walls in  
the living room  
are completely  
retractable

**Tropical paradise**

Creating cosiness in a standalone house in one of the world's biggest metropolises is no mean feat but this home achieves it. Low ceilings, an abundance of warm wood, lights that hang low and soft: all these elements create a sense of peace worthy of the tropics despite the house being in a city. The low-slung building seems to hug the ground and various well-chosen pieces emphasise the feeling of comfort, with flashes of pea green and plenty of tropical planting providing a lush and zesty kick.