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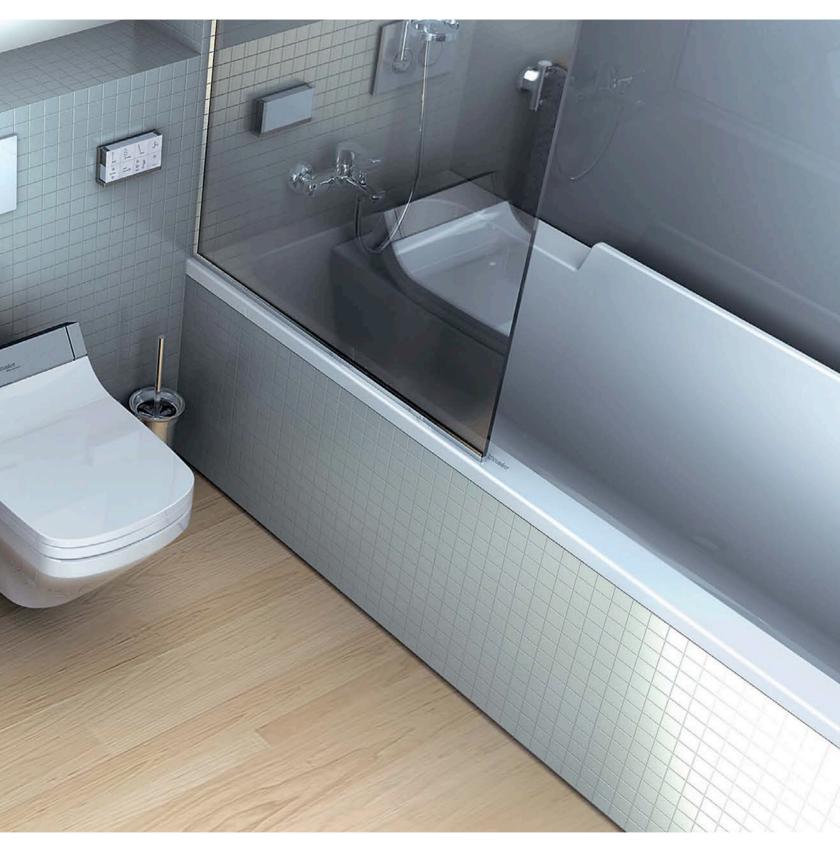




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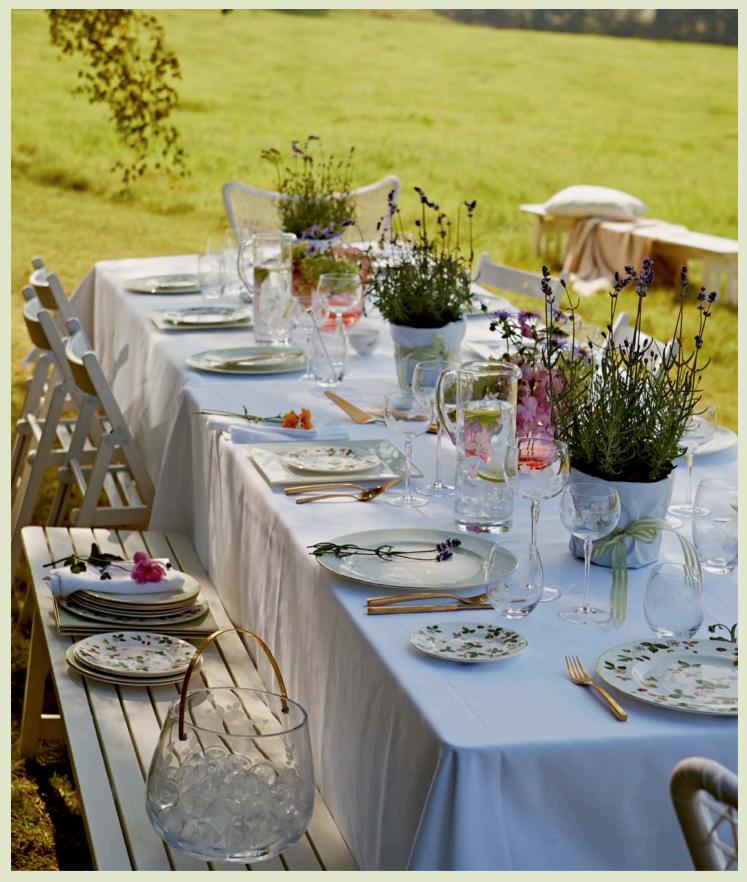


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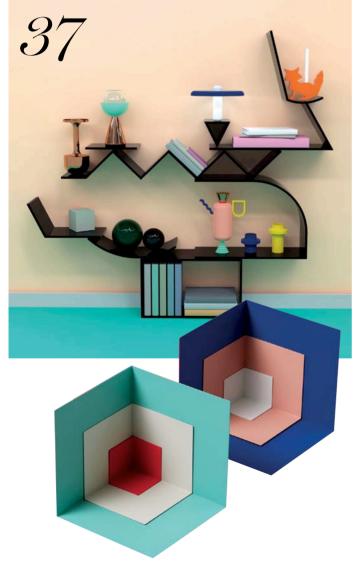
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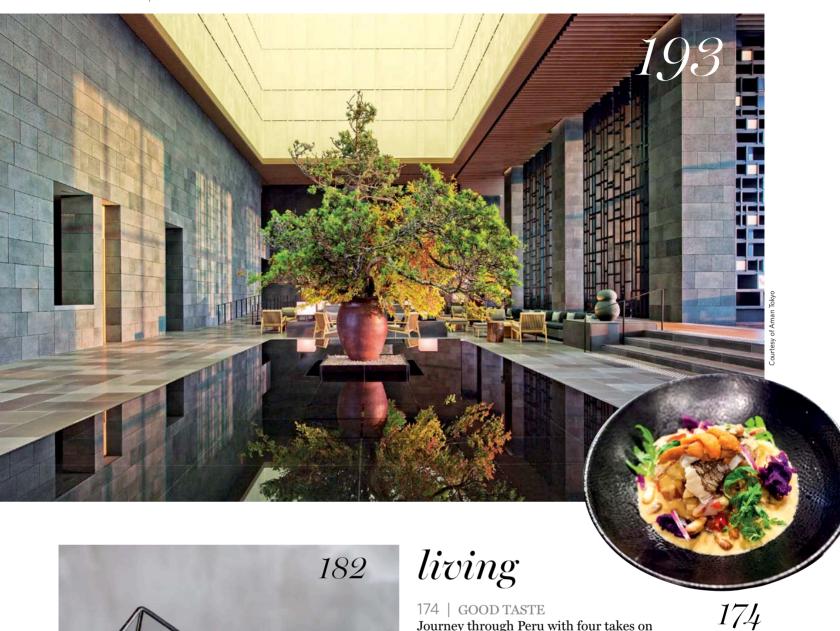


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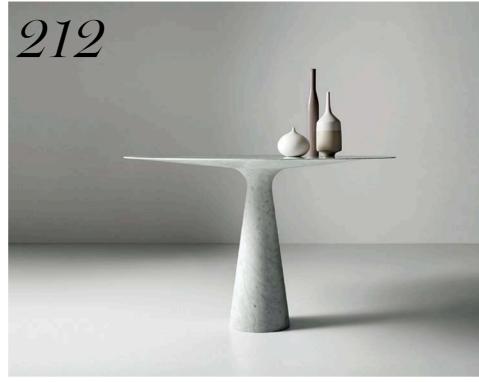
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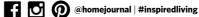


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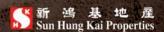


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As this is our Small Homes Issue, we asked our contributors to name one cherished item that's petite yet precious 本月小家居特刊找來有份參與創作的人士談談一件珍而重之的小品

IAN PHILLIPS | JOURNALIST

I can't live without my passport. I'm from the same city – Middlesbrough – as Captain Cook, who discovered Australia, and while I'm nowhere near as adventurous as him, one of my passions in life is travelling.

tripodagency.com

沒證件我會活不成。我跟發現澳洲的Captain Cook一樣來自Middlesbrough, 雖沒他那份壯志雄心,但旅遊也是我人生一大愛好。

JUSTIN LIM | PHOTOGRAPHER

My fridge magnet from Iceland is kitsch and a little cheesy, but it reminds me of two of the best photographic journeys I ever took.

Sometimes, it reminds me of why I liked photography in the first place, as I reach to grab a cold beer. justinlimphotography.com; thekandid.com

雪櫃上放著的冰島磁石有點老土,但卻一直在提醒我兩次最難忘的攝影旅程。
拿來一罐冷啤酒時,更讓我回想自己最初喜愛攝影的原因。

MADELEINE FITZPATRICK | EDITOR, WRITER AND MEDIA CONSULTANT

I simply can't live without my eye mask. I keep a stash of high-quality, luxuriously soft ones (no economy-class masks for me). As eye-mask lovers know, what begins as a need for darkness soon turns into a comforting cue for sleep.

沒了眼罩就會活不成。我儲了一大堆優質軟滑的款式(經濟艙的貨色絕非我 所求)。所有喜愛眼罩的人都知道有了完美漆黑的環境就能帶來一晚安眠。

MICHAEL PAUL | PHOTOGRAPHER AND WRITER

I am tempted to say my Japanese wife Kumiko, who is the most precious thing in my life. I couldn't contemplate living without her. However if I was to choose an inanimate object, it would be a tiny spirit level that slots into the hotshoe of my camera to enable me to take images that are straight. It's central to my work so extremely precious to me. michaelpaulphotography.co.uk

我會說日藉太太Kumiko是人生最珍貴的寶物,沒了她的人生實在叫我不敢 想像。說到物件的話會是用來固定相機拍照筆直的熱靴,是工作的重心。





Creative Breakthrough

- When Walter Meets Kohler 紀曉華操刀 突破Kohler廚櫃新尺度



elebrity cook and TV personality Walter Kei has always been a popular Renaissance man known for living life to the full - with creative endeavours including fashion and interior design, travel adventures and writing. For his newly furnished studio, the handpicked Corila and Pastorife series from Kohler kitchens truly reflects his edectic personal style. On a practical note also, Walter has demonstrated how well crafted cabinets and creative storage accessories can maximize your workspace, an important design feature in Hong Kong where kitchens are often quite small.



Exquisite Taste Inside Out

For over a century Kohler has stood out as the premier American home ware brand, promoting an elegant lifestyle aesthetic coupled with an innovative approach to design. When sourcing cabinets for his studio, Walter considered creativity in design and practicality as prerequisites. Taking a closer look at the cabinet finish options for a start, Kohler inspires designers with its impressive range of cabinet styles and finishes. In his 1500-sqft Chai Wan studio, a monochrome colour scheme subtly digressing from black to white distinguishes the two food preparation spaces – cleverly taking advantage of cabinets in both traditional and modern styles. Following his heart in the design process, Walter appreciated how Kohler facilitated his various practical requirements while meeting his desires aesthetically, resulting in a comfortable space to inspire his culinary creativity.

"Many value cabinets for their decorative elements, but for sure their practicality and reliability matter the most to me." he notes.

Given the diverse requirements of the studio as a place to hold social gatherings and cooking classes, as well as serving as an office and storage space, a high quality finish is paramount to avoiding scratches and wear and tear to the kitchen through heavy use.

Durability, in the case of Corila cabinets, has been proven not only with a series of impact resistance and abrasion tests, but also certification against discoloration and yellowing in particular with a Grade-4 colourfastness guarantee. Meanwhile, the Pastorife cabinets with their American Quaker style boast excellent craftsmanship with inlaid wood panels, accentuated throughout with a natural looking surface. In addition, a registration code assigned especially to each Kohler cabinet helps customers reach Kohler on a direct hotline for after-sales maintenance. Attention to detail manifests itself in meticulous design and attentive service.

Custom Fit to Maximise Space

Kohler has always put research first and foremost with groundbreaking cabinet designs in the 60s for the North American market – and more recently focusing on the Asian market based on local cooking and dining habits.

Each tailor-made cabinet component is now available in a variety of flexible sizes and shapes from cabinet bodies to interior drawers. As an example, the imported soft-closing doors of the Corila series can turn at different angles and closes automatically at 15 degrees without emitting any sound.

Walter was pleased that the Kohler cabinets were adaptable to suit his floor plan and take advantage of every corner leaving no space to waste

"My lifestyle is all about pursuing convenience. Restraints on space in Hong Kong require intelligent spatial solutions with kitchen cabinets," he muses. "It gives you a helping hand to tidy up your kitchen with free-assembly storage systems and divisions."

Innovation For Perfection

Walter revelled in the creative process, experimenting with different kitchen designs in his sketches. The juxtaposition of the flawless enamelled cast iron sink with the textured surface of the cabinets brings disparate elements to life in spectacular layers.

"Friends coming to my kitchen always uncover surprising tidibits — perhaps some would never have thought of decorating a kitchen with art pieces, or using simply storage systems to improve flexibility. Your kitchen has to be in your signature style to tell a story about you, as I always emphasise, and it is indeed the perfect creative front to start broadening your design horizon and exploring your individuality."

Having worked with the Kohler brand as a designer for 20 years, from its beginning as a world-class maker of bathroom fixtures, Walter has joined many other culinary experts in recognising Kohler as setting ever-higher standards for Kitchen cabinetry. Much like Walter himself, Kohler succeeds in combining design, innovation and practicality in perfect measure to create and reinvent classics.

Pastorife cabinet series from Kohler adds a classical touch Kohler 廚櫃系列 Pastorife散發古典氣派 Maximised storage space for wall unit 品櫃擴關收納空間 Corila cabinet series from Kohler for contemporary finishings Kohler 廚櫃系列 Corila演繹當代設計風格

Walter Kei and Kohler in constant innovation to create and reinvent classics 水哥與Kohler力求創新,成就經典 Flexible storage system to arrange dishes 彈性碗具收納系統添方便 Adjustable drawer partitions and dividers 抽屜分隔易於按不同存放需要調較





廚主持水哥紀曉華(Walter)無論時裝、室內設計、旅遊到寫作無一不精,而水哥廚房精 選Kohler的Corila及Pastorife櫥櫃系列亦同樣多姿多彩,其每扇櫃門、每個把手以至每層隔 板都散發個人生活品味。識飲識食的港人先天空間不足,在傢具大量生產的年代,要悉心搭建入 廚樂的最佳舞臺,首選匠心獨運的廚櫃。

脱色變黃。與此同時, Pætorife美式田園風格的門芯板,全部由0.5mm厚的整塊木皮壓貼,以超凡工藝體現自然的木紋效果。

此外,Kohler櫥櫃均有尊屬編號,方便客人直撥Kohler廚房服務熱線安排維修。由內至外,每個 廚櫃的一切細節均以精心設計及完善保養為先。

品味配搭 內外兼修

百年美國品牌Kohler以「優雅生活,創新設計」見稱;對水哥而言,創意正好是革新生活品味的 先決條件。以櫥櫃面料為例,Kohler提供各種貼心選擇,觸動設計師的靈感。他提到,構思柴灣 千五呎水天一色的入廚空間時,過程隨心而行。Kohler正好滿足箇中感覺及實際需要,利用黑白 灰為基調的廚櫃劃分出兩邊分別以古典與摩登風格為主調的爐灶,成功讓設計完全融入生活之中。 水哥直言:「許多人看重廚櫃作為廚房的裝飾,但可靠實用仍然至為關鍵。」

既為三五知己的聚腳地,水哥廚房結合辦公、授課及儲物等多重用途,難免不時會磨擦或刮花廚房表面。Carila櫥櫃選用耐磨美紋板, 通過重重耐劃損檢測。封邊條更通過4級耐光色牢度,避免日後

咫尺享受 渾然天成

事實上,Kohler早於60年代已在北美研究櫥櫃設計,多年來亦一直按亞洲市場需求及用餐習慣,開發不同高矮承重的櫃體、抽屜等巧妙整合。例如Corila櫃門便以進口折疊式支撐臂,可以作任何角度的開合及停留,更備有15度自動閉合,過程亦不會發出任何噪音。

水哥尤其欣賞Kohler廚櫃以理想的櫥櫃結構用盡每個角落。透過Kohler所提供的各種收納與儲存 系統,巧妙地使櫥櫃融入整體廚房設計中。

「我的生活態度尤以便利為先,盡用空間尤其重要。香港空間不足,因此各種度身訂造的廚櫃 設計再配合隔板、開放架等,均可徹底告別零亂瑣碎。」





創新不斷 力臻完美

水哥笑言,打從草圖構思開始,便一直試驗過不同的廚房設計方向。例如以白色瓷釉鑄鐵廚盆 大膽配搭經典廚櫃,加強層次感。

「朋友來到我的廚房往往發現出其不意的驚喜,可能沒有人會想到在廚房擺放藝術裝飾,或以 簡單的拉籃收納加強靈活性。所以我經常強調,廚房應以注入個人元素為先,不妨拓闊眼界, 加添創意。」

屈指一算,水哥由設計師出身到認識Kohler已有廿年, 見証著Kohler由最初為人熟悉的衛浴品牌, 以至現在創出世界級廚衛品牌的新典範。與水哥本人一樣,Kohler始終將藝術、設計和創新奉 為靈魂,恒久不變,締造經典。



louis poulsen

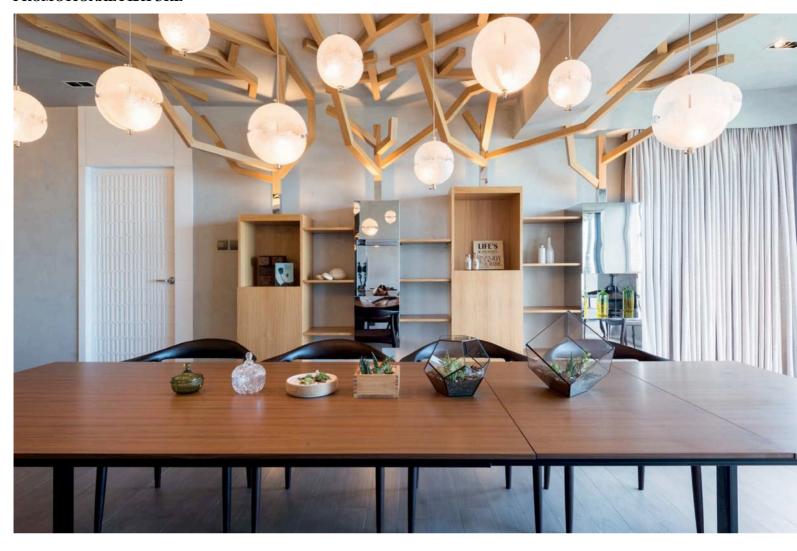
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Shop 343, HomeSquare, Shatin 沙田HomeSquare3樓343號舖 MEGAMAN®'s eco-friendly range of LED lighting is favoured by many interior designers, including respected Hong Kong interior design firm PplusP, who chose their lighting for a new 2,600 sq ft, 3-bedroom luxury residence project in Macau.

The design company utilised a variety of MEGAMAN®'s LEDs throughout the upscale home, whose interiors reflect beauty of nature. They created basic illumination as well as three-dimensional, dramatic effects that highlight the home's decorative elements, furniture made with natural materials, and artistic pieces scattered throughout the space.

One of the most notable features is the graphic wooden ceiling treatment referencing tree branches, which are decorated with glass fibre orbs that represent hanging fruit. Here, the designers opted for MEGAMAN®'s durable and bright LED G4 bulbs, as they deliver an even distribution of light that create a natural ambience.

These are complemented with slim LED GX53 reflectors, which are used to illuminate the bottom parts of the branches and cast a decorative pattern of light that enhances the overall effect. With an average lamp life of up to 30,000 hours, these reflectors reduce maintenance costs significantly.

Glare-free LED MR16 reflectors are used in many parts of the home including the living room, open kitchen as well as by the entrance. In the latter, it serves as accent lighting that helps reveal the special texture of a wall decoration. These bright reflectors offer great control of light beams, which result in an extraordinary effect. Standout design details such as a pair of pendant lamps over the kitchen island, are also fitted with MEGAMAN® LED Classic lighting, which prove the versatility of MEGAMAN®'s lighting solutions.





自然光彩

曼佳美®節能LED照明方案為豪華住宅項目注入無限暖意

曼佳美®環保LED燈飾系列一直深受多位室內設計師愛戴,當中包括備受推崇的香港室內設計公司PplusP,他們更精心細選了品牌的燈飾產品,應用在面積達2,600平方呎的澳門新豪宅三房單位設計項目中。

設計公司在這高級家居內應用了曼佳美®多款LED燈飾,室內各處均源源流露出自然美態。除了提供基本照明外,產品更能有效營造立體感和戲劇性效果,突顯家中的裝飾元素、以天然物料製作的傢具,以及散放四處的藝術品。

項目一大特色莫過於一組象徵「大樹參天、果實纍纍」 的巨型天花裝飾及吊燈。設計師為燈飾配搭環保慳電的 曼佳美®LED G4燈泡,散發柔和光線,氣氛舒適自然。

設計師也挑選了纖薄細小的LED GX53反射燈照亮「樹枝」的底部,散放出滿有裝飾氣氛的光線效果,加添精緻點綴。燈泡壽命更長達30,000小時,大大減少更換次數。

家中多個空間包括客廳、開放式廚房和玄關位置也選用了不會釋出刺目強光的LED MR16反射燈。裝設在玄關位置的LED MR16充當重點照明,突顯掛牆裝飾品的獨特質感。反射燈的設計也為用戶提供更佳的光束角度控制,打造截然不同的照明效果。而開放式廚房「烹飪島」的上方天花則裝有兩支長長的吊燈,內配曼佳美®LED經典系列燈泡,盡展曼佳美®照明方案靈活多變的優勢。



Clockwise from top left: The "towering and fruitful trees" chandelier above a nine foot wooden table is lit with LED G4 bulbs that deliver the same efficacy as traditional halogen lamps; LED G4 bulbs illuminate and enhance decorative details inside the glass fibre pendants; LED MR16 reflectors exude a natural light ideal for ceiling lighting the kitchen. Here, they are paired with pendant lamps fitted with the LED Classic series to give optimum light over the kitchen island; the living room is bathed in a warm light via ceiling-installed LED MR16 reflectors







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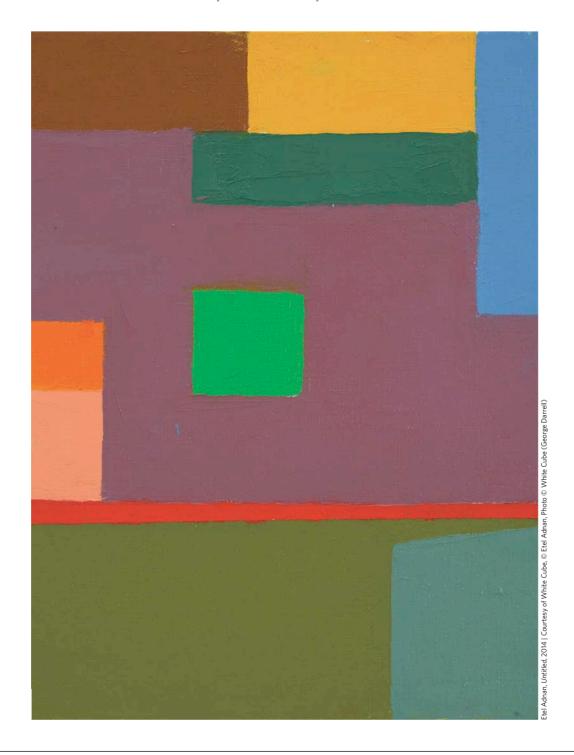
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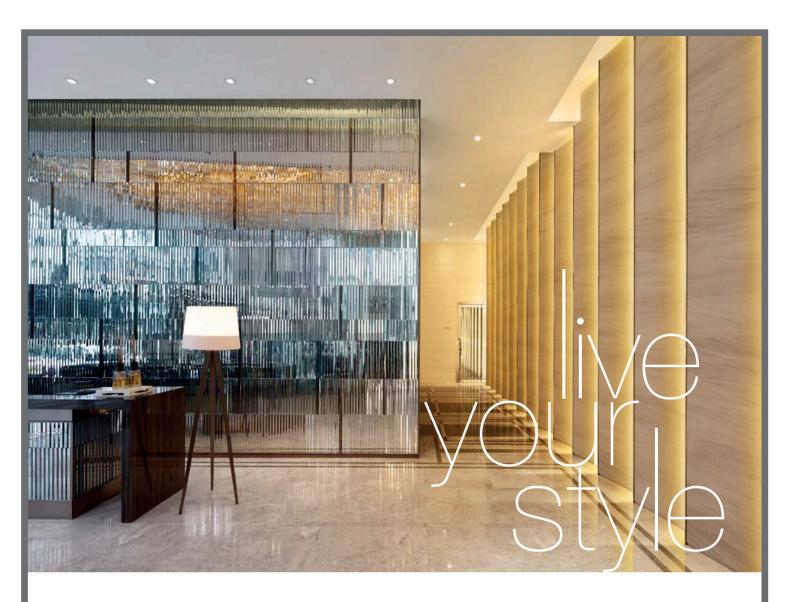
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French designer Emmanuel Babled's *Osmosi* collection is a tribute to the translucent quality and natural beauty of glass. The limited edition series combines new technologies with traditional craftsmanship, and is a harmonious marriage of marble and handblown glass. Each precisely crafted piece is one of a kind. | 法國設計師Emmanuel Babled受玻璃的自然美態、和它那可透明和染色的潛質啟發,推出*Osmosi*系列展現這種物料的流動性。這款限量作品結合新科技和傳統手工藝,在大理石及手吹玻璃之間拿捏平衡。各款精心雕刻的設計均獨一無二。babled.net

UMEMI'S ROUND BROCADE CUSHION IS

INSPIRED BY DECORATIVE CHINESE KNOTS

WHY KNOT?

The inspiration for Icelandic brand Umemi's plush and warm *Notknot* cushions are classic scout knots, a traditional way of tying that has been around for thousands of years. These cosy cushions are made from 100 per cent Icelandic wool and are available at A Style in Sheung Wan in myriad colours and shapes. Another colourful edition from Umemi are the playful *Hearth* tea lights, which can be easily mixed and matched. | 冰島品牌Umemi 深潤溫暖的*NotKnot*墊子系列,靈感源自已有數千年歷史的經典童軍結。墊子以100%冰島羊毛製作,帶來多種色彩和形狀選擇,於上環A Style有售。另一出品則為玩味十足的小洋燭台*Hearth*,混搭簡易。astyle.com.hk, umemi.com



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The latest addition to littala's fast-growing interiors collection is the Plektra stool. Stackable and available in two different heights, the stool can also serve as a side table, making it a handy pick that'll sit well in Hong Kong's compact living spaces. 品牌littala拓展迅速的室內系列帶來最新成員Plektra凳。這款可 兼作邊桌和凳子的多用途產品,方便疊放,節省空間,更帶來兩 種高度選擇,時尚動人,適合香港的細小家居。iittala.com



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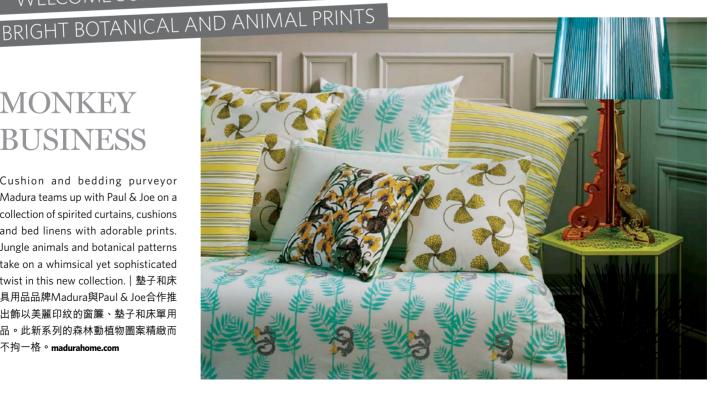


Designed by Marcel Wanders, the Charles chair features angular lines juxtaposed with colour-blocked upholstery. We especially adore the special version called Composition 14 - inspired by Piet Mondrian's iconic paintings - made with a black powder-coated frame and an iconic combination of primary hues. Order via Lane Crawford. | 設計師Marcel Wanders打造的Charles坐椅展現出奪目角線和色格效果。Composition 14結合黑色粉體塗裝框架,以及色彩繽紛的布藝組合,外形恍如Piet Mondrian的油畫作品。可到連卡佛訂購。lanecrawford.com

WELCOME SUMMER WITH FABRICS IN

MONKEY BUSINESS

Cushion and bedding purveyor Madura teams up with Paul & Joe on a collection of spirited curtains, cushions and bed linens with adorable prints. Jungle animals and botanical patterns take on a whimsical yet sophisticated twist in this new collection. | 墊子和床 具用品品牌Madura與Paul & Joe合作推 出飾以美麗印紋的窗簾、墊子和床單用 品。此新系列的森林動植物圖案精緻而 不拘一格。madurahome.com





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BEST IN SHOW

Louis Vuitton's *Objets Nomades* collection for Salone del Mobile unveils 16 designer creations inspired by travel. The Campana Brothers turn up the heat with a cherry-red hanging cocoon chair, while Patricia Urquiola weaves the *Swing* chair (seen here) out of nylon rope and complements it with fine leather. | 品牌Louis Vuitton為米蘭國際傢具展打造的*Objets Nomades*系列,帶來16件受旅遊啟發而成的設計師作品,如Campana Brothers的 櫻桃紅吊椅,及Patricia Urquiola以尼龍繩和上乘皮革製作的*Swing*椅(見圖)。louisvuitton.com





NEO MODERNISM



The OGN project is a collaboration between Oh Yeah Studio and NokoAnna. The founders (and siblings) aim to explore a conceptual approach to the shapes and functions of everyday products such as shelves, coffee mugs and cups. The collection clearly has Modernist influences—we see an affinity to Kandisky's lines and forms—resulting in a novel reinterpretation of these supposedly mundane pieces. | 概念項目OGN由Oh Yeah Studio和NokoAnna合作打造。創辦人(兼親兄弟姊妹)致力探索和重新演繹日常用品的新形狀和功能,如架子和咖啡杯等,款款設計別俱現代主義風格,滿有康丁斯基式線條和形狀的影子。ohyeahstudio.no; nokoanna.no





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VISUAL IMPACT MEETS PLUSH COMFORT WITH

NODUS RUG'S INTRIGUING CREATIONS



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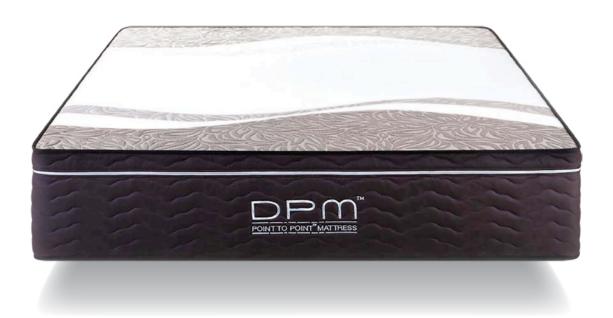
Nodus Rug has a knack for finding talented, underthe-radar designers such as Minale-Maeda, Sylvain Willenz and Raymundo Sesma to collaborate with. Their newest collection features work from the aformentioned designers, resulting in the hand-knotted Noción Transversal, hand-tufted Vertigo, and the intriguing Levels 1 and Levels 2. Each one draws from art, with some featuring on-trend, op-art influences. | 著名與前衛設計師如Minale-Maeda、Sylvain Willenz和Raymundo Sesma合作的 Nodus Rug,推出一系列優質獨特作品,包括人手打造的 Noción Transversal、Vertigo,以及Levels 1和Levels 2。動人的視覺錯覺效果——完美展現在各款地毯上。nodusrug.it



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MAXING OUT

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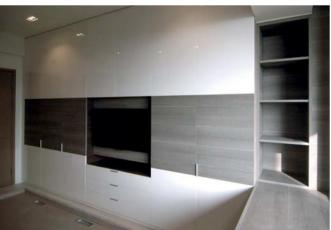


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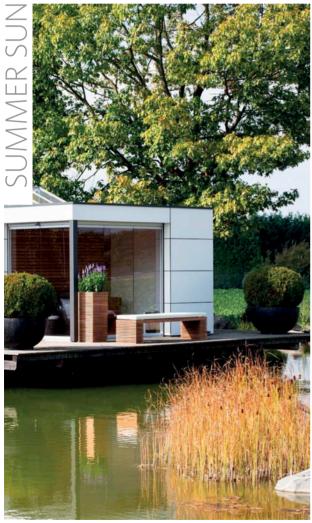
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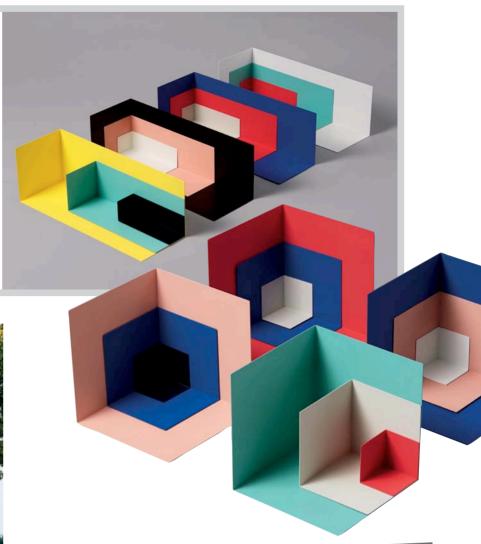
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Catch Lebanese-American poet and visual artist Etel Adnan's maiden exhibition in Hong Kong. She is not only an avid writer who has received various awards for her contributions to culture, but is also is known for her bold-coloured abstract works reminiscent of early modernism. | 別錯過美藉黎巴嫩裔詩人兼視覺藝術家Etel Adnan首個在 香港舉行的展覽。她不單曾多次獲獎表揚對文化界的貢獻,更加以早期現代主義式的鮮色抽 象作品聞名。whitecube.com

HERE IS WHERE WE MEET

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Duddell's summer exhibition is curated by Vivian Poon and explores the links between tradition, individuals and places. The group exhibition consists of a selection of works by six Hong Kong artists whose works date from the 1980s until present day. | 都爹利會館的夏 日展由Vivian Poon策劃,探索傳統、個人與地點 間的連繫。是次團體展帶來六位香港藝術家的精 選作品,年期由80年代至今不等。duddells.co





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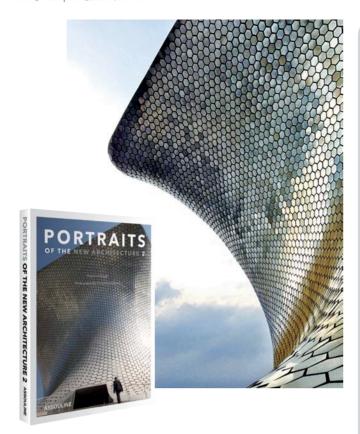
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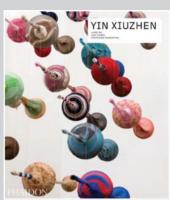
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This month, Sydney-based artist Lara Merrett showcases her colourful works in the exhibition *In My Nature* at The Cat Street Gallery, on until July 31st. We speak to Lara, whose vivid canvases are filled with bursts of vibrant inks and acrylics, offering depth and inspiration. 駐悉尼藝術家Lara Merrett 於The Cat Street Gallery的*In My Nature*展陳列出自家彩色作品,展期至7月31日。我們與這位熱愛運用繽紛水墨和亞加力的創作人士淺談。

In My Nature is a series of small colourful intimate paintings. The work is organic, free flowing, and highly detailed in areas. I'm also using metallic copper and bronze pigments that weave their way through these works. This exhibition is my own version of our natural world - one that can be easily forgotten or lost in our fast changing human environments. 這個In My Nature系列是連串細小彩色的油畫作品,帶有有機、自由流動和精細描繪的元素。我也利用金屬銅和銅小片在這些作品上交織創造。展覽就是對自然界的自我看法,如此世界很容易就會被遺忘,或失掉於瞬息萬變的人類環境中。

My work can at times be large and loud and at other times very delicate and intimate. I like to think I have synesthesia; it makes sense to me that colours have their own sounds and personalities. 我的作品有時而大型誇張,時而細膩精緻。我喜愛自己擁有的連帶感覺,對我來説,顏色也各有聲音個性。

I often use the phrase 'to catch a painting' in describing the process in the studio. The canvases start out flat on the floor. The work is open to all possibilities. I pour and tilt the work almost waiting for the alchemy of paint. I like to think of the paintings being ephemeral and intangible. 我常用「捕捉油畫」一句形容工作室的過程。帆布一開始平鋪在地,打開各樣可能。我會倒上墨水和傾斜作品,看看油彩的自由發揮。我常把油畫看成只有一刹和無形的作品。

The greatest challenge is to keep the work evolving and taking risks in my practice. It's a relationship that takes hard work. After 20 years I keep thinking my best work is still to come and I believe this is what keeps me hungry to create new work. 最大的挑戰在於推動工作不停進化前進,並勇於冒險。它是一種需要努力的關係。20年後我依然在等待佳作出現,這也許就是保持打造新作品那團火的關鍵。thecatstreetgallery.com



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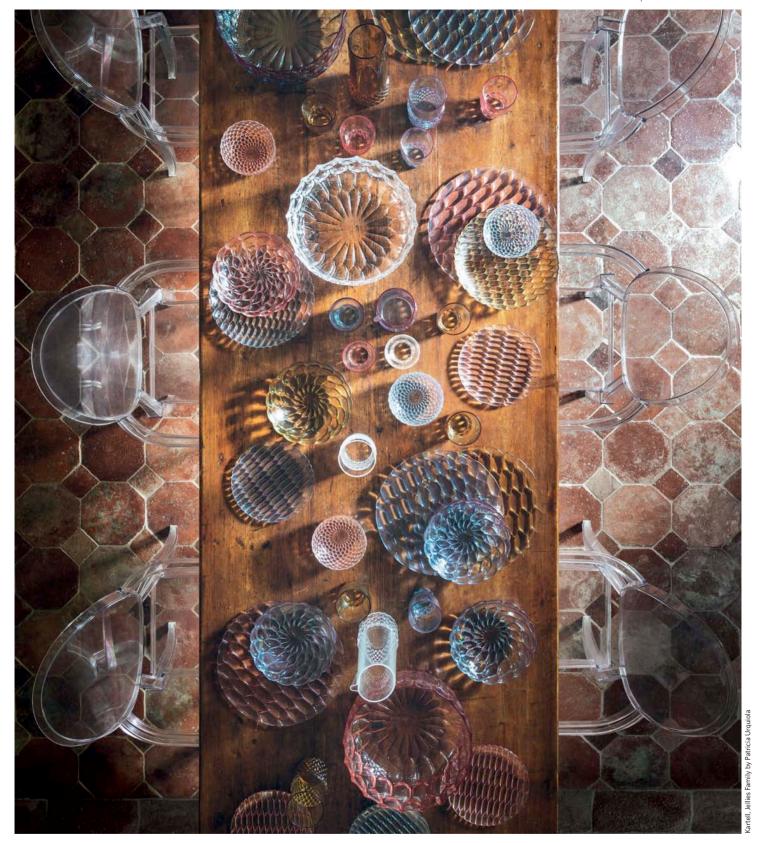
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IN INSIGHT, DESIGNERS SHARE FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON HOW TO APPROACH SMALL SPACES, WHILE REPORT TAKES AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT MID-CENTURY MODERNISM. WE ALSO INTRODUCE SHORTLIST – A NEW SECTION THAT ROUNDS UP DESIGN-DRIVEN SPACES AROUND THE WORLD; THIS MONTH'S THEME IS COOL CO-WORKING SPOTS.







The Elements lamp is inspired by the Nordic mountains and the region's ethereal light 02
All seven members of Note Design Studio, each wearing clothes from a local Swedish fashion brand, Hope 03
No-No tables were made in collaboration with Norm Architects for Menu 04
Streamlined stools created for Karl

Andersson & Söner

A small lounge chair

called Sling, a project

made for Fogia

Their choice of name is spot on - the word "note" is easy to remember and can be used as a play on words in various languages. But it's more than just the choice of a good name; in just a few years, Note Design Studio has become one of most sought-after Swedish design practices. In an open space chock-full of prototypes, illuminated by that special light typical of northern European countries in springtime, I met Cristiano Pigazzini and Kristoffer Fagerström, the studio's two owners, together with designer Johannes Carlström. Over the years, other friends have joined the ranks and today the headcount is seven, with each person bringing a specific and complementary skill set. Cristiano and Alexis Holmqvist handle the graphic design and design strategy; Johannes and Daniel Hecksher take care of interior design projects with Sanna Wåhlin, who also specialises in colours and materials; and Kristoffer and Charlotte Ackemar work together on product design. Altogether, the studio represents an exciting development in the realm of Scandinavian design. 他們的名字絕對是 —「note」不但易記,更能在多種語言中大玩文字效果。但當然起得好的名字絕非致勝關 鍵,Note Design Studio於數年間已成為其中一所最教人趨之若鶩的瑞典設計公司。放滿原型的開放 式空間以獨特燈飾照亮各處,就是那種北歐國家典型的春日亮光,我在這情調下跟工作室兩位擁有人 Cristiano Pigazzini、Kristoffer Fagerström和設計師Johannes Carlström會面。數年來,友人們陸續加 盟,今天已成七口之家,各自把自家本領進駐項目中。Cristiano和Alexis Holmqvist負責平面設計和設 計策略; Johannes和Daniel Hecksher則與Sanna Wåhlin處理室內設計項目,後者更是色彩和物料專 家;至於Kristoffer和Charlotte Ackemar便專注產品設計。整間工作室就代表著北歐設計的精彩發展。 notedesignstudio.se

We're all friends and share the same passion for what we do. We always try to make every design unique – something that has a distinct style and conveys our values. 大家都是朋友,並對所做的事有著同等熱愛,常盡力把每項設計打造成最獨特的模樣,各有特色風格,並能展現我們的價值。

We like working with companies that have a deep technical knowledge of different materials. For example, Zilio A&C, Fogia and Karl Andersson & Söner specialise in woodworking, and Zero and Örsjö Belysning in lighting. 我們喜愛跟對不同物料擁有深厚技術知識的公司合作,如專注木作的Zilio A&C、Fogia和Karl Andersson & Söner,以及製作燈飾的Zero和Örsjö Belysning。



To date, we've been very proud of the works we have designed for large companies such as Menu, ZilenZio, Sancal and Camper, as well as for other smaller yet interesting ones, including Ex.t, La Chance and Klong. The first challenge we met was in 2011 when we introduced Marginal Notes, our first self-produced collection of furniture and accessories for the home. It was a great success in the media and from that moment forward, we were in high demand for our style. 我們對自己為大公司打造的設計引以為傲,如Menu、ZilenZio、Sancal和Camper,還有較小型而不失趣味的Ex.t、La Chance和Klong等。首個遇到的挑戰就是在2011年推出Marginal Notes時,亦即首個自家生產的傢具和家飾品系列。成果在媒體界大受歡迎,自此我們的風格便成大眾所求。

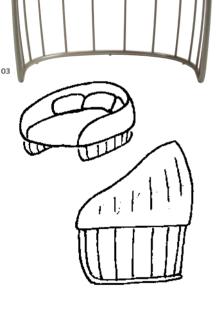
Companies contact us because they admire our language, the harmony of the colours and the elegance of the forms that are found in our designs. 公司跟我們聯絡全因對方欣賞我們的語言,設計上色彩與優雅外形的和諧。

We don't know if a particular "Note style" exists, but we like the definition that someone once gave: the art of designing objects that make you smile and the ability to create beautiful things for everyday life. 不知道有沒有一種名叫「Note風格」的東西存在,但我們喜愛外界給予的定義:能讓人會心微笑的設計藝術,並有能力為日常生活打造美麗物件。

A lot of works were shown at this year's Salone del Mobile and the Stockholm fair. Some were the continuation of collaborations, such as the new lamps for Zero, the panels for ZilenZio and the armchairs for Fogia. Others are new collaborations – the chairs for Zilio, the coffee tables for Menu in cooperation with Danish studio Norm Architects and the chair for Sancal. 本年在米蘭國際傢具展和斯德哥爾摩展覽上陳列出大量作品。部分是合作項目的延續,如為Zero打造的新燈具、ZilenZio的鑲板,以及Fogia的扶手椅。其他均為新合作——Zilio的椅子、與丹麥工作室Norm Architects合作為Menu設計的咖啡茶几,還有Sancal的椅子。

We now have about 50 new products in the pipeline – all top-secret! – for 15 different companies. It's a major commitment, but also brings us satisfaction in seeing how the "Note style" is so highly requested. 現在約有50件為15間公司打造的新產品——此為絕密資料!這都是極為重要的承諾和責任,同時也帶來滿足感,讓我們看到大家是如此渴求「Note風格」。

Our new projects are not just about products, but also touch upon interior design. After the success of the Green House design at the Stockholm Furniture Fair and the renovation of the FineFood bistro in Stockholm, we are now working with new clients in the retail world as well as with private clients. 新項目不只為產品,而是觸及室內設計。經過斯德哥爾摩傢具展的Green House設計和斯德哥爾摩Finefood餐廳的成功後,我們現正與新零售界和私人客戶合作。



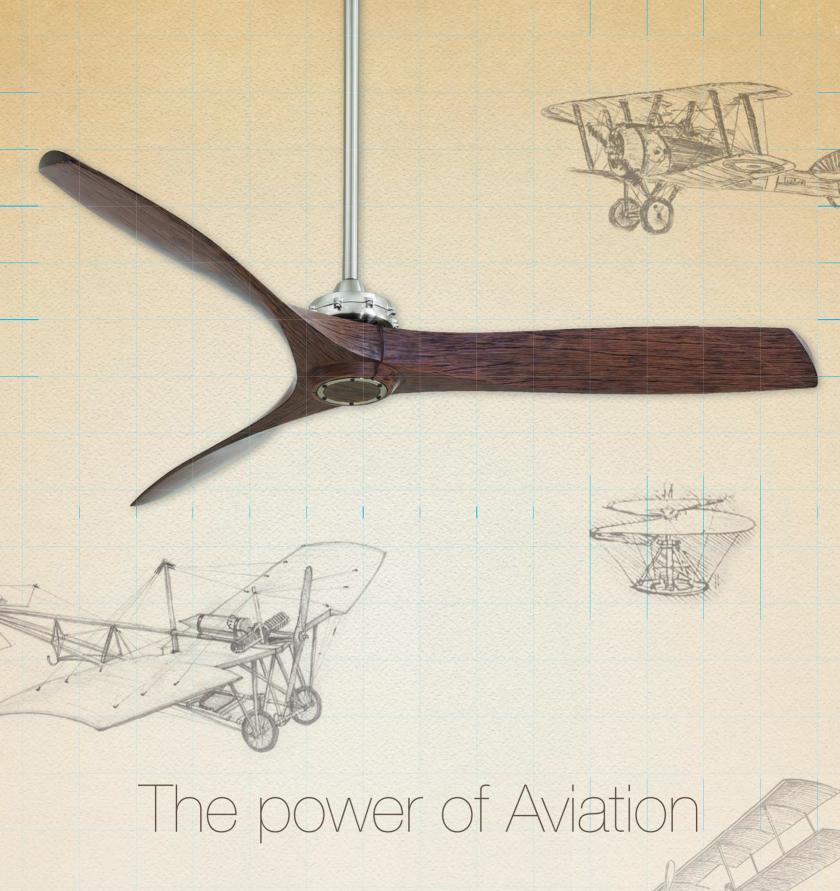
This space-dividing table screen made for ZilenZio is aptly named Focus

02

They designed the interiors of Stockholm-based restaurant and cafe, FineFood

03

The enveloping Tonella chair, a project for Sancal





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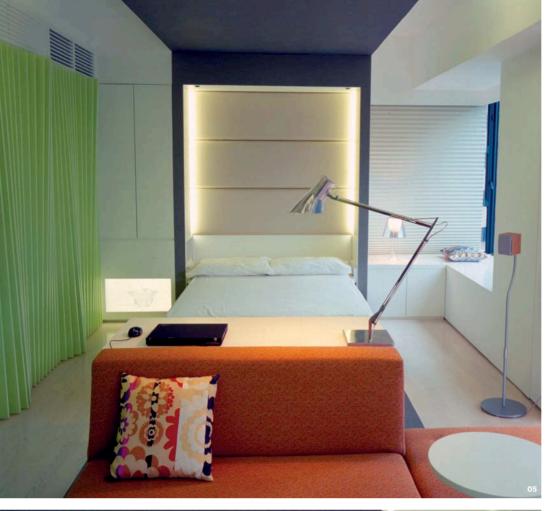




Living in cramped, crowded flats has become a way of life for those trading creature comforts for the thrill of living in a big city. But tight quarters aren't limited to metropolises such as Hong Kong, Tokyo, New York and London. Rather, it's a growing global trend motivated by the rise in single-person households, soaring real-estate prices and, to a lesser extent, the concern over one's carbon footprint that has made buying smaller homes an eco-friendly way forward.

Eager first-time homebuyers in Hong Kong are snapping up smaller units around the HK\$2 million mark. Last year, local developer Cheung Kong offered flats for sale at less than 200sqft in the Mont Vert apartment complex in Tai Po – one of the units, measuring 165sqft, is among the smallest on the market. And it's only the beginning. Designer Gary Chang of the Edge Design Institute Ltd is currently spearheading a new development on Hong Kong Island comprised exclusively of tiny flats measuring just over 200sqft, which he'll be outfitting with smart built-in fittings so residents can simply move in with a suitcase.

Gary raised the bar in small home design by kitting out his own 300sqft flat in 2007. The highlight of the flexible interiors are moveable walls that slide along a track, similar to a filing cabinet, transforming the studio into 24 functional spaces – complete with a spa-like bathroom and guest bedroom to boot. The innovative layout maximises usable space, but also considers time as a decisive





生活在狭陷擠迫的單位已成追求大城市刺激感的生活模式。空間雖小,但絕不意即限制國際都市如香港、東京、紐約和倫敦各地的創造。 反之,如此環球趨勢卻在一人單位界不斷上揚,並在高企樓價的帶動下大行其道。碳足印也令購買小單位成環保妙策。

興奮的首次置業香港人士正搜羅約200萬港元的小單位。去年,本地發展商長江實業在大埔推出嵐山200平方呎以下單位——165平方呎的選擇更是市場上最小巧。然而這只是序幕。Edge Design Institute Ltd的設計師Gary Chang現正處理香港島新發展工程,結集只略大於200平方呎的小單位,並裝設智能嵌入式配件,讓住客帶個輕便行李便能即時入住。

Gary在2007年打造的自家300平方呎單位, 顯然已把細小單位設計帶到另一層次。亮點在於 靈活多變的室內元素,如在路軌上趟動自如的活 動式牆身,有如檔案櫃般,即時將工作室轉化成 24個功能空間,再加上水療式浴室和客用浴室。 「家居面積細小,但卻擁有浴缸,更能容下坐臥 兩用沙發供客人使用。」Gary表示:「每天使用 浴缸的時間不會多於一小時,除洗澡以外它的作 用不大。所以我也正在考慮用它作其他用途。」

DIFFERENT FACES

01

Gary Chang of Edge Design Institute Ltd.

02

The focus of this Guangzhou flat is a pivoting wall cabinet, which can be flipped open, fusing the study with the living area

03

Inside Gary's famous multilayered flat

04

The walls in Gary's home slide along a track, changing up the interiors

05

The bedroom in a compact project on Old Peak Road has a fold-out Murphy bed

Armchairs instantly transform the bedroom into a sitting room

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SMOOTH TRANSITION

01

Continuous patterned flooring aids in tying together different rooms into a singular space that appears larger

Frank Leung of via. Architecture

Built-in floating shelves help showcase prized pieces; organise clutter in stylish containers good for display



factor in design. "My home is small, but I have a bathtub, which can be fitted with a daybed for visiting guests," says Gary. "Because I only use the bathtub no more than an hour a day, it's a waste of space the rest of the time. So I thought about how I could utilise it in other ways."

Optimising usability can also mean creating a continuous open-plan space. Frank Leung of via. Architecture suggests maintaining a flow between rooms, rather than clear delineations. Using the same flooring throughout the home is one method, he says: "A feature wall or floor with a consistent material or pattern provides coherency to small spaces, and in turn creates a sense of spaciousness." In The Parkside show flat he designed, measuring just over 600sqft, Frank interlaced stone and wood into chic herringbone-patterned flooring, creating dynamism and giving the appearance of an expanded floor area.

增大可用功能意即持續發展的開放式空間。via. Architecture的Frank Leung建議在各房間之間保持流動性,免去清晰分明的界線。全屋選用相同地板也是方案之一,他說:「使用同一物料或紋理的特色牆或地板能讓細小單位更顯連貫,增強空間感。」他為The Parkside設計的示範單位面積略多於600平方呎,Frank便交織利用石材和木打造人字形圖紋地板,營造精彩動感和擴展地面範圍的效果。

挑選合適的物料非常重要。Gary選金屬棄木材善用每吋空間——更薄更輕——還有透明亞加力增加輕盈感,在他家中的架子即可見一斑。與此同時,Frank應用鏡面和閃亮外層,反射光線兼製造較大空間的視覺效果。

ENRICHED OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE



Flat Collection from Gandia Blasco, Spain. Designer: Mario Ruiz



Flat is a collection of outdoor furniture that we designed for GANDIABLASCO in 2008. It has been so successful that we've continued designing new items. It's a well-balanced and flexibl collection; an essentially formal concept with a light and airy structure in which fabric plays an important part. **www.gandiablasco.com**









SMART SOLUTIONS

01

BoConcept's hanging Cupertino Wall Office makes good use of vertical space

The two-tiered *Murcia* coffee table from BoConcept is a practical yet on-trend addition to any living space

This yellow foldable chair and table combo from Rouge Absolu adds a stylish dash of colour

Ochre's comfy padded bench doubles as a chic storage option For the average homeowner, however, mobile and multipurpose furniture is the way to go. A practical, height-adjustable table can serve as a place to work, study, dine and share a drink with friends – it can also be collapsed and stowed out of sight. Designers are also looking at creative ways of incorporating vertical space in their designs by using the walls and floor to free up living space. Hidden storage under raised flooring is becoming more common, as are Murphy beds, among other practical furnishings

對普通屋主而言,流動性和多用途傢具是首選。實用兼可調校高低的桌子適合工作、溫習、用餐、與友人共享美酒時使用——摺放後即可收藏起來。設計師們均努力物色創意方案,並利用牆身和地板解放生活空間,將之融入直向單位之中。隱藏式儲物元素收放在地台下的方法已成大趨勢,折床就是其中一種可以完美隱藏起來的實用傢具。掛牆電視則可被投映機和桌上電腦取代,留下空間用作綜合儲物。





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LIVING WITH ART

Drawing from the Art Home curated by *Home Journal* at the last edition of the Affordable Art Fair – a 500sqft living space decked out with artwork – fair director Stephanie Kelly shares tips on how to live with art when space is limited *美好家居*在剛過去的Affordable Art Fair Art Home裝置中,於500平方呎生活空間 融入藝術品,並請來活動總監Stephanie Kelly分享怎樣為有限範圍挑選作品



ARTISTIC FLAIR

01

The Art Home curated by Home Journal and designed by Candace Campos, with furnishings from BoConcept

Lalanta Fine Arts presents Wings of Fire by Visarute Angkatavanich

Untitled No.1 by Zhang Shao Zeng from The Dragon Year Gallery

04

Other beautiful pieces included this sleek sideboard from Organic Modernism against textured wallpaper from Goodrich Global



What's essential to hanging art on the walls?

A pencil, a ruler and a level from Ikea is necessary, as well as concrete hooks you get from a handyman shop. Put up the artwork and mark it where you think it should be, with another person standing in the distance judging whether it's level. It should be at eyeline – not too high or too low.

在牆上掛放藝術品的關鍵?

你必要有來自宜家家居的水平儀、間尺和鉛筆,還有可以從五金店買來的 穩實掛鉤。放上藝術品,在想掛放的位置畫上標記,再請人從遠處看看掛 畫是否水平而放。它的高度應介乎視線水平——不高也不低。

How do you hang a group of artworks together?

Lay it out on the floor first and then organise it in a similar way on the wall. Ask yourself: "What's going to be my central feature piece – the pride and joy of my art?" Then lay it out on the wall with 10 to 20cm in between each piece in a conforming format, like a triptych or in a hodge-podge manner.

你怎樣把一批藝術品組合起來?

先放在地面上砌出你想在牆上擺放的效果。問問自己:「哪件可作重點? 作為能引以為傲而教人歡喜的個人藝術?」之後再將每件作品相隔10至20 厘米掛放牆上,三聯畫式或大雜燴地將之組起來。

What's an unconventional way of displaying art?

We have a shelf above our TV where I put my sculptures, prints and photography – with a shelf I can create a story.

陳列藝術的反傳統方式?

我們的電視機上方裝有架子放雕塑、印刷和攝影作品,在此讓我編寫故事。

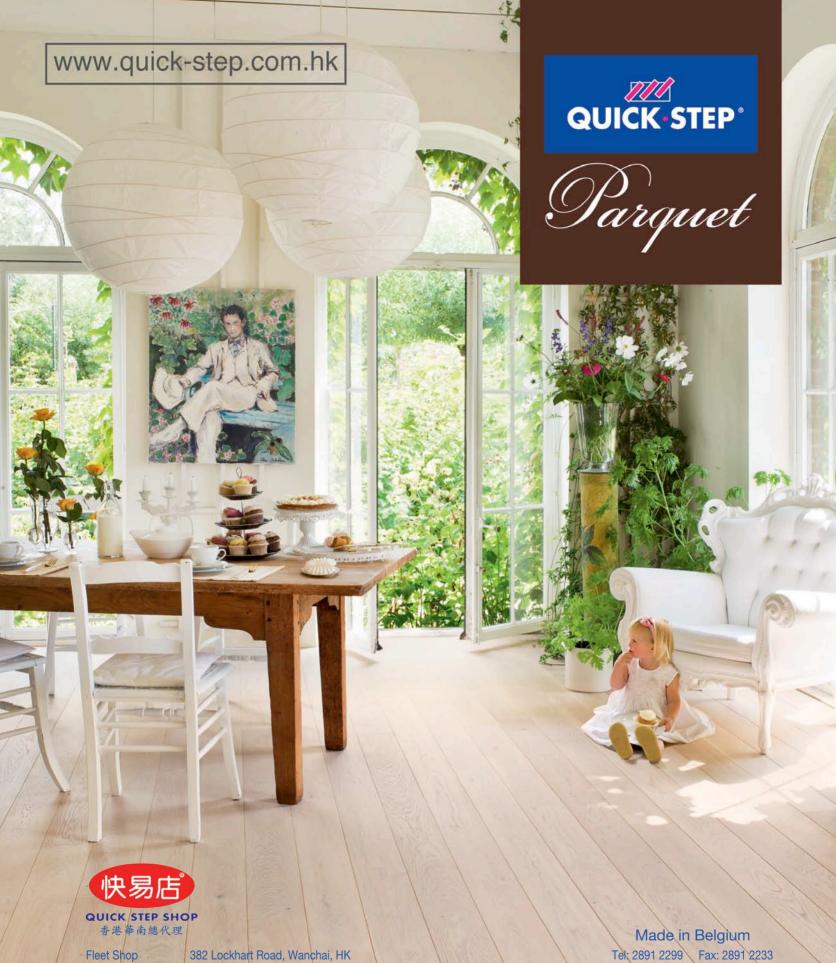
Can larger oeuvres fit into a small space?

I have this beautiful abstract oil painting – very Turner-esque – but it's huge and it sits over my dining table. I think that one big piece in a small area can actually enhance the whole space. Plus, we have other medium to smaller artworks dotted around our home.

大型作品可放在小空間中嗎?

我有幅美麗的超大型抽象油畫作品——像極Turner式創作——並將之放在餐桌上方。我覺得大型作品在細小空間中能加強整體格調。我家還散放多幅中小型藝術品呢。

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WORKING IT

WITH MANY OF US WORKING OUTSIDE THE TRADITIONAL CONFINES OF A "NINE-TO-FIVE" ENVIRONMENT, WE LOOK AT DESIGN-DRIVEN CO-WORKING SPACES AROUND THE WORLD THAT ENGAGE AND INSPIRE 細看全球各地一改傳統辦公室朝九晚五生活的工作環境

BY RACHEL READ AND KATE FARR



NEUEHOUSE

NEW YORK

New York has plenty of ultra chic co-working spaces and Neuehouse, with its discreet private members' club vibe, stands out from the lot. Designed by the Rockwell Group, this former auction house is spread over five floors and 50,000sqft, with its sweeping central "Spanish Stairs" acting as a focal point used for both casual meetings as well as seating for presentations. It's no surprise that it appeals to the creative industry – with its own screening room, broadcasting and recording facilities, library, art collection and cultural programme to match. Further locations are slated to open in Los Angeles and London soon.

紐約擁有大量充滿時尚氣息的工作空間——別俱隱世私人會議格調的Neuehouse更鶴立雞群。這個前拍賣行由 Rockwell Group負責設計,樓佔超過5層空間,並擁50,000平方呎面積。中央的西班牙廣場式階梯屬焦點所在,既可用作普通會議使用,又可坐下作簡報。擁有自家放映室、廣播和錄音設施、圖書館、藝術收藏和文化活動配合,難怪Neuehouse能成功吸引創意業界。更多分址將於洛杉磯和倫敦陸續開幕。neuehouse.com







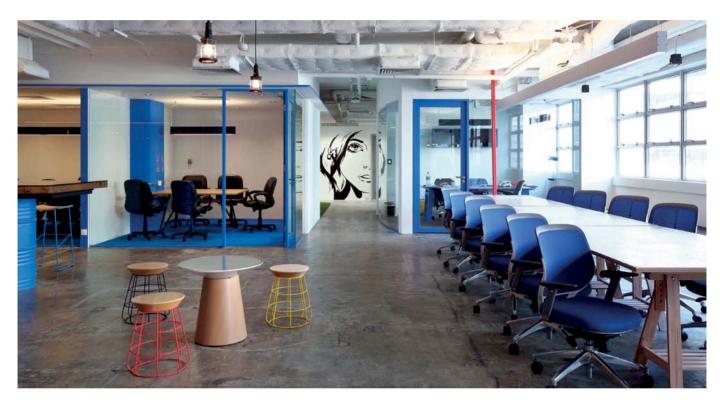
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Forget corporate co-working spaces – this two-floor space in Quarry Bay has personality to spare. Developed by Swire Properties to repurpose over 20,000sqft of unused office space and aimed at tech-focused start-ups, this is an informal working environment designed to spark creativity and collaboration. Inspired by its original warehouse building, PDM International ingeniously left traces of the building process exposed to highlight its evolution. Cool recycled materials also come to the fore in the form of a discarded shipping container that's become a team meeting room and seats from decommissioned Cathay Pacific planes that have found new life in the café-lounge area.

忘記企業協作室吧——這個鰂魚涌兩層高空間散放著源源不絕的個性。項目由太古地產負責,為超過20,000平方呎不被善用的辦公空間重新賦予功能,引發無限創造力和合作火花。PDM International的靈感源自原建倉庫大廈,並留下大廈進展過程的痕跡,突顯其改進變遷。循環物料也是一大亮點,團隊會議室便以棄置的運送盒製作,座椅也從退役的國泰航機中取得,舊物紛紛在咖啡室中重獲新生。blueprint.swireproperties.com







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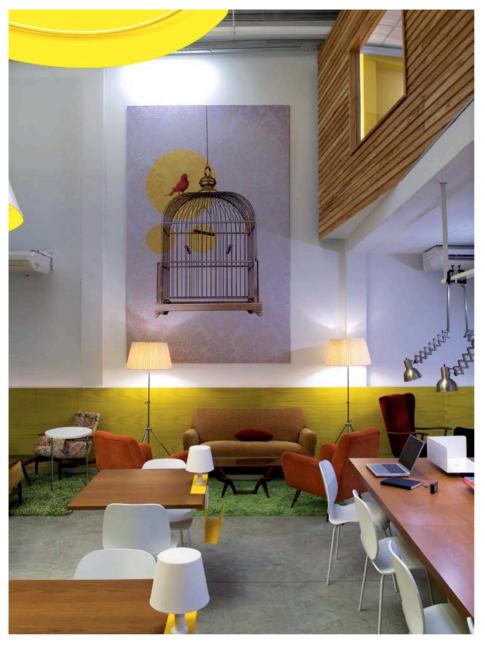
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Several decades on, Mid-century Modernism continues to influence and inspire. Here's a closer look at the evolution and the defining moments of this important design movement 數十年來,中世紀現代主義一直影響和啟發至今。細看當中歷程,和為這重要設計運動時刻奠下的定義

BY **ANDREW SESSA**



Not only did the post-war, Mid-century Modern movement build upon the form-follows-function strictures and entirely unornamented aesthetic of first-wave modernism, it also began to have some fun with what came before it – offering a more playful, loosened-up version of what it meant to be modern. As such, it was both a natural progression from and a reaction against the rigorously pure, stripped-down early-modernist architecture and design of the 1920s and 1930s – Walter Gropius' Bauhaus school in Weimar, Germany, for example, as well as the start of Mies van der Rohe's international style movement and Le Corbusier's idea of a house as a "machine for living."

"Mid-century designers and architects were able to take the rigour of modernism and inject it with personality – joy, even," says writer Aric Chen, also the curator of design and architecture at Hong Kong's forthcoming M+ museum. "It was a more charismatic modernism that went beyond the machine." While the bare aesthetic of the early movement and its rigorous constraints seemed to allow for little in the way of experimentation, at mid-century – from the end of the Second World War through the mid-1960s – designers "embraced a more livable expression of form," concurs Richard Wright, whose Chicago and New York auction house Wright specialises in the period. "Their acceptance of the curve also points toward a more dynamic style."

戰後中世紀現代運動不但建於功能比形態 重要的結構形式和全無裝飾美學的第一波現代主 義上,更開始為此前的元素混入趣味,成就出更 具玩味和放鬆的現代作品。它其實也就是對抗純 天然無添加的早期現代建築與20至30年代設計的 自然過渡進程,如德國威瑪Walter Gropius的包 浩斯學派,以及Mies van der Rohe的國際風格 運動之始,與Le Corbusier把房子視為「生活機 器」的想法。

「中世紀設計師與建築師能抽取現代主義的嚴謹縝密,並注入個性,甚至是歡樂。」寫作人兼即將建成的香港M+博物館設計及建築策劃人Aric Chen說道:「它是那種滿有魅力的現代主義,並遠遠超越機器。」此早期運動的簡樸美學和嚴謹規限難容試驗,第二次世界大戰至60

The work often took as much from the fluidity and natural-world allusions of Frank Lloyd Wright as the industrial-age trappings of Walter Gropius and his ilk. The resulting buildings and designs comprise everything from Charles & Ray Eames' bent-plywood furniture and grid-like Mondrian-inspired Case Study #8 house in California to Oscar Niemeyer's space-age torqueing structures in the then-new Brazilian capital of Brasília, and to Isamu Noguchi's organic wooden tables and chairs, whose forms and finishes honour the rich graining and natural shape of the trees from which they were assembled.

All these creators and many more (Eero Saarinen, Achille Castiglioni, Louis Kahn, Florence Knoll, Philip Johnson, Hans Wegner, Arne Jacobsen and Eva Zeisel, to name just a handful) "interpreted the defining principles of modernism – economy, logic, discipline and efficiency – so sensitively

年代中,設計師們均紛紛「擁戴更宜生活的表現方式」,Richard Wright的芝加哥和紐約拍賣行Wright便著意專注此時期:「他們對曲線的接納指向更具動感的風格。」

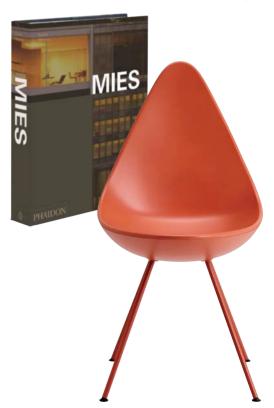
作品常從Frank Lloyd Wright自然世界典故以至流動性獲取靈感,還有Walter Gropius工業年代標誌和同類作品,打造出配上Charles和Ray Eames屈摺夾板傢具的大廈與設計、加州格網似的Mondrian式Case Study #8房子、Oscar Niemeyer位於巴西當時新首都巴西利亞的太空





e Corbusier, atelier and Pierre Jeanneret, The parliament building r Chandigam, India, 1951-1965 | Image: William J R Curtis





"THEIR WORK NOT ONLY FULFILLED ITS INTENDED FUNCTION, BUT HAS SINCE HAD AN ENDURING VALUE AND APPEAL"

ICONIC INSPIRATION

The work of Mies van der Rohe and Le Corbusier was a starting point for Midcentury designers; Mies by Detlef Martins (Phaidon); Drop chair by Arne Jacobsen. Fritz Hansen

經典傳奇

Mies van der Rohe和Le Corbusier的作品是大多 數中世紀設計師的起步 點;Detlef Martins著作的 Mies,Phaidon出版;Arne Jacobsen為Fritz Hansen打 造的Drop椅



and ingeniously," says Alice Rawsthorn, a writer, critic and columnist for the *International New York Times*, "that their work not only fulfilled its intended function and captured the spirit of its own time, but has since had an enduring value and appeal."

Zesty Meyers, an owner of the New Yorkbased 20th- and 21st-century design gallery R & Company, goes even further, not only citing the influence of mid-century work on contemporary creators and its appeal to current audiences, but

the materials have."

The specifics of style and construction may have been wide-ranging and adaptable, but certain core beliefs underlay them, not least of all the idea – and the ideal – of democracy. "There was an attempt to build a common language

suggesting that we're still actually "in the middle of this movement: the style hasn't changed; only

時期扭轉結構,以及Isamu Noguchi的有機木桌 與椅子,其外形和修飾同樣向應用的樹木木材紋 理與自然形態致敬。

以上創造者與更多人士(Eero Saarinen、Achille Castiglioni、Louis Kahn、Florence Knoll、Philip Johnson、Hans Wegner、Arne Jacobsen和Eva Zeisel等)「演繹現代主義的定義條則——經濟、邏輯、約束和效率——都是如此充滿感知和才能。」國際紐約時報寫作人、評論員兼專欄作家Alice Rawsthorn表示:「他們的工作不但能滿足其應有功能和捕捉自家時代的精髓,還擁有悠久價格和吸引力。」



ROUNDED EDGES

Eero Saarinen's *Tulip* chair, made in 1955 for Knoll and Isamu Noguchi's *Akari 33s* light, coffee table *IN-50*, and *Freeform "Cloud"* sofa and ottoman show the shift into more fluid, less rigid forms

渾圓美學

Eero Saarinen的 Tulip椅,於1955 年為Knoll製作,還有野口勇的 Akari 33s燈,以及咖啡茶几 IN-50、Freeform "Cloud"沙發和 腳凳,均展現出產品走向 流動形態的趨勢

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TIMELESS ESSENCE

Almost 60 years later, Arne Jacobsen's *Egg* chair is still relevant; curator of art and design at M+, Aric Chen; writer and columnist for the New York Times, Alice Rawsthorn; the headquarters of the Banco de Londres y América del Sur in Buenos Aires is a fine example of Brutalist architecture

永恆設計

近60年後Arne Jacobsen的Egg楠依然入流;M+藝術及設計策劃人Aric Chen;紐約時報作家及專欄作家Alice Rawsthorn;布宜諾斯艾利斯的Banco de Londres y América del Sur總部是和野派建築的佳證





and to popularise design, to make it accessible to all," says Patricio del Real, a curator in the architecture and design department of New York's Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). "They were trying to engage mass culture and mass production without the negative implications of mass consumption, bringing a certain level of taste to the masses."

"In a word, Mid-century Modern means optimism," concludes Aric. "It was design rooted in a fundamental belief in progress and the idea not only that the future would always be better, but that it would be better for more people, too." Democracy, optimism and progress – more than enough, it would seem, to explain its incredibly enduring appeal.

駐紐約20和21世紀設計藝廊R & Company的擁有人Zesty Meyers, 進一步指明中世紀作品對當代創作人和當下受眾的影響,還提出我們仍「身處運動當中:風格不變,變的只是物料」。

風格與結構也許範圍寬大靈活,但部分核心價值依然根深蒂固,如民主意念。「有人嘗試建立共同語言及令設計普及,兼容易讓人接觸。」紐約現代藝術博物館建築與設計部門策劃人Patricio del Real說道:「他們嘗試投入大眾文化和生產中,而同時免去大量消費的負面意味,為大眾帶來特定品味層次。」

「中世紀現代主義意即樂觀。」Aric總結道:「就是設計紮根進程的基礎信念,以及未來對更多人來說更美好的信念。」民主、樂觀與進程——已足夠解釋其長久吸引的原因所在。//











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SERENE DWELLING

The living room's neutral palette is brought to life via a painting by Norbert Schwontkowski; carefully chosen vintage pieces, such as a side table by Hans J. Wegner from Casa Capriz, are peppered throughout; homeowners Brad Davis and Janis Provisor

平静氨氮

客廳的中性色調在Norbert Schwontkowski的油畫下更能油 然散放魅力;仔細精選的古董 作品散放各處,如出自Hans J. Wegner之手、來自Casa Capriz 的邊桌;屋主Brad Davis和Janis



It's said that size matters – but does it really? Ask the husband-and-wife team Janis Provisor and Brad Davis, the founders of Fort Street Studio, who now live in a compact one-room flat in Hong Kong. Situated in a tranquil back street in Central behind the old police station, their home provides everything they need to be comfortable – and serves as the perfect refuge from the hectic urban lifestyle most people endure in the city. Measuring 750sqft inside, with an additional 495sqft of outdoor space, it did take a bit of getting used to from their previous abode, confesses Janis. "Initially, I wasn't sure I could live in such a small flat, especially after leaving our vast high-ceilinged loft in New York. But I love it now. It's surprising to discover actually how little space you need to live well."

Janis and Brad began working with Chinese artisans back in the early '90s when they previously resided in Hong Kong; they established Fort Street Studio in Hangzhou in 1996. In 2002, they moved back to New York City to develop the business stateside, but returned to Hong Kong in 2014. "We are passionate about this city," explains Brad. "It's the perfect centre for business in the region." Today their luxurious hand-knotted, wild-silk rugs are coveted for their painterly design and art-inspired aesthetics by interior designers and doyennes of good taste around the world.

人常道尺寸重要——事實的確如此?問問成立Fort Street Studio的夫妻檔Brad Davis和Janis Provisor吧。二人的香港家居是個一房小巧寶地,位於中環舊警署後方的寧靜後街,齊備舒適生活的一切所須,是逃離繁忙城市生活的完美天地。室內面積750平方呎再加上額外495平方呎的戶外空間,對比舊居,Janis坦言需要時間適應:「起初我也不肯定自己能否居住在如此細小的單位,特別是那時才剛剛搬離紐約的高樓大房。現在已深深愛上它,你會驚喜發現在小巧空間中享受美好生活的樂趣。」

Janis和Brad於90年代初搬到香港前已開始與中國工藝師合作,並在1996年於杭州成立Fort Street Studio。2002年搬回紐約發展業務,並於2014年重回香港。「我們對這城市充滿熱愛。」Brad解釋說:「她是在這地區發展業務的完美地點。」今天,他們的豪華手織野絲地毯憑其油畫式設計和滿有藝術氣息的風格,深受環球各地的高品味人士和室內設計師垂青。







HAND-PICKED PIECES

An eclectic collection of 1960s German pottery add texture to the clean-lined space; Fornasetti pieces from Lane Crawford are in keeping with the flat's arty personality

精挑細選

不拘一格的60年代德國壺具 系列為這線條清晰的空間增 添豐富質感;來自連卡佛的 Fornasetti飾品與單位的藝術 個性相符 Unconventional, arty flats like theirs don't come on the market every day. "I found it through the grapevine," explains Brad. "That's usually the way these things happen with such rare jewels." Janis was still in New York at the time and admits she was somewhat skeptical when Brad called to tell her the news. She recalls, "Ultimately, I put my trust in his good judgment and told him to sign the contract." After moving in, their first task was to open up the two rooms to make the apartment into a larger, lateral space. A curtain was installed to separate the bedroom from the living areas. They then redecorated throughout. "As it's such a small space, we used a neutral palette to make it look big," explains Brad. "We wanted to make the most of the abundant natural light and keep things simple."

Every object in the flat has its own story to tell. One of their beautiful Fort Street Studio carpets in a cool hue creates the canvas for their carefully chosen mid-20th-century furniture – a period they adore. A vintage 1960s Plycraft lounge chair and ottoman covered in Jim Thompson fabric takes

非凡的藝術氣息家居在市場上極為罕見。「我也是從別處打聽到這單位。」Brad表示:「珍貴的事物往往也得經過一番努力才能發現吧。」Janis那時候仍身處紐約,並承認當Brad在電話上跟她提到這單位時,不禁抱有懷疑態度。她回想説:「最後我也相信他的判斷,並著他簽約。」遷進後的首要任務就是打通兩間房間,開出更闊廣的地方,並裝設窗簾分隔睡房和生活範圍,之後便重新翻新各處。Brad解釋:「這兒面積不大,故選用中性色彩組合增強空間感。我們想盡量善用天然光,並維持簡約。」

單位每物背後均隱含著故事。其中一張美麗的Fort Street Studio冷色地墊便為他們精選的20世紀中傢具提供完美背景——這也是他們鍾愛的時期。一張古董60年代Plycraft休閒椅和腳凳覆上





STEP OUTSIDE

The bedroom looks onto the bright outdoors, and glass doors seamlessly bring the outside in; homeowner Janis Provisor by the terrace, which is adorned with greenery and a plush rug from Fort Street Studio

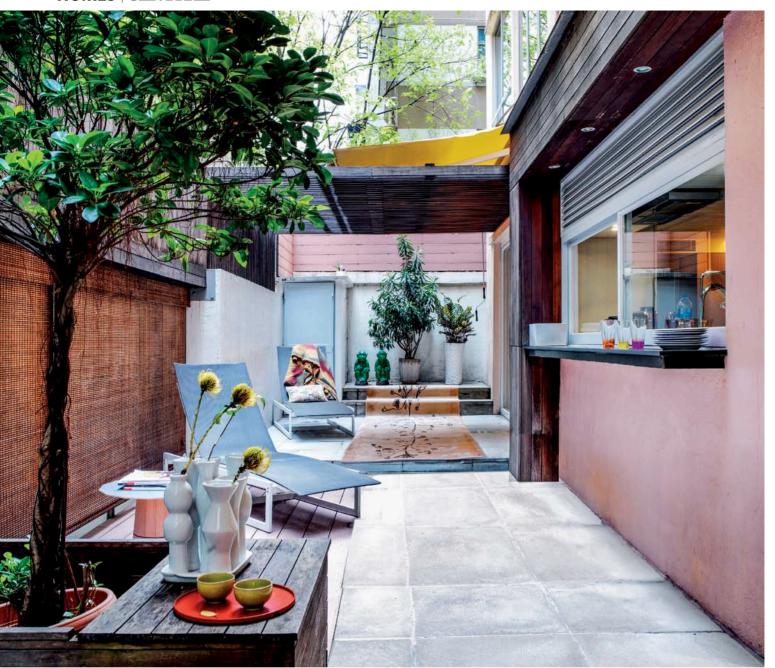
戶外氣息

睡房望向光明的戶外環境, 玻璃門將室內景色完美無 缝地引進家中;屋主Janis Provisor在陽台留影,空間以 綠色景致裝飾,並放有一張 厚實的Fort Street Studio地毯 centre stage. "It's the poor man's Eames," quips Brad with a laugh. This has been paired with a quirky round 1950s Danish tea trolley, which complements another vintage wooden table by Hans J. Wegner acquired at Casa Capriz in Hong Kong.

Presiding over all of these carefully curated pieces is an edgy oil-on-canvas painting by German artist Norbert Schwontkowski. "We were interested in his work for years," says Janis. "When we first bought the painting, we didn't even have a roof over our heads at that stage in our lives – but our world had become richer because we owned a piece of his art." Other artworks in the flat are a late Qing dynasty calligraphy work by Zheng Xie, a 1940s Indian lithograph and some remarkable photographs that Brad has taken of graffiti he discovered in Hong Kong. "I am intrigued by the whimsy of this street art," states Brad. "So apart from exhibiting them in our flat, the photos will also become part of my design collection I plan to publish in Hong Kong." In addition, their eclectic collection of 1960s German pottery enriches the space. "I'm obsessed with the colours, shapes and textures of these ceramics," says Brad. "They are a constant source of inspiration."

Jim Thompson布藝,盡佔焦點位置。Brad笑言:「它是窮等人家的Eames。」然後再配搭約來自50年代的丹麥茶餐手推車,以及在香港Casa Capriz購得、出自Hans J. Wegner之手的古董木桌。

除了一系列精心擺設的作品外,焦點還是落在出自德國藝術家Norbert Schwontkowski之手的前衛油畫作品。「多年來一直留意他的畫作。」Janis指:「買它的時候連瓦遮頭也沒有,但自從擁有他的作品後,我們整個世界也頓時變得富有起來。」其他藝術品包括清朝末年鄭燮的書法、40年代印度印刷畫和Brad在香港街頭拍下的塗鴉照。Brad説:「這種另類奇特的街頭藝術叫我著迷。除了



OUTDOOR FLAIR

Spanning the length of the entire apartment is an outdoor area that offers the homeowners a quiet space to reflect and create; the brass planter is from Deem and lotus bowls are by Jia Inc from Lane Crawford

往外發展

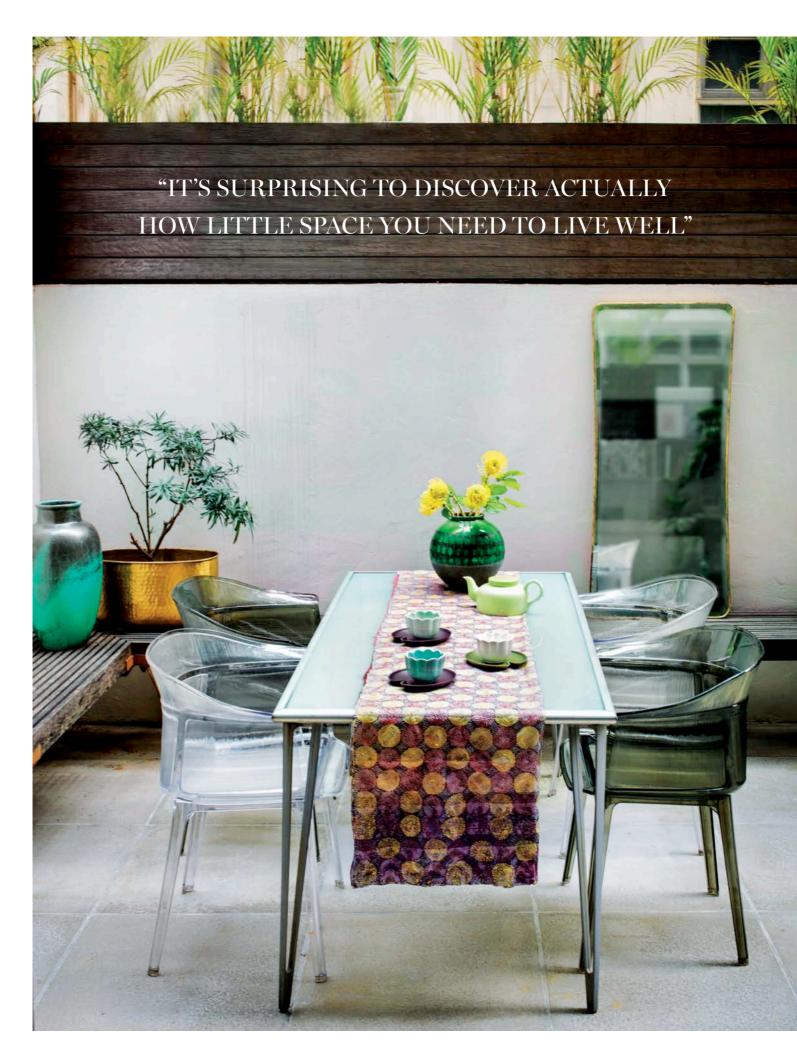
足足有整個單位般長的戶 外空間為屋主提供一個寧靜 空間反思和創作;銅盆來自 Deem,蓮花小碗來自品家家 品,於連卡佛有售 The colourful outdoor area is indeed a bonus – the large sliding glass doors open up to make the flat feel more spacious and airy. "Apart from entertaining and enjoying meals alfresco, we often sit and work in our small garden when it's not too hot," says Janis. A practical kitchen, bathroom and ample storage space makes the flat even more functional, while the comfortable bedroom also doubles as a workspace. Everything has been perfectly considered down to the last millimetre.

Living in a small space clearly has its constraints, but in no way does it restrict the creative process of this talented duo. New designs are constantly being added to their range while bespoke rugs can be designed to order. "We have created a very distinct personality with our wild-silk rugs," says Janis. "But we always continue to think outside the box and explore innovative decorative designs that provide our customers with truly original carpets, which are art forms in their own right." //

在家展示外,還計劃將之融我在香港推出的設計系列中。」德國60年代陶瓷珍藏系列同時也在點綴家居四處。「非常喜愛它們的色彩、形狀和質感。」Brad表示:「是引發靈感的泉源。」

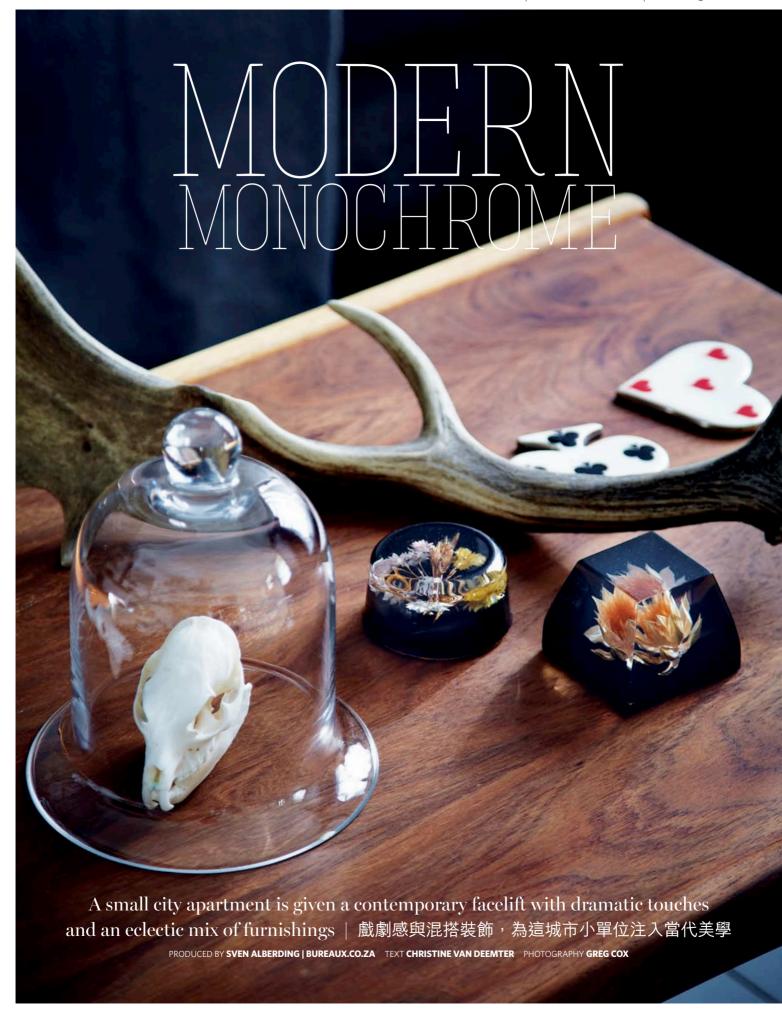
彩色繽紛的戶外空間更加是畫龍點睛所在——大片趟門玻璃讓單位感覺更開揚輕盈。Janis指:「除了款客和享受戶外用餐,天氣不炎熱時,我們常會在小花園工作。」實用的廚房、浴室和充裕的儲物空間令單位更實用,而舒適的睡房則能兼作工作室。每事每物也經仔細思量。

生活在細小空間雖有限制,但卻無阻這對創作伴侶的發揮。新設計不斷推出,並帶來訂造設計 地毯。「我們以野絲地毯打造出別具特色個性的款式。」Janis表示:「但我們仍會不停跳出框框, 探索裝飾設計技巧,為顧客帶來百分百原創產品,並不失藝術品味。」//













THE DECOR WAS CHOSEN TO FIT
WITH BOTH THE GREY PAINTED
FLOORS AND AN EYE-CATCHING PAIR
OF ART DECO ARMCHAIRS

When you put two creative people with big plans in a small space, the result is quaranteed to be interesting. That's exactly what happened with couple Janine Mollentze and Ruan Vermeulen; they were in the market for a small renovations project and the onebedroom dwelling in the Tamboerskloof neighbourhood fit their vision perfectly. Janine works as a production manager and digital content producer, but her love for sewing and working with clay also led to her launch Veltwerk - an online shop that stocks leather accessories and unique ceramic pieces. Ruan is no stranger to design either, as the co-founder of Am I Collective, a creative solutions company where he works as animation director.

In the year and a half since the couple moved into the flat, they've made substantial improvements to what used to be a crowded, limiting space. They enjoy cooking and having dinner parties, so the kitchen was the area of biggest concern. It had tiled white walls, white cabinets and a big brown kitchen island being utilised as a sink. "It looked terrible," Janine recalls. "We didn't want to spend too much on renovations, but we also didn't want to compromise on aesthetics."

The cupboards were all pulled out and the tiles got a slick of matte black paint, with a simple wooden dado rail dividing the walls into a monochrome palette. Wooden shelves were put up to maximise the space, and they decided to stay within a specific colour scheme when buying crockery and other kitchen accessories. With its solid poplar wood table and French doors opening onto a small balcony with views of Table Mountain, it's no wonder the kitchen is now Janine's favourite spot in the house.

兩大創作人物齊集一細小單位,效果當然教人振奮期待。這正是伴侶Janine Mollentze和Ruan Vermeulen活生生的例證:那時他們在尋找小翻新項目,位於坦波斯科魯夫社區的一房單位便完美符合他們的要求。Janine作為製作經理和數碼內容製作人,但對縫紉和黏土的熱愛卻促成了Veltwerk的建立———同帶來皮飾品和獨特陶瓷作品的網上店。Ruan對設計也絕不陌生,這位創意方案公司Am I Collective合夥建立人在自家品牌出任動畫總監。

搬進單位以來的一年半,他們為這曾經極具限制的空間作了大量改善工程。他們愛下廚又喜歡舉辦晚餐派對,故廚房絕對是一大重點。它鋪有白磚牆、設白櫃和作鋅盆用的啡色大廚房中島。「看來糟極了。」Janine回想說:「我們不想花費太多翻新,但同時也不願意棄美感於不顧。」







PRIDE OF PLACE

Janine and Ruan enjoy entertaining at home; the table was inherited from Ruan's grandfather. Thriving pot plants provide pops of colour in this industrial-style kitchen. Ruan collects retro desk clocks and scours second-hand shops and markets for the best finds

引以為傲

Janine和Ruan喜愛在家款客; 桌子承傳自Ruan祖父。綠色 盆栽為廚房引入色彩。Ruan 喜愛收藏復古桌鐘,並到二 手店和市場物色珍品 The open-plan living and dining area echoes the monochromatic colouring of the kitchen with grey and white walls, a light-grey floor and a charcoal corner sofa. "My decor style can best be described as 'Scandi-vintage'," says Janine. "I love Scandinavian interiors, which are warm and unassuming, and by combining contemporary pieces with vintage accessories I get to have that vintage-modern appeal." The moody grey wall is the focal point of the room, and is filled with artworks, botanical prints by Vicki Thomas, photographs of the couple's travels, and sepia-toned pictures of Janine and Ruan's grandfathers. The decor was chosen to fit with both the grey painted floors and an eye-catching pair of art deco armchairs, with the sofa an affordable find from a retail chain that fit perfectly with the layout of the room.

Similar shelving in the kitchen provides generous space for the couple's quirky collections of retro desk clocks and typewriters, as well as various potted plants lending pops of green. The room is filled with special pieces, books and images from their travels, with a prized pair of etchings by

櫃子全給拆去,磚面也換上暗啞黑油漆,並加上簡單的木牆裙,簡單把牆分隔開成素色組合。 木架用來增強空間感,並在選購陶器和廚房用具時決定保持同一色彩組合。有了實心楊樹木桌和法式大門——打開即能望向桌山小陽台,難怪廚房已成Janine全屋最喜愛的地方。

開放式客飯廳也以灰白牆、淺灰地板和碳色轉角沙發,回應廚房的素色主題。「我的裝飾風格可形容為『北歐復古』。」Janine表示:「我喜愛北歐室內裝潢,溫暖而不造作,再配搭當代作品和古董飾物,就能打造出集古今於一身的魅力。」滿有情調的灰牆是全房重點,並放滿藝術品、Vicki

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COMPACT QUARTERS

The couple bought crockery in a limited palette creating a cohesive tone in the kitchen. Quirky finds sit atop floating shelves and on the vintage sideboard. A peek into the cosy kitchen – black tiles and custom-made steel fittings give it an edgy, utilitarian vibe

小巧角落

伴侶買入特定色彩的用具和陶器,在廚房打造統一調子。掛架和古董邊櫃放滿有趣珍品。望向格調舒適的廚房,黑磚和特製鐵配件為空間注入型格魅力

Ukrainian artist Oleksiy Fedorenko still waiting to be framed. The couple regularly hunts for vintage treasures to add to their collections. "Any antique market or vintage shop is the death of me," Janine says. "I can't walk past without going in – and I can't leave without buying something." The imposing dining room table and imbuia sideboard were inherited from Ruan's grandfather, and the history of the pieces imbues the dining area with a sense of home and belonging.

Move to the bedroom and the couple's clever maximisation of space again becomes evident. The awkward placing of the bathroom entrance hampered plans to make the layout more practical, but by transforming a corner into a small office space, the room becomes multi-functional without looking forced. The most striking aspect of the bedroom is the papered wall behind the bed, an idea Janine saw on Pinterest.

Thomas的植物畫、伴侶四處旅遊的攝影作品,以及Janine和Ruan祖父的褐色照片。室內特意為配合灰地面和一對裝飾藝術扶手椅而挑選,而價格合理的沙發則購自連鎖店,正好配合整個空間佈局。

廚房用上相類的架子為伴侶別俱一格的復古桌鐘和打字機收藏系列提供充裕的陳列空間,還有各種為空間引入綠色氣氛的盆栽。房間放滿特別作品、書籍和旅遊時拍得的照片,還有烏克蘭藝術家Oleksiy Fedorenko一對正待上框的蝕刻畫作品。Janine表示:「任何古董市場或古董店都是我的死亡天地。總要內進看看買買,絕不能直行直過、空手而回。」氣勢宏偉的飯廳桌和巴西胡桃木邊櫃也傳承自Ruan的祖父,各物的歷史也為用餐範圍注入家的歸屬感。











The bathroom had similar white tiles to the kitchen, which also swiftly disappeared under a fresh layer of grey paint. The hanging planters above the bath are from Boskke and installing them was the easiest way to make plants part of the bathroom. Mirrors were strategically placed to give the impression of more space and to add character, such as the boat-shaped wall mirror Janine picked up at a vintage market.

Janine says a compact space needn't be a design challenge – the secret is in choosing furnishings and decorative elements that offer maximum functionality. "When you live in a small space, each room tends to have more than one use. Built-in storage nooks also help you utilise every available corner." With plans to open up a loft and add more bedrooms and a bathroom for their future little creatives, this unassuming little flat is still full of surprises just waiting to happen. //

來到睡房,伴侶聰慧的增大空間技巧更見一斑。奇異的浴室門口位有礙打造實用佈局,將這角落轉化成細小的家居辦公室後,頓時能帶來多種功能,而不造作牽強。睡房教人動心的床後紙牆,是Janine從Pinterest學得的好主意。

浴室與廚房相似的白磚也瞬息消失在新一層灰油之下。浴缸上掛放的花盆來自Boskke,是把植物融入浴室的最簡易方法。鏡子也滿有策略地點綴空間,開出更大地方和注入個性,如船型牆鏡就是Janine從古董市場買來的產品。

Janine指小巧空間不一定是設計挑戰——要決在於挑選能增加功能的裝飾元素。「住在細小單位,每個房間也應帶來超過一項功能。嵌入式儲物空間就能善用每個小角落。」他們還為即將到臨的小寶寶計劃開出頂樓、睡房和浴室,這個自然而然的小單位尚有更多驚喜陸續到臨,大家密切期待。//

OPTICAL ILLUSION

The office nook might be in the bedroom, but is arranged to create the illusion of being a separate space; the couple created a feature wall behind the bed by plastering it with old world-atlas pages. Hanging planters in the bathroom bring in colour, and reflecting mirrors make the space appear larger

視覺效果

辦公室雖置於睡房中,但 重點就是以此開出分隔空 間;伴侶在床後貼上舊世界 式章頁,打造特色牆。浴室 的掛盆為空間引入仓彩, 而反光鏡則能營造增強空間 感的效果







A TOUCH OF COLOUR

The artwork by Italian artist Paolo Ceribelli was Alexia's gift to her husband. Her favourite spot is the living room; the two-colour vase and the basket on the coffee table are both from Zara Home

色彩點綴

意大利藝術家Paolo Ceribelli作品 是Alexia送予丈夫的禮物。 Alexia 喜愛的客廳;雙色花瓶和咖啡桌 上的籃子均來自Zara Home **Alexia Stapels and her husband**, Olivier Gilson, moved to Hong Kong from Brussels a little over a year ago – with their adorable one-year-old daughter in tow. The need for adventure struck the young couple; they ventured on a tour of Asia for four months with their daughter, visiting Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Hong Kong. They fell in love with Hong Kong and decided to stay.

After studying fashion design, Alexia has always worked in fashion – and in the last few years she's worked as a fashion adviser. "My friends kept asking me to help them organise their wardrobes and help them shop; it quickly escalated into a business," says Alexia. In Hong Kong, she's picked up

一年多前Alexia Stapels與丈夫Olivier Gilson從布魯塞爾搬到香港,一歲的女兒當然也一直緊隨。這對愛歷險的年輕夫婦與女兒一起展開四個月的亞洲之旅,遊遍泰國、柬埔寨、越南和香港。這家人最後被香港的一切所迷倒,最後決定在此長居。







GONE NATIVE

Alexia decorates a neutral canvas with colourful accents - the hot-pink headdress was bought from Mirth and atop the book shelf is a Native American sculpture she found in Paris. The jellyfish paperweight and octagonal box are from Zara Home

十荖風格

Alexia愛以中性的背景與重點 色彩作品配搭——鮮粉紅頭飾 購自Mirth,書架上的螢光黃 印第安雕塑由Alexia在巴黎尋 得。水母紙鎮和八角盒均來自 Zara Home right where she left off in Brussels, offering colour and style consultations, wardrobe readings and personal shopping services. "It's snowballed quickly and now I have a great client base here in Hong Kong," she says. Her husband has also started his own company, The Artist, which offers bespoke beer and chocolates imported from Belgium.

But the move wasn't without its trials. For Alexia, the biggest challenge was standing in an empty space and starting from scratch. "It took time to get settled, to find the right apartment and to decorate," she shares. "I don't want to live in an apartment that looks like every other apartment you've been to. I like unique objects. That's why I like taking my time to select eclectic pieces I truly love." Her approach to the decorating process was to start with a few key pieces and then build on them.

The key pieces, in this case, come from a collection of artwork Alexia and Olivier brought with them from Brussels. Most notable is the vibrant, pink piece, made of tiny toy soldiers forming a Native American headdress that adorns the dining room area. Artist Paolo Ceribelli was commissioned by

唸完時裝設計後,Alexia一直在時裝界工作——過去數年一直出任時裝顧問。她表示:「友人常請我幫忙整理衣櫃和購物,後來便演變成事業。」她在香港重操當日在布魯塞爾擔任的老本行,提供色彩及風格顧問服務,並為時尚達人採購。她說著:「一切自然而然地迅速發展,我在香港已擁有強大的客戶群。」丈夫也開設自家公司The Artist提供來自比利時的特製啤酒和巧克力。

搬家變動也不是一下即成。對Alexia來說,最大的挑戰就是站在空白處、從零開始。「花了好些時間安頓下來,尋找合適單位再加以佈置。」她分享:「我不想住在你之前常會遇見的單位。我喜愛獨一無二的作品,也正因如此,我非常享受花時間精選真心喜愛的作品。」她對裝飾的取向就是先以數件重點作為開端,並再加以延伸。

在此,重點作品就是Alexia和Olivier從布魯塞爾帶來的藝術品系列。最亮眼的莫過於這件鮮艷粉



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KITCHEN PLAY

Alexia loves to cook and to spend time in the kitchen with her daughter Indya, who has her own miniature version from Ikea; the light-toned marble adds to the apartment's airy feel; glasses are from Paris and the pitcher is from Zara Home

入廚趣味

Alexia喜愛下廚,並愛在廚房和 女兒Indya共度光陰,女兒還擁 有 來自宜家家居的迷你版廚房 玩具呢;淺色大理石為單位引 進開揚輕盈的格調;壺子來自 Zara Home,玻璃杯從巴黎購得 Alexia for the piece, who then gave it to her husband in celebration of the birth of their daughter, Indya. The name of their little one has inspired their selection of art, and the home is peppered with Native American-inspired pieces in bold hues.

Another object from their collection is a brightly coloured pink headdress Alexia got from local boutique Mirth. "We used to have more of Native American-inspired items back in Brussels; our friends used to poke fun at us. We've tried to tone it down a bit and weave it more subtly into the decor. But we love the theme – every time we look at a Native American-inspired piece, we think of our daughter. It brings us joy."

For small spaces, Alexia recommends using a lot of white. "For me, it's very important to use white in a small home like this, as it helps open up the space. I wanted the apartment to be very light with just a touch of colour," she advises. Alexia loves colour, but in moderation, preferring to dot the sunlit space with a few accent pieces in bright, cheerful tones. "I'm also a fan of brown shades, and I introduced them to the colour palette by using natural materials such as wood," she shares.

色作品——以小士兵玩具組成的印第安頭飾——點綴著飯廳位置。藝術家Paolo Ceribelli獲Alexia委託打造這件作品,並送給丈夫作為女兒Indya出生的紀念。小女孩的名字也啟發著他們的藝術精選,家居各處也放滿深受印第安影響的鮮色作品。

系列另一作品就是Alexia從本地精品店Mirth購得的鮮粉紅色頭飾。「在布魯塞爾居住時擁有更多印第安式物件,友人都忍不住開我們玩笑。我們嘗試低調點,把它融入裝飾之中。但我們非常鍾愛這個主題呢——每次看到印第安式作品時都會想起女兒,頓覺窩心。」

Alexia建議在細小空間用上大量白色:「對我來說,在小家居應用白色非常重要,能讓整體感覺更大更開揚。我希望單位感覺光明,只偶爾加入一點色彩。」她喜愛顏色,但為了適量表現效果,她偏向在陽光充沛的地方加上數件鮮色物件。她分享:「我喜愛啡調,但會選用天然物料如木材將之混入裝飾中。」



HOMES | AP LEI CHAU





SERENE SNOOZE

The all white master bedroom overlooks stunning views of the harbour; the beige Alpaca throw is from Zara Home; Alexia and Indya lounging in Indya's bedroom, which features touches of pink such as the blanket from Zara Home

平静宜人

米黃色主人房望向海港美景; 米黃色Alpaca墊子來自Zara Home;Alexia和Indya在後者的 睡房合照,當中以Zara Home的 墊子加強粉紅效果 Most of the furniture Alexia sourced locally from Mirth, Tree and Ikea; she purchased smaller items such as dinnerware and glassware in Paris. When not in the kitchen cooking with Indya, Alexia loves curling up on the sofa, enjoying the gorgeous view of Aberdeen Harbour and watching the boats sail in. "I've been here for over a year now, but every time I look out I feel like I'm seeing it for the first time," she shares. We'll admit we're quite jealous of the stunning view – and suspect it's even more gorgeous at night with the lights twinkling in the reflection of the water.

Visiting the family's petite home in Ap Lei Chau is a breath of fresh air, especially with Alexia's unique use of thematic style. The couple are expecting another baby soon and she shares that changes will be introduced accordingly. The baby's name is a still a secret, but we're excited to find out how the couple will intertwine a new inspiration into their home's existing decor. //

大部分傢具均由Alexia從本地的Mirth、Tree和宜家家居購得;細小物件如餐具和玻璃用具則從巴黎買來。這個浪漫之都也是她找到螢光色印第安雕塑的地方,並將之自豪地陳列在客廳書架上。現在,她仍等候著一件完美的藝術品點綴睡房牆身。她表示:「投資藝術品不只為填滿白牆,我們正耐心等待真正教人歡喜的作品。」

當Alexia不在廚房與Indya烹飪時,她最愛就是蜷著身子在沙發躺著欣賞美麗的香港仔避風塘景致,看看船兒來回往返。她分享道:「在此一年多,每次向外看也有初見遇見的感覺。」我們也不得不承認自己也被如此景色醉倒——更想到星夜下閃閃發光的水景會否更動人。

到臨他們位於鴨脷洲的小巧家庭屋實在感覺清新,特別是Alexia應用的獨特主題風格。倆口子即將歡迎第二名寶寶來臨,Alexia也表示新潮流也即將引進家中。孩子的名子依然是秘密,但我們已等不待看看他們會怎樣把這種新風格融於現有的家居裝飾之中。//











SEA OF BLUES

The living room is set in a soothing blue and white palette. A curved sofa by Greta Grossman for Brown-Saltman is paired with 1970s armchairs, an Arco Flos lamp and a Fedora Design rug among other noted furnishings; lan Phillips and his partner Stephan Julliard

動人藍海

客廳以有限度的藍和白色組合裝飾。Greta Gross-man為Brown-Saltman設計的弧型沙發配上70年代扶手椅,以及Arco Flos 燈和Fedora Design地毯,尚有更多不拘一格的裝飾;Ian Phillips與伴侶Stephan Julliard



We found our apartment in true modern-day fashion: via an ad on the internet. A phone call revealed it was one of seven different flats up for sale that day at the same address, but when I turned up for a viewing later that afternoon, I was surprised to learn there were only three left. The agent explained, "I've been here since 1:30pm and have already sold four." Such was the urgency that my partner, Stephan, rushed to join me – and spent no more than 40 seconds in the flat before we made an offer.

A large part of the appeal was the location. It's just a stone's throw from the Rodin Museum and the Invalides in the upper-crust 7th arrondissement of Paris. The street is particularly sought-after and has seen its fair share of illustrious inhabitants over the years. Jeanne Lanvin's town mansion, decorated in the 1920s by Armand-Albert Rateau, stood there until its demolition in 1965; actress Romy Schneider lived in a building across the street. Today, LVMH boss Bernard Arnault and fashion designer Emanuel Ungaro occupy adjacent townhouses. Our building has been home to Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's wife and one of France's most famous newscasters, Claire Chazal.

我們透過時尚現代的方式找到這單位——互聯網。撥個電話便發現同一地址另外還正出售六處空間。同日下午參觀時卻只剩三個。經紀解釋:「自下午1時30分起留在這兒期間,已賣出四個單位。」有見情況緊急,伴侶Stephan即時趕來,並在40秒內拍板。

最大的吸引力就是地理優勢。它與羅丹博物館及巴黎上流第七區的榮軍院相隔不遠。此街道是眾人趨之若鶩的地段,數年間聚滿才華出眾的住戶。Jeanne Lanvin的城市別墅由Armand-Albert Rateau在20年代裝飾,一直屹立至1965年被拆除;女星Romy Schneider亦在對面街的大廈內居住。今天,LVMH老闆Bernard Arnault和時裝設計師Bernard Arnault則進駐了連棟房屋。我們的大廈也是Antoine de Saint-Exupéry妻子和法國著名新聞主播Claire Chazal的家。

HOMES | PARIS





CHARMING NOOKS

Eye-catching Remix Opt-Art wallpaper from Ferm Living makes this corner stand out. The office area is furnished with the Maya Desk from Dare Studio and Hans Wegner's Wishbone Chair. Damien Langlois-Meurinne custom designed the dining table and kitchen units; the Last Night ceiling light is also by Damien, made for Pouenat

動人角落

奪目的Remix Opt-Art牆紙 來自Ferm Living,令角落活 起來。辦公範圍放有Dare Studio的Maya Desk,並配 搭Hans Wegner的Wishbone Chair。Damien Langlois-Meurinne特製飯桌和廚房元 件;Last Night天花燈由Damien 為Pouenat打造 Despite measuring only 635sqft, our apartment – built in the 1930s for war widows – had a separate service entrance and was equipped with a long corridor leading from the kitchen to the living room. It hadn't been renovated for close to 50 years, so to get it into shape, we called upon interior designer Damien Langlois-Meurinne. I love the rigour he brings to spaces, his beautifully precise lines and proportions, the way he adds touches of sensuality, and his exquisite colour palette.

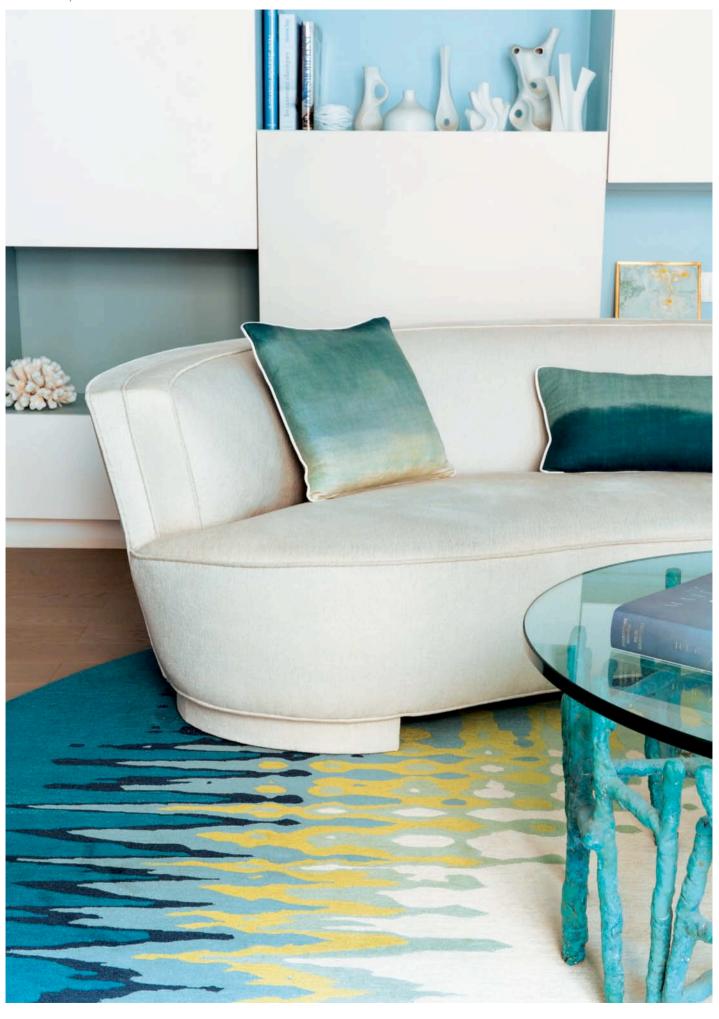
Damien still clearly recalls his first visit: "There were lots of small, crooked rooms, and no views from one to the other – you felt like you couldn't breathe," he says. In such cases, his approach is to start from scratch. "You take the floor plan and remove everything that isn't a technical necessity. Then, you more or less find yourself with a blank page."

The new layout he came up with blew us away. It centres on a rectangular bedroom and somehow hides all of the flat's strange angles behind cupboard doors. Storage was certainly a primary concern and in Damien's scheme, it's not only functional, but also wonderfully decorative. The units in the living room, for instance, are punctuated by several niches, each of which is painted

單位雖只有635平方呎——為戰時寡婦在30年代建成——擁有獨立服務入口,並配合長走廊從 廚房走到客廳。這兒已有近50年不經翻新,所以我們特別請來室內設計師Damien Langlois-Meurinne 幫忙打造。我喜愛他為空間引入的嚴謹格調,以及精準的線條和比例,還有他觸及情感與精緻色彩 組合的應用。

首次到訪的經過Damien依然歷歷在目:「那兒擁有大量細小曲折的房間,視覺上不能看穿彼此——感覺叫人窒息。」有見及此,他決定從零開始。「拿起建築平面圖,拆去所有不是技術上必要的元素。之後,便能找到空間頁。」





a different shade of blue. The adjacent kitchen wall is mounted with a series of shelves and lacquered boxes. "Normal kitchen cupboards are just too standard," explains Damien. "These bring so much more life to the space."

We decided to cover the wardrobe doors in the bedroom with Fornasetti wallpaper and insisted on a deep-pile carpet after seeing actress Julianne Moore lazing on one in the Tom Ford-directed film *A Single Man*. Another thing we loved was Damien's suggestion to paint the walls of the living room in slightly different colours. "I find that having subtle variations helps to make a room look bigger," he told us.

With Damien's blessing, we decided to source most of the furnishings ourselves, which provided the opportunity to integrate the creations of a number of friends – a console by Hervé Van der Straeten, fabrics from Charlotte de la Grandière's Rue Hérold showroom, a pair of armchairs and several objects from the gallery of Chahan Minassian, and a black marble sculpture of lips that was a present from Kelly

他設計的新佈局叫我們讚嘆不已。計劃以 長形睡房為重心,收起餐櫃門後的奇怪角度。儲 物也是Damien的首要考慮因素,實用兼能裝飾。 如客廳的元件便透過數個小角突出,各髹上不同 深淺的藍。相連的廚房牆身裝上一系列掛架和漆 盒。「普通的廚房餐櫃實在太平凡。」Damien 指:「如此改動卻能為空間注入更多生氣。」

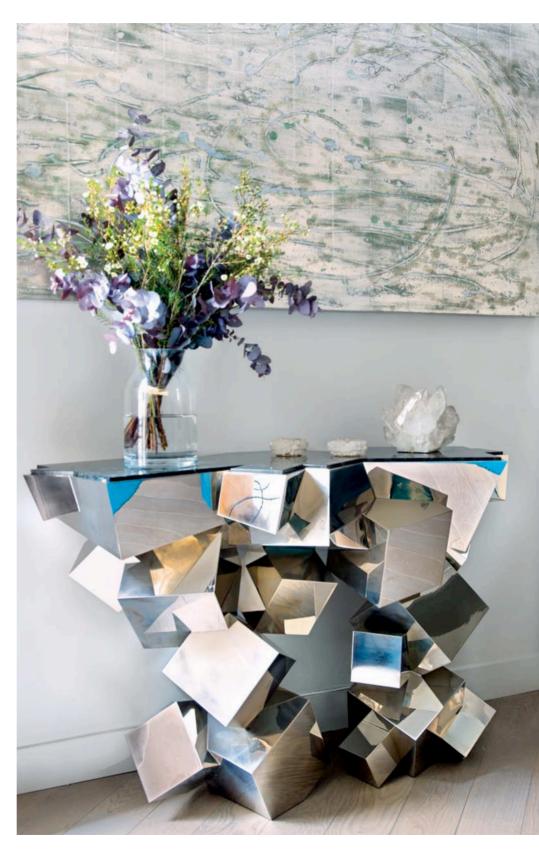
我們決定以Fornasetti牆紙覆蓋睡房的衣櫃門,看過女星茱莉安摩亞在Tom Ford執導電影單身男人中躺著的厚身地墊後便堅持要用相類的選擇。另一項我們大為讚同Damien的建議,就是在客廳牆身塗上稍為不同的色彩。他指:「我發現細微的相異能令房間看來更大。」

PARISIAN FLAIR

The cushions are swathed with Boeme's Bandana fabric to match the coffee table purchased at Patrick Parrish in New York. The stunning Cristalloïde N°387 console by Hervé Van der Straeten has a silver-plated brass base paired with a marble top

巴黎情懷

沙發上的墊子以Boeme的Bandana布藝製作而成,與購自紐約Patrick Parrish的咖啡桌非常配襯。 Hervé Van der Straeten的Cristalloïde N°387櫃以鍍銀銅基底配搭大理石面









PEACEFUL SLUMBER

The Fornasetti Riflesso wallpaper covering the closet doors is a highlight of the monochromatic bedroom; a vintage wall sculpture by Curtis Jeré and a pair of Tom Dixon's Beat pendant lights frame the bed. The pared-back bathroom features elegant details such as the Kalmar wall sconce

寧靜安眠

Fornasetti的Riflesso牆紙用來覆蓋著素色主人房的衣櫃門; 古董掛牆雕塑出自Curtis Jeré 之手,一雙Beat吊燈來自Tom Dixon,點綴床頭。簡約低調 的浴室加上Kalmar燈台等裝 飾,別緻優雅 Wearstler as well as an abstract painting by Nancy Lorenz that we already owned. The circular rug, meanwhile, was ordered especially for the space from the immensely talented Federica Tondato.

Our biggest acquisition ended up being the one that cost me the most sleep. While browsing the internet one evening, we spotted a sofa designed by Greta Magnusson-Grossman up for sale the next day at LA Modern Auctions. With the deadline for online bids fast approaching, we made ours. Two days later, when we gleefully informed our art-dealer friend Patrick Fourtin about our new purchase, he asked a crucial question we hadn't considered in our excitement: "Are you sure you'll be able to get it through your door?"

It appeared we weren't and hoisting it in through a window would be impossible. Nevertheless, we crossed our fingers and had it shipped to a storage unit outside Paris. The fatal day arrived – three deliverymen brought it up via the stairs, deftly tipped it to one side and miraculously slipped it in the door with just a few millimetres to spare. The following night was the first I'd slept soundly in weeks. //

在Damien的援助下,我們決定親自搜購大量傢具,亦可趁此機會融入友人的創作——Hervé Van der Straeten的櫃子、來自Charlotte de la Grandière的Rue Hérold陳列室的布藝、Chahan Minassian藝廊的數件作品和一雙扶手椅、Kelly Wearstler送贈的黑色大理石嘴唇雕塑,還有我們已經擁有的Nancy Lorenz抽象畫作。渾圓的地毯則從才華非凡的Federica Tondato訂購,特別為此處而設。

我們最大的得著也是令我多晚不能入睡的元素。某個下午瀏覽網頁時找到翌日在LA現代拍賣會出售的Greta Magnusson-Grossman設計沙發。兩日後,興高采烈跟藝術商家友人Patrick Fourtin談到新採購,他卻提出一道我們想也沒想過的問題:「你肯定它能跨過門檻?」

顯然我們難以確定,經窗戶把沙發吊起較為像樣。不管怎的,這階段只能求神拜佛祈求順利,並把它送到巴黎外的儲物間。關鍵日子終於到臨——三名送貨工人把它從樓梯抬上來,再熟練地稍為將之傾側,瞬間便成功穿越大門。幾星期難以入睡的我在接下來數個夜晚終能一覺睡到尾。//









BLONDE SHADES

An acoustic guitar and vintage-inspired speaker are testaments to the homeowners' love for music; birch wood wall cabinets and neutral oak flooring are main features in the home; the dining chairs are from Magis

金澤滿室

結他和復古式喇叭充份表 現屋主對音樂的愛戴;樺 木牆櫃和中性橡木地板是全 屋的主點裝飾所在;餐椅來 自Magis In the ever-bustling neighbourhood of Tai Koo Shing lies the quaint home of a marathon enthusiast and a professionally trained chef. With their bundles of joy arriving, the requirements of Matthew and Pansy's new abode quickly blossomed from accommodating their respective lifestyles to that of a growing family with twin baby boys.

"In order to make the most out of the space, we had to restructure the layout from scratch and redistribute the proportions within the home so as to maximise the potential use of each area," explains Mo Kar-him, one of the designers of the flat. Along each respective side of the facade lie two divided quarters. Enclosed in the living domain, we find the kitchen and dining area, living room and maid's room; within the private quarters, we find the bedroom, bathroom and kids' room. Alison Cheng, his design partner, adds, "The essence of the project lies in the way the rooms are set out, and this was very much influenced by our client's lifestyle and our training as architecture students."

太古城繁華社區中的老式別緻家居住有一位熱愛跑馬拉松的人士和一位受專業訓練的大廚。 倆口子正滿心歡喜等待小生命到臨,意即Matthew和Pansy的新居將要綻放成能容下包括一對孖生 男嬰的家庭需要。

單位設計師之一Mo Kar-him表示:「為善用空間,我們需要由零開始重整格局,並重新配設家中各個比例,善用每個範圍的潛質。」外牆各個不同邊身均藏有兩個分隔角落。生活空間內你會找到廚房和用餐範圍,還有客廳和工人房;私人角落則配設了睡房、浴室和孩子房。他的設計夥伴Alison Cheng補充:「項目的精髓在於如何著手處理房間,這大受客人的生活模式,以及我們作為建築學生接受的訓練所影響。」









NOTES OF WARMTH

The open kitchen is outfitted in stainless steel and wall-to-wall in corian; numerous cook books line the bookshelf in the living room. The twins' baby nursery is decorated with handpainted illustrations by local artist, Connie Mao Shan

溫暖調子

開放式廚房以不銹鋼配設,並 鋪滿Corian用料;客廳書架放 有數本烹飪書。孖生寶寶的育 嬰室以本地藝術家Connie Mao Shan的手繪圖案裝飾 The result is a striking interplay between the soft, minimalist aesthetic of the private quarters and the playful, graphic accents of the living domain. More surprisingly, it's a dynamic, boundless space defined by the parameters of the living and private quarters of the home while, all at once, blurring the lines between them. Cocooned in birch wood, the main wall flows laterally and seamlessly through the space, maintaining the hybrid mentality of the flat.

To shake up the rigidity of the original interior layout, the designers reimagined the previously designated corridor areas of the flat as the common living room area, from what would traditionally be a void space with the sole function of leading inhabitants to the private quarters. With the living room as the focal point of the space, it commands a warm and communal feeling in the residence, and acts as an extension of the bedroom and the kids' room. The designers' incorporation of strikingly textured untreated metal doors acts as a poignant feature of the flat – and as the movable partitions between each space. Their function creates the hybrid of having private enclosed spaces that can also be communal.

一切成就出在私人空間的柔和、簡約美學,以及生活區的玩味、圖紋調子之間的奪目對比。 更叫人驚喜的是,這個無界限的動感空間以生活和私人範圍作定義,而同時擁有模糊界線。主樺木 牆一直無縫流遍整個空間,維持不拘一格的精神。

為改善原本室內佈局硬直刻板的觀感,設計師將單位本為走廊的地方重新演繹成共用生活空間,將它由一個傳統上空無一物的範圍轉化成引領住戶走進私密空間的功能區。空間以客廳為焦點,為家居進注溫暖共用氣息,並能充當睡房和孩子房間的延伸。設計師選配質感豐富的未經處理金屬門,作為單位亮點——還有各空間的活動式分隔板,打造出既可隱藏起來的私人空間,而同時又能供多人使用。

HOMES | TAI KOO SHING





OFF THE GRID

The black and white wall tiles bring a graphic element to the master bathroom. Done in black tiling, the shower is designed with a half-bath feature. Breakfast in bed is served in the couple's toned-down bedroom; Gien teacups are from Heather & March

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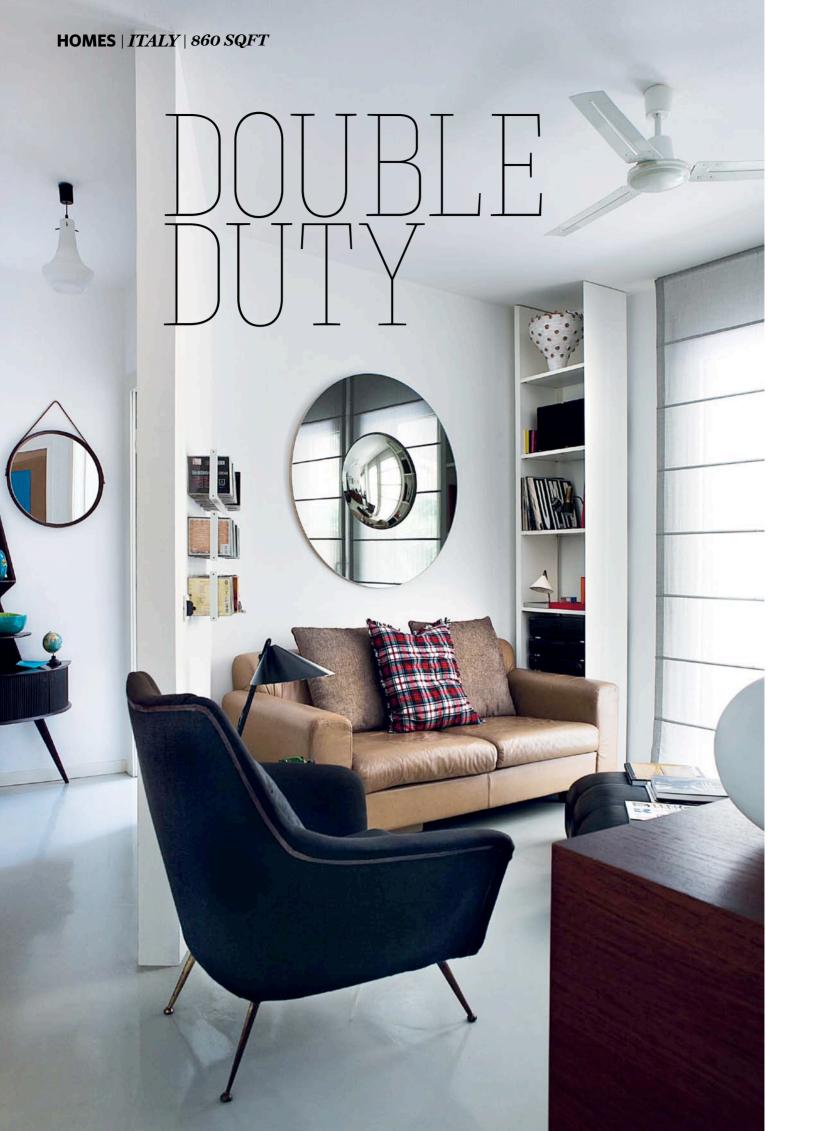
主人浴室的黑白牆磚打造 出圖紋玩味效果。以黑磚 鋪設的淋浴區配上半浸浴式 設備。夫婦的低調睡房亦可 作床上用餐;Gien茶杯來自 Heather & March From the soft neutral hue of the oak floor to the whitewashed walls of the kids' room, the discreet and understated approach coupled with the palette of pale, neutral hues and the soft, touchable wooden materials enhance the light and airy perception of the space. Kar-him explains, "I like to mix and match, and not follow a specific design style. Without the rigid parameter of a certain style present, everyday objects placed around will not feel so estranged from the home; they can interact and be a part of it without looking out of place."

With the right design approach and choices, a functional family home and compact inner-city living need not be mutually exclusive. Kar-him says, "The homeowners took a risk with us as fresh designers and had no qualms about us going forward with certain choices. They showed their trust in us – and for that, we are very thankful." //

由橡木地板的柔和中性色調以至孩子睡房的粉飾牆壁,低調樸實的取向,再加上有限度的淺淡中性色彩,以及富質感的木料,均能加強空間的光度和開揚感。Kar-him解釋:「我喜愛混搭,不愛跟隨特定設計風格。免去單一風格的規限,四處擺放的日常物品不會與家偏離,每事也能連貫,成為家的一部分,絕不會格格不入。」

有了合適的設計取向和選擇,一間功能多樣的家庭屋和小巧城市生活空間,便能夠兩方兼顧。Kar-him表示:「屋主願意冒險跟新進設計師如我們合作,又不會阻止我們走向某些方向。種種均顯示對方對我們的信任,為此心存感激。」//









SQUARE AND LINEAR PROFILES ACT AS A COUNTERPOINT TO THE RECURRING CIRCLES AROUND THE SPACE



A few blocks away from downtown

Rimini, interior designer Alessandro Gotti created his own slice of heaven. The apartment serves as his private space, but also provides a base for Gotti & Mascìa, the studio he cofounded with Paolo Mascia that offers interior and identity design services to clients in Rimini, Milan and Paris.

Striking a balance between a home and an office is generally a challenge. For Alessandro, it was simply a matter of injecting his personality and respecting the innate character of the space. He often says that although he's from Rimini, he sees himself as a gypsy. "All the houses I've lived in always mirrored my different souls. It's a stable place to have roots, but also a constant work in progress to support my continuous need for renewal," he explains.

To address the duality of the space, Alessandro devised a simple yet clever way to delineate. First, he chose white for the floor and the walls – creating a seemingly immaculate canvas – and then identified a series of corners, columns and walls, which he then painted on. Colour separates the different zones, defining spaces without imposing borders, creating the perfect assimilation between work and private life.

與里米尼下城區只有數街之隔的所在地,

正是室內設計師Alessandro Gotti為自己打造的魅力天地,工作玩樂皆宜。單位既是私人空間,也是他與Paolo Mascìa合夥創辦的工作室Gotti & Mascìa基地,為里米尼、米蘭和巴黎的客戶提供室內和個性設計服務。

要在家居和辦公室之間拿取平衡本已是挑戰,但對Alessandro來說,這只是為空間注入自我個性和尊重的問題。即使來自里米尼,但總視自己是個喜愛四處居住的人。「多個曾進駐的家居也能表現我不同神髓。這兒是個可以落地生根的穩定地點,但也是不停創造的工程,支持我對不斷求新的需要。」

CONSISTENT TOUCH

Teak furniture from the '50s dominate the space, placed alongside chairs swathed in denim and vintage finds such as the B&B Italia pouf

貫徹始終

50年代柚木傢具在空間佔領 主導角色,還有鋪上牛仔布 的椅子,以及古董珍品,如 B&B Italia腳凳





GRAPHIC STATEMENT

Homeowner Alessandro Gotti is fascinated with mirrors and circular objets; flea market finds are carefully arranged atop a sideboard below a grouping of monochromatic artwork

焦點圖紋

屋主Alessandro Gotti熱愛鏡 子和渾圓物件;跳蚤市場的 珍品用來精心佈置邊櫃,下 方則放有素色藝術品組合 The apartment has several zones: a living room/studio, a relaxation space and a bedroom. Each area has its own identity, yet is in dialogue with the rest of the space. It's a passe-partout house that functions in harmony with the various hats the owner wears during the day. What ties everything together is Alessandro's fondness for certain things – he's keen on green, which he used on the wall separating the studio and the living room, as well as in the mosaic tiles in the kitchen – and has a clear obsession with furniture and furnishings spanning the 1950s to the 1970s.

A tireless collector, Alessandro explores flea markets, private garrets and old factories to find the unique pieces seen in his apartment. His predilection for mid-century forms allows him to spot pieces such as the 1950s denim armchairs hemmed with leather, along with a matching a vintage pouf by B&B Italia.

為了加強空間的耐用程度,Alessandro想出簡單而聰明的刻畫方法。首先,他在地面和牆身選用白色——看似營造無瑕背景——再髹上一系列角沿、柱和牆。顏色就是劃分不同區域的元素,分隔空間的同時也不會設下界限,在工作和私人生活間建出完美無縫的過渡。

單位共有數個分區:客廳兼工作室,另一純粹用作放鬆的範圍和睡房。各個空間的美態擁有不同個性,而同時與其他地方互動交流。這是一間「通行無阻」的房子,並能隨屋主一整天不同時段的心願而演變。把各元素拉緊在一起的就是對特定事物的愛戴——他喜愛綠色,並在牆上選用這種色調區分工作地點和客廳,廚房的馬賽克磚也利用同樣色彩,此外,他對50至70年代傢具的迷戀也可見於全屋。







AROUND THE WORLD

Clever shelving provide storage for books, sundries and Alessandro's collection of globes; armchairs are covered in fabric bought from Merci in Paris

全球各地

巧妙的儲物架放滿書本和 Alessandro來自世界各地的 珍品;扶手椅覆上購自巴黎 Merci的布料 Though his decor pieces are mixed in an eclectic manner, Alessandro knows how to maintain a balanced look. For example, he mixes a stark Venini vase from the 1940s, glazed ceramic pots and dishes, a Fornasetti candleholder and an ivory netsuke that belonged to his grandfather in one vignette. While vintage picks largely dominate, the walls are given a graphic black-and-white twist; there's a grouping of four artworks in the living room and two Indian-ink trial pieces by Federico Fellini in the bedroom.

Perhaps as a way to make his 860sqft home appear larger, Alessandro also uses mirrors to decorate the space. A unique piece hovers in the living room area – obtained from a round mirror with a smoked mirror frame added, lending depth and light to the whole room. The main piece in the collection is a piece of kinetic art from the 1970s placed in the studio, made of three round mirrors of different sizes with brass frames. They're linked together and electrified; once lit, they create a perspective breakthrough typical of the art movement.

孜孜不倦的收藏家Alessandro努力探索各個跳蚤市場、私人閣樓和舊工廠,尋找單位原裝和獨有的元素。對中世紀時期的偏愛帶領他走到焦點作品,如50年代縫上皮革的牛仔扶手椅,以及與之相襯的B&B Italia復古腳凳。

裝飾雖然散放混搭,但Alessandro清楚知道怎樣保持平衡效果。例如,他將40年代的Venini花瓶與上釉陶瓷壺和碟、Fornasetti蠟燭臺及曾屬祖父擁有的象牙色懸錘混配。古董作品佔有主要地位,牆身卻同時散發出圖紋效果,和黑、白玩味——客廳放有一組四件作品,而睡房則放有Federico Fellini兩件印度水墨試驗作品。

為讓這860平方呎家居更顯闊大,Alessandro選用鏡子點綴每個角落。一件獨特作品屹立客廳範圍:加上平面煙燻鏡框的圓鏡,在不同量度間展開對話交流,注入闊度與深度。系列重點作就是放在工作室的70年代運動藝術品,以三片不同大小的黃銅框圓鏡製作而成,連起通電後,亮起即能突破這種藝術運場的典型觀感。





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MID-CENTURY MIX

Furniture and objets d'art spanning the '50s to the '70s are brought together by Alessandro in a fresh, coherent manner

情迷中世紀

傢具和藝術品均圍繞50至 70年代,全由Alessandro一 氣呵成般搜購得來





VIBRANT INTERPLAY

Unlike the living area, the bedroom and bathroom feature a flurry of colour; two Indian ink trial pieces by Federico Fellini hold court in the bedroom

活潑效果

與客廳不同的地方是,睡房和浴室均混上亮眼色彩;出自Federico Fellini之手的兩幅印度水墨試驗作品給掛在睡房一角

Apart from colour, the contrast of shapes characterises Alessandro's house. Square and linear profiles act as a counterpoint to the recurring circles scattered around the space, such as the round opening in the dividing panel, the various mirrors, pots and objects, and the series of antique globes placed in corners of the house. Just as a circle begins and ends in the same point, the house comes full circle as equal parts showroom, warehouse and atelier for Alessandro. "It's an extremely ordered disorder, where furnishings and items run around, turn, and appear and disappear depending on what the project, season or mood is that inspires me while I'm in a determined frame of mind. It's a bit like a small, moving universe that contains the whole of life."//

除了顏色之外,形狀的對比也是Alessandro家居的個性化焦點。方形和線條用作散落空間各處的渾圓對位——分隔板的圓滑開口位、多片鏡子、壺和其他物件,還有多款裝飾著不同角落的環球古董珍品。這就像是一場遊歷世界各地的旅程,始於圓、終於圓。房子對Alessandro來說就像是陳列室、倉庫、工作室。「如此無定向取態讓裝飾和物件四處游動、轉向、出現又消失——一切因應項目、季節、情緒而定,看看那刻我受怎樣的元素啟發影響。它就像個細小的流動宇宙,包圍一整個生命。」//









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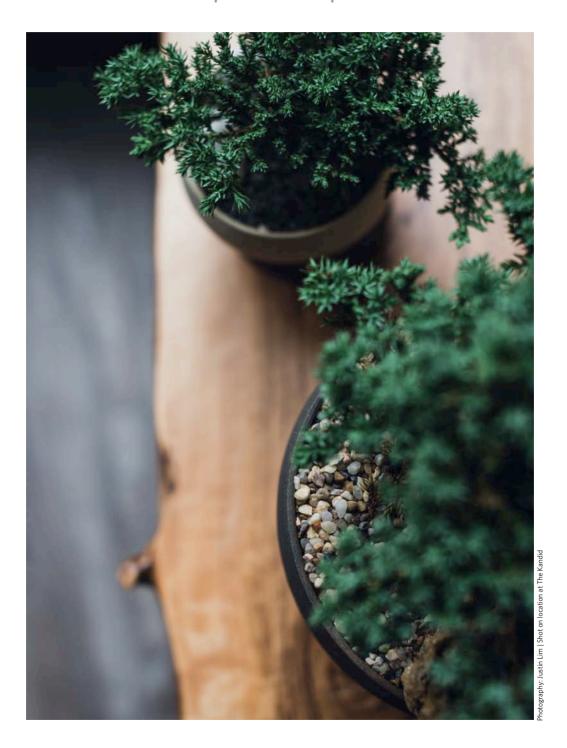
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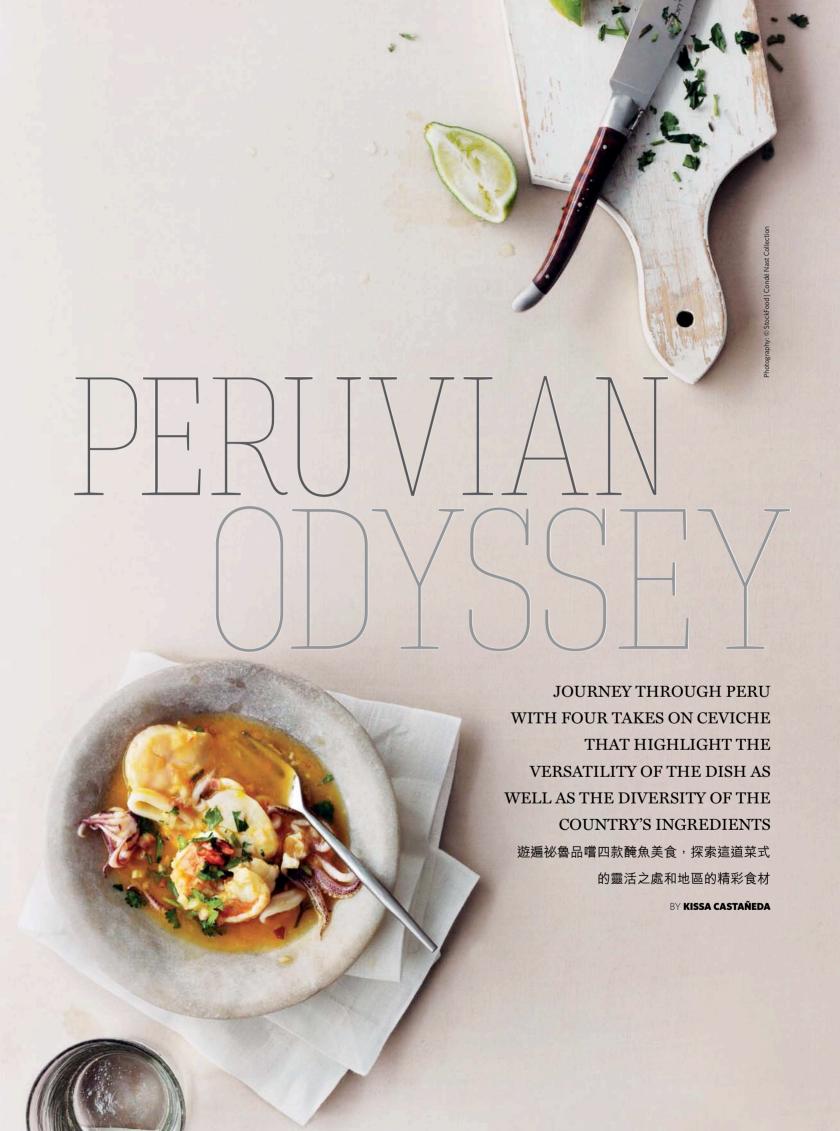


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GASTÓN ACURIO, ASTRID Y GASTÓN

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環球設超過40間餐廳的主廚Gastón Acurio 確是祕魯菜代言人,所遍之地從邁阿密、利馬至倫敦不等。他在推廣美食、食材方面是不可多得的龐大動力,更宏揚家鄉的影響元素——談到祖國和文化時,他那股氣場叫你不得不為之懾服。他把自己的菜式喚為「醃魚力量」也絕不為過,畢竟它能遍及多個地方。Gastón的菜式包含蟹、帶子和蝦,並放在海膽虎奶中,配珊瑚和祕魯紅椒Rocoto,鮮味出眾,源源流露出祕魯的豐富來源,並展示醃魚的靈活百變。

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LIMA'S LANDSCAPE

The picturesque balconies on the Palacio Arzobispal in Lima. Gastón Acurio's Ceviche Power is a vibrant display of colours and flavours

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RAFAEL PIQUERAS, MARAS

The beauty of a ceviche lies in its simplicity – and chef Rafael Piqueras shows us exactly how it's done. His creation at the masterclass showcases a classic combination of avocado and acid, which is then paired with premium wild sea bass, sweet river shrimp and juicy scallops. Known for serving sophisticated, minimalist creations at his restaurant Maras, Rafael's take is satisfying, elegant and a great introduction to the timeless flavours of Peru.

醃魚的美學在於簡約,主廚Rafael Piqueras向我們完美展示。他在班上的作品展現出經典的牛油果和酸味結合,並配上上乘野生黑鱸、香甜河蝦和多汁帶子。Rafael的Maras餐廳以精緻簡約作品聞名,他的炮製取向也是如此優雅而同時叫人滿足,更為永恆的祕魯風味揭開序幕。

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VIRGILIO MARTINEZ, CENTRAL

Highly lauded chef Virgilio Martinez – his restaurant, Central, is ranked number one on the Latin America's 50 Best Restaurants list – is known for presenting Peru's unique geography on a plate. Sourcing from the sea and the Andes mountains, Virgilio brings the breadth of the terrain and its distinct flavours to his "Pseudocereals and white sea bass ceviche". Highland ingredients such as quinoa, kiwicha (amaranth) and kañihua meet sea bass in an avocado puree. These are married with a tiger's milk of yellow chilli, onion, celery, garlic, ginger, coriander and plenty of lime juice.

備受推崇的主廚Virgilio Martinez以在碟上表現祕魯獨特地理元素而著名,他的餐廳Central更位列拉丁美洲50間最佳餐廳的第一位。食材搜自海洋和安地斯山脈。Virgilio將地形的寬度和特色味道帶到其「燕麥式和白鱸醃魚」上。高地材料如藜麥、尾穗莧和小藜麥配搭鱸魚,並放在牛油果濃湯中。這些均選用混合了黃椒、洋蔥、芹菜、蒜、薑、芫荽和大量青檸汁的虎奶而成。

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MITSUHARU TSUMURA, MAIDO

Peru's multicultural landscape is a constant inspiration for chef Mitsuharu Tsumura, who specialises in Nikkei cuisine. At Maido, he takes diners on a cultural journey, infusing Japanese influences with Peruvian ingredients and techniques. What he presented at the masterclass epitomises this: his dazzlingly visual "Smoked yellow chilli tiger's milk and seafood ceviche" incorporates kombu, katsuobushi and tobiko with two kinds of chilli, creating a ceviche with a bold personality that's equal parts East and West.

祕魯的多文化景色是主廚津村光晴源源不絕的創作靈感,專營Nikkei菜。他在Maido帶用餐者享受一趟文化旅程,並注入帶有日式元素的祕魯食材和技術。他在班上打造的菜式正以視覺效果精彩的燻黃椒虎奶和海鮮醃魚,配搭昆布、日本木魚和蟹籽,並加上兩種辣椒,打造出滿具個性的醃魚,平衡揉合中、西方的口味。

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MULTICULTURAL MIX

Jiron of the Union, a pedestrian street located in the historic centre of Lima. Mitsuharu's ceviche is an introduction to Nikkei cooking

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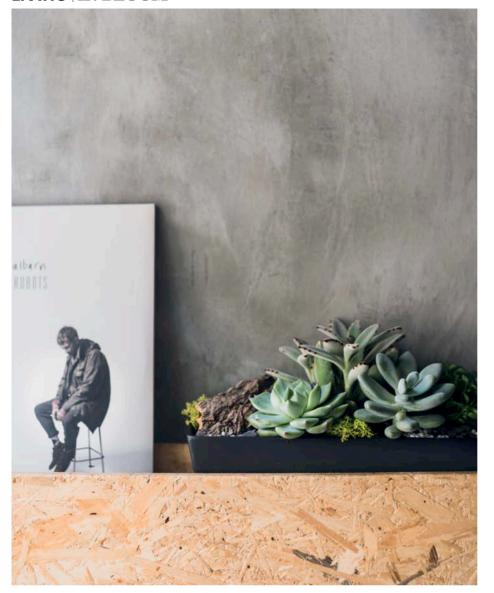
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DOWN TO EARTH

Having a "black thumb" is pretty common among home gardeners, especially when demanding schedules and frequent travel mean that most people don't have time to properly care for their plants. Succulents, however, need minimum attention - and they're a firm favourite among the office-worker clientele at OVO Garden, the popular florist and plant shop that's part of OVO Home. The arrangements mix several varieties of the succulent species, creating dynamic landscapes in a single pot. Apart from succulents, bonsais are also popular and suitable to apartment living as they require little space. However, the miniature trees do require more love and care, and need to be shaped and trimmed regularly. One tip for potential plant owners, suggested by shop supervisor Rebecca Ng, is to water plants in the morning rather than midday. "The sudden clash of cold water on hot soil has an effect that can damage your plants' delicate roots."

家居園藝師從不乏「植物殺手」,特別是那些經常要外遊工作、沒足夠時間照顧植物的繁忙都市人。肉質植物卻是不用多花心思打理的理想選擇,而且更加是OVO Home大受歡迎花店OVO Garden的辦公室客戶首選。組合混搭數款不同品種的肉質植物,在單一盆子內打造充滿動感的園景。除了肉質植物外,盆景也是充滿動感的園景。除了肉質植物外,盆景也是適合小空間栽種的選擇。然而,這些小樹相對下需要更多愛與照料,並要定期修剪。店舖主任Rebecca Ng建議在早上而非正午澆水:「在滾熱的泥土上突然倒下冷水有機會破壞植物幼嫩的根部。」ovogarden.com

PALM-SIZED WONDERS

Low-maintance succulents need to be watered every week or so by waiting for the soil to be completely dry and soaking the base of the plant in a sinkful of water; it also thrives in well-lit places, but avoid direct midday sunlight. Bonsais require more care and attention because they need to be trimmed regularly

暗藏驚喜

不用多打理的肉質植物需每周澆水,亦可待泥土完全乾涸,並印乾盆下積水才再補充水份;它能在充沛陽光下茁壯成長,但避免直接日射。盆景需要較多照料,並要定時修剪





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SMALL WORLD

Terrariums are becoming a trendy solution to inject a touch of greenery into limited city dwellings - they don't take up much counter space and are stress-free when it comes to regular upkeep. Former graphic designer Tim Wong transformed the hobby he shared with his girlfriend, Joy, into a full-time business last year. Quest Terrarium specialises in large, lush moss walls that can be seen around town in locales including Elephant Grounds in Wong Chuk Hang and Mano in Sheung Wan. "Among my friends, I'm known as 'the moss guy' now," says Tim. He sources numerous desert plants for his potted arrangements, choosing succulents, cacti and air plants - all of which are ideal for Hong Kong climes because they require limited care and watering. You can find Tim's creations via his Facebook and Instagram pages, and at Lane Crawford later this year.

大玻璃盆栽已成潮流趨勢,能為有限的城市空間混入綠調氣息,而且不會佔用太多空間,不用多打理。去年,前平面設計師Tim Wong將與女友Joy的共同興趣轉化成事業。Quest Terrarium專營大盆茂密的地衣牆,並可見於黃竹坑Elephant Grounds和上環Mano各處。Tim表示:「我在友人群中有『地衣男』之稱。」他為盆景搜購多種沙漠植物,並挑選肉質植物、仙人掌和空氣植物——全部均適合香港氣候栽種,並不用太多打理和澆水。你可以到訪Tim的Facebook專頁和Instagram帳戶查看更多作品詳情,本年末更將到臨連卡佛。



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EURO TRIP

Although The Little Fleuriste specialises in custom bouquets and floral arrangements, the Hong Kong florist has used leafy greenery in lieu of flowers here, giving vintage-inspired vases and ornaments a burst of colour. Owner Marian Woo suggests using eucalyptus in green bouquets for the natural, free-form branches and leaves, as well as the fragrance. "I love organic, straightfrom-the-garden type of arrangements, where it looks like you randomly picked what looked best that day from your backyard and mixed everything together according to your mood." Marian's soft, feminine aesthetic is influenced by vintage botanical paintings, as well as looks that capture the spirit of global metropolises including Paris, New York and London.

轉營特製花束的香港花藝品牌The Little Fleuriste,卻愛用綠葉取代花兒,為復古花瓶 和裝飾混入色彩。店主Marian Woo建議選用桉 樹打造自然自由的樹枝樹葉效果,散放香氣。 「我喜愛有機、直接從花園取來的組合,看來 就像隨你心意挑選後花園當日最美最好的。」 Marian柔情嫵媚的美學取態深受古式植物油畫 作影響,捕捉著國際大都會如巴黎、紐約和倫 敦的精髓。littlefleuriste.com

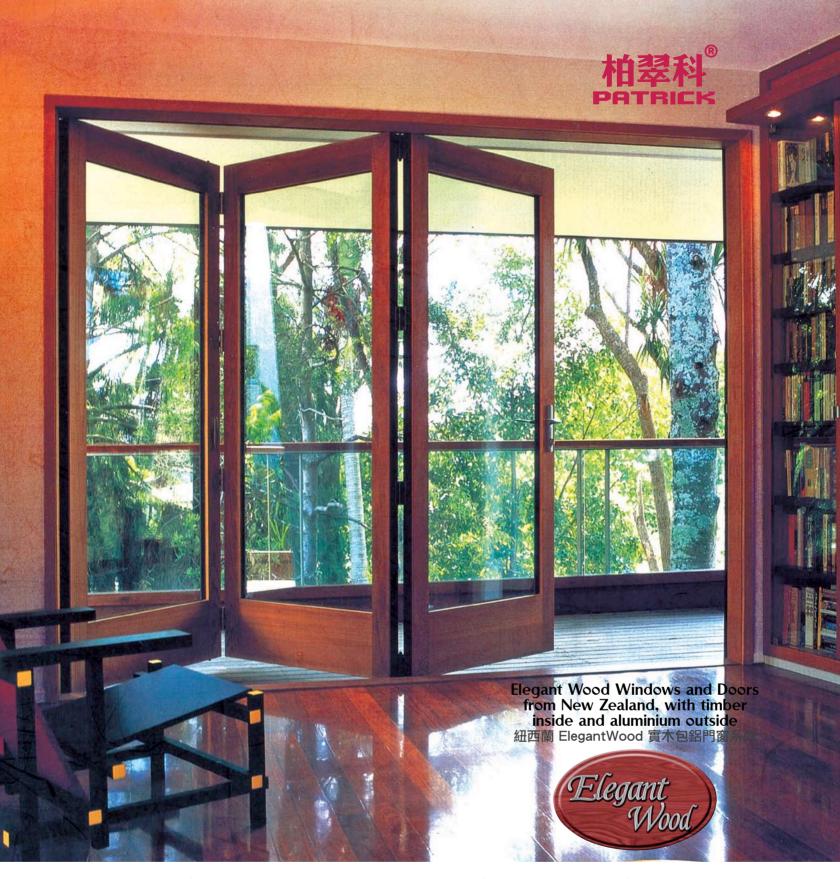
NATURAL COMPOSITION

The Little Fleuriste often uses eucalyptus, appreciating its free-form branches and lovely fragrance; fluffy dianthus green trick adds instant texture and blades of long green wheat create height

The Little Fleuriste常選桉樹, 貪其自由伸延的樹枝和香氣; 須苞石竹混入質感,而小麥綠 則加入高度效果







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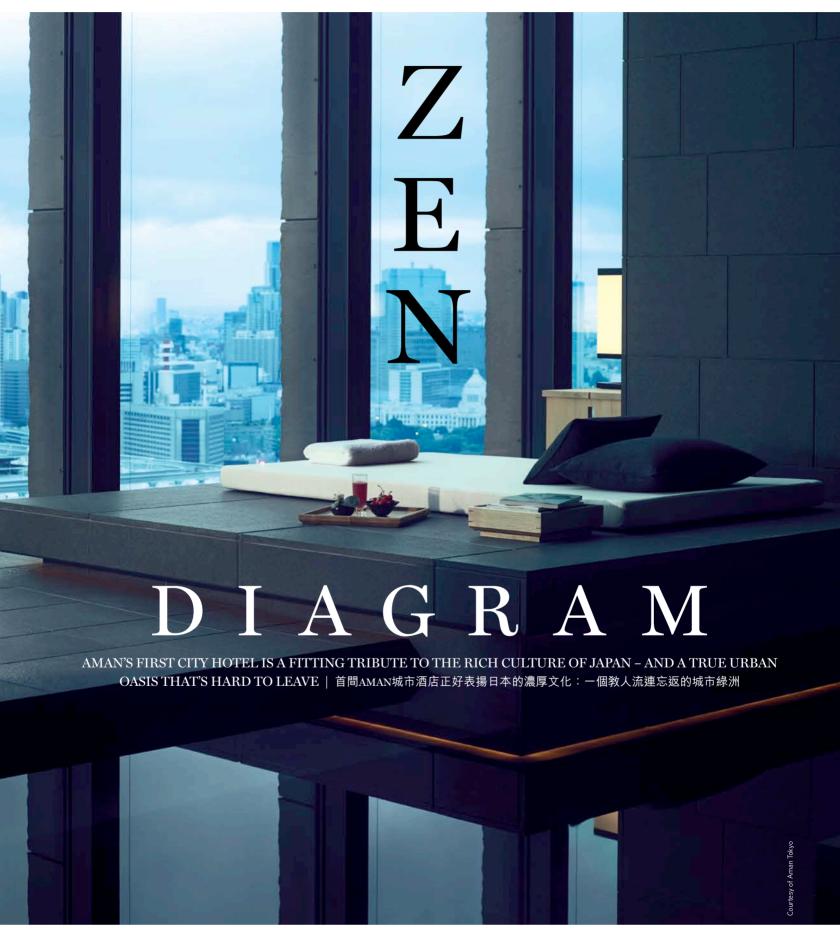
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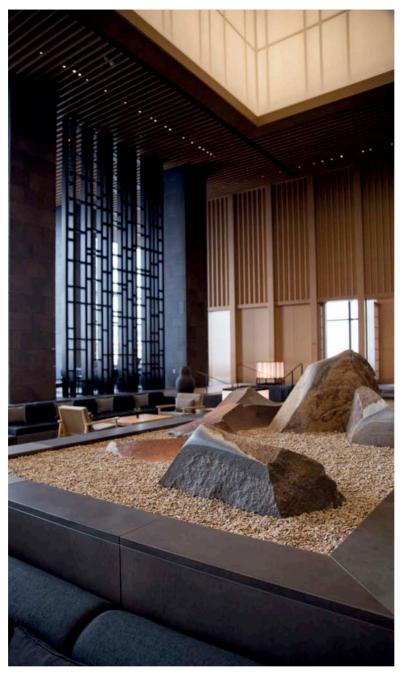
優雅線條

Kerry Hill Architects揉合傳統 創新。佔六層面積的聳高建 築特色受日本紙燈籠啟發, 並以質感和紙打造層次;花 道和兩個石園迎你到來 **Tokyo is a city of so many layers that**, even after living there for more than three years, I feel I've barely scratched the surface. It's difficult to articulate the depth and intensity of this amazing city, considered a microscosm of the entire country at the crossroads of traditional and modern Japan.

When Aman announced that Tokyo would be the site of its first urban property, I was among the many who were pleased; at the same time, I recognised the scale of that endeavour. Expectations were very high, both from locals used to impeccable Japanese service and from tourists who expect an authentic cultural representation and experience. That Tokyo has only a handful of design-driven hotels compared to Paris or New York made it a great choice for Aman's initial venture, but the hotel needed to differentiate itself from the influx of luxury properties lining Marunouchi and Ginza. Needless to say, Aman did it right.

I arrived on a Sunday afternoon after a short taxi ride from Tokyo Station to Otemachi Tower, the gleaming, 38-storey high-rise that houses the Aman Tokyo. It's located in Otemachi, a business district that is taking its cue from Marunouchi by slowly shedding its corporate image to welcome more creative establishments. Since the hotel occupies the top six floors, the welcome on the ground floor was simple and efficient, which somehow added to the anticipation.







I knew what to expect based on the pictures, but the experience of entering the lobby for the first time is difficult to capture in words or imagery. It's more than just the expanse of the 30-metre ceiling or the impressive yet delicate cherry blossom tree atop a water feature – it was memorable for the feeling of serenity that enveloped me. I sat down to a welcome yuzu drink; listening to the soft music of the koto player, I decided to linger with a cocktail while looking at the hushed activity of the city below.

The principles of Japanese design are rooted in simplicity and minimalism, which are expertly translated here by Kerry Hill Architects. Everything draws on Japanese tradition and craft, but not overly so, ensuring that the look and feel is modern, considered and sophisticated. I particularly enjoyed how Aman incorporated the idea of engawa – the wooden strip of flooring before the windows where people enjoy conversation – in the room and how it placed importance on the bathing ritual by including an onsen. The bathroom is quietly luxurious and is probably the only onsen in city that comes with such stunning scenery

東京是個層次豐富的城市,即使曾在那住過三年多,我想,自己對她的認識可能連皮毛也不及。東京有如混合傳統和現代日本的縮影,實在難以計算這個精彩城市的深度與密度。

當Aman宣佈東京將成首個城市物業後,我是大多數心感欣喜的人士之一,與此同時也深深感受到那種努力發展的精神。各界對此均抱有極高期望,當地人已習慣無可比擬的日式服務,旅客亦慇切渴求正宗文化展現和經驗。相比巴黎和紐約,東京只擁有少數以設計為本的酒店,故是Aman作為初試點的完美地址,但酒店同時需要與林立丸之內和銀座的豪華物業定下距離。當然,Aman幹得妙絕。

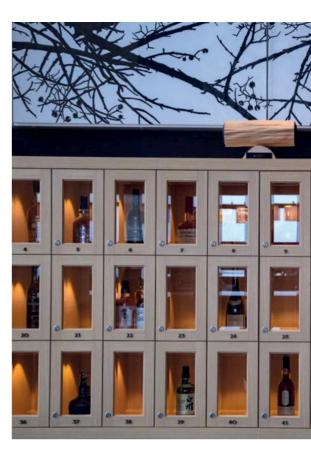
周日下午,我從東京車站乘的士到達內建 Aman Tokyo的38層高大手町Otemachi Tower。 座落商業區大手町的Aman靈感取自丸之內,並 慢慢褪去企業形像,塑造出更具創造力的建設。 自酒店佔據頭六層空間後,地下一層便更添簡約 和效率,令人更充滿期待。

從照片上已知道大約將目對甚麼,但親身 到臨那刻卻是難以用言語或圖像表達。它不但只 是個擁有30米高樓底的建築,或僅為在水景上以 精緻櫻桃樹裝飾的結構,它是個以濃濃平靜氣氛 濃罩著我的美好回憶。坐下喝杯柚子飲品、靜聽 箏琴手彈奏悠揚音樂,我決定要一邊呷著雞尾酒 一邊欣賞日落。

日本設計的原則紮根於簡約主義,並在 Kerry Hill Architects的作品下獲完美呈現。每事 每物均從日本傳統和工藝獲取靈感,但不過份造 作,確保各個形象和觀感散放現代魅力。我特別 欣賞Aman將engawa融入房間設計的取向——窗 前留有木地板條讓人交流聚首——並加溫泉,以

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It's hard to peel yourself away from the mesmerising view – or the room for that matter. You'd be compelled to spend as much time in the suite that breakfast in bed is a given. Aman sets you up for a good day ahead, with a delicious spread that proves its attention to detail. Traceability of ingredients is paramount here: the free-range eggs are sourced from the Inoue farm in Kanagawa,

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If this hotel were located on a secluded tropical island, I'd be happy to laze around all day. Alas, it's Tokyo, and the city beckons with its concept boutiques, hidden cafes and bars, and hole-in-the-wall restaurants – so much to see and do. At the end of the night, however, one can't wait to go back, retreat, and be greeted warmly: "Welcome home to the Aman." //

神奈川的井上農場,味道濃郁香口的牛油則生產 自群馬縣的神津牧場。後者飼養一種名為Amananda的特別牛隻,亦是牛奶的來源。

如酒店位處偏僻的熱帶小島,我會非常樂意整天在此閒逛休息。幸好,此時此刻身在東京,是個飾滿霓虹燈、隱世酒吧和小小壽司店的地點,可以探索欣賞的實在太多。深夜回到酒店,總會被職員一句「Aman歡迎你回家」而暖入心頭。//

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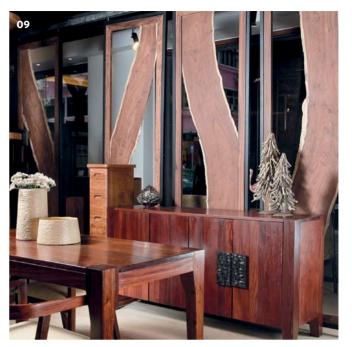
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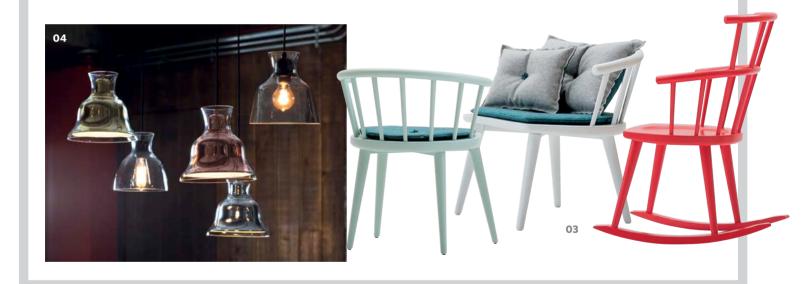
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02. NEUTRA

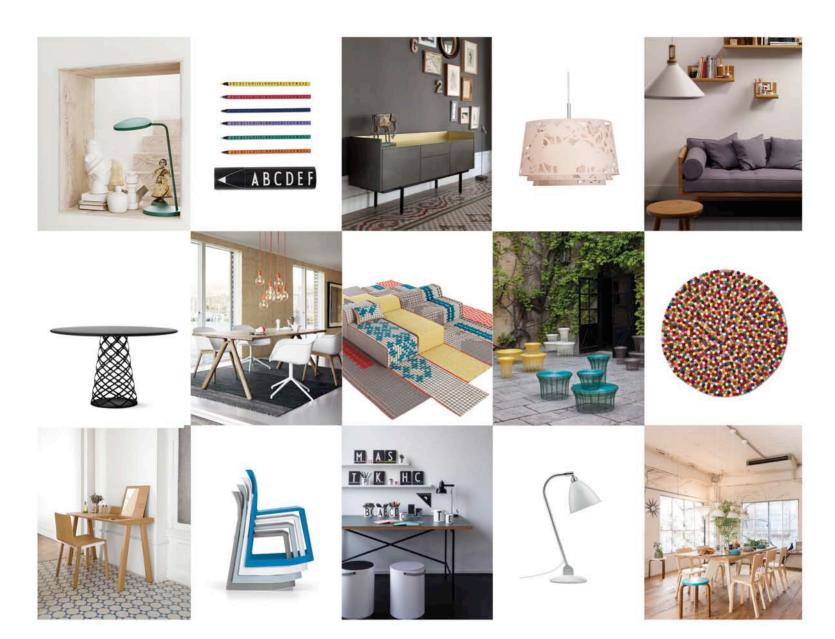
The Leaf collection, designed by Luca Martorano, features a round dining table that has a sculptural quality. The table gives a feeling of lightness, and can be made of stone, glass, wood and metals. Available at colourliving 由Luca Martorano設計的Leaf系列包括媲美雕塑品的圓餐桌。桌子由石材、玻璃、木材和金屬製成,格調輕盈而實用。於colourliving有售

03. STUDIO IMOOI

The W collection updates the 18th century Windsor chair using classic and funky colours. Available as a barstool, dining, lounge and rocking chair, it's made of solid beech wood in lacquered or wood stain finishes. 這個W系列利用經典而滿載玩味的色彩 重新演繹18世紀Windsor椅。款式包括吧椅、餐椅、躺椅和搖椅,由山毛櫸木加上亮漆或木染料製成。

04. SEEDDESIGN

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06. ULFERTS

The sleek Luz De Luna dining table is inspired by water. The undulating waves are visible on the tempered glass tabletop that allows light to shine. The shiny silver legs complete the look. Available at Ulferts 啟發自流水的Luz De Luna餐桌,桌面精挑強化玻璃製造,打磨出栩栩如生的波浪紋,而同時保持玻璃明亮通透。亮銀色的桌腳優美時尚。*於歐化傢俬有售*

07. GIORGETTI

Italian designer Robert Lazzeroni's designs for Giorgetti are a great match. Pair the oval-shaped Mizar table, with a bronze base and a Calacatta marble tabletop, with single- or two-toned Selene armchairs in fabric or leather. 意大利設計師Robert Lazzeroni為 Giorgetti打造的作品能完美混搭。橢圓形的Mizar餐桌由青銅底座和金色 Calacatta大理石面組成,備單、雙色設計。Selene扶手亦備布藝或皮革款式。

08. LALIQUE

The Raisins dining table is an Art Deco-inspired piece, featuring black lacquer and 24 raisin crystals embedded in the table for a glittering effect. Each Lalique piece is individually numbered and certified, adding value as a collectible. 這款葡萄餐桌的設計靈感啟發自裝飾藝術時期,由黑色亮漆和24塊葡萄水晶片組成,格調迷人。Lalique每件產品也有獨立編號和證書,有如藝術珍藏品。









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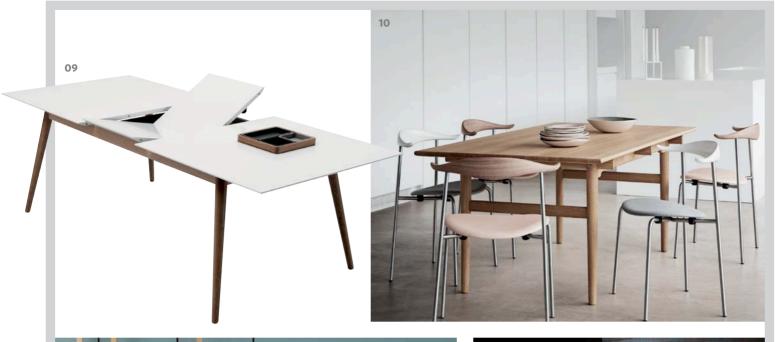
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09. BO CONCEPT

Ideal for compact quarters, the Milano table extends by including a supplementary tabletop that slides into place with ease. Shown here in matte white with lacquered oak veneer, it's also available in different sizes and colours to match any interior. 適用於小巧單位的Milano餐桌,只需簡單拉出延長桌面即能開出更多空間。圖為啞白色配亮漆橡木款式,另備多種尺寸和色彩迎合各式室內裝潢。

10. CARL HANSEN & SON

The CH327 table, with the tabletop made from uninterrupted sections of solid wood, is complemented by CH88 chairs – both designed by Hans J Wegner. The chairs are also designed to be stackable.
出自Hans J Wegner之手的CH327餐桌和CH88餐椅·前者的桌面以相連實木段製作而成·兩件作品均能完美配搭。椅子更特別設計成可疊放的款式。

11. ARMANI CASA

The Trocadero table is available in nine different finishes and four table sizes. Match it with Dalia dining chairs, rendered in either fabric and soft leather atop wooden legs in various shades like brushed brown oak, mahogany, and Canaletto walnut. 這款Trocadero桌備9種面飾和4種尺寸。相襯的Dalia餐椅帶來布藝或軟皮襯墊選擇,木椅腳亦備拉絲啡橡木、桃花心木和Canaletto胡桃木等款式。

12. OVO HOME

These Tami chairs are made from natural oak, bringing warmth and a natural touch to a minimalist interior. Its light-coloured shades and fluid silhouette also add a functional and organic element to modern spaces. 以天然橡木製作的Tami椅揉合溫暖的 淺淡色調,營造出簡約現代而清雅的感覺,為現今居所帶來兼備實用性與自然元素的優美設計。









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14. TRIBÙ

Tosca by Monica Armani is the ideal dining solution for your terrace or rooftop. It includes water-proof chairs featuring an extra wide braid and tapered legs for a stylish look. The cushions are water-repellent. Available at Everything Under The Sun 出自Monica Armani之手的Tosca是陽台天台首選。防水椅採特闊辮子形編織,椅腳纖幼高雅。舒適墊子亦能防水。於Everything Under The Sun有售

15. POLTRONA FRAU

Designed in 1985 by Lella and Massimo Vignelli, this table incorporates a Ligurian slate tabletop with a column in grey Pietra Serena sandstone. The latter is mounted on three brackets so you can adjust the tabletop's position. 這款在1985年由Lella和Massimo Vignelli 設計的餐桌結合Ligurian板桌面和Pietra Serena砂岩石灰色底座而成。後者由3個托架連接,方便你隨時轉換桌面的位置。

16. HUGUES CHEVALIER

The elegant Paris collection presents a choice of round, oval or rectangular dining table in various finishes. Pair it with matching chairs upholstered in either leather or fabric, with a base in bronze or chrome finish. Available at Farrington Interiors 優雅的Paris系列帶來圓形、橢圓形和長方形餐桌,並備多種面飾選擇。同款餐椅帶來皮革或布藝襯墊,以及青銅或鉻材面飾底座款式。於Farrington Interiors有售

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Marketing director Richard Green at the Miele lounge in Causeway Bay O3 Singaporean chef Justin Quek visited Hong Kong to launch Miele's *The* Chef's Table

The table setting featured an edible herb garden centrepiece that added an interactive element



CULINARY HERO

Chefs are the new rockstars, and Miele's newest venture – The Chef's Table – takes us backstage to have a closer look at these culinary legends 主廚已獲公認為新一代巨星。Miele最新得意之作The Chef's Table(主廚盛宴)走到幕後細看這群飲食精英

You are what you eat – this adage has become more relevant in today's food-obsessed world. We've become more discerning about ingredients, cooking and increasingly curious about chefs, too. We speak to Richard Green, Marketing Director of Miele Hong Kong, about their newest endeavour, The Chef's Table by Miele, which puts all of these elements into one exciting event. 吃些甚麼,就成甚麼。這句格言在迷戀美食的當下世界愈見適用。我們都關心到食材的來源、打造美食的高手。 Miele香港市場總監Richard Green跟我們分享最近來到香港的The Chef's Table by Miele細節。

The whole idea is we take the best chefs around the world and put our appliances in their hands. Our guests then sit at the centre of the kitchen, which is a unique vantage point. It's a beautiful coming together of a chef who rarely works with domestic equipment, and guests who hardly get a glimpse of what happens behind the scenes. 這個Chef's Table概念就是從全球各地帶來最出色的主廚,然後讓他們應用我們的電器發揮自家本領,同時邀請客人到臨廚房中心。甚少用到家用電器的主廚再加上難得一見幕後製作過程的客人聚首一場,這將會是場與別不同的體驗。

It's all about exchange and interaction. We'll have different chefs around the world going to cities where we'll be hosting these events – initially Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo. 重點在於互動交流。我們邀請環球主廚來到活動的舉辦城市——香港、新加坡、上海、北京和東京。

Chefs see this as quite a challenge. They insist that we manage expectations because they won't be cooking with their staff or their usual equipment. They emphasise that the approach will be more homey, and that's precisely what we love about this initiative. 主廚視之為挑戰,並堅持說我們要管好那些熱切期望,畢竟他們並非跟團隊以日常工具製作。他們常強調如此取向能混入家的感覺,我們也非常喜愛這念頭。

The Chef's Table is not just about cooking. It's about us learning more about chefs, most of which have interesting backgrounds and an advocacy such as sustainability or traceability. This will also come into play in the future of this project. 這個Chef's Table活動不單是美食盛典,更能了解主廚。他們的背景大多相類,並支持可持續、可追溯和有機種植。這將成項目未來部分。miele.hk

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03. WEDGWOOD

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品牌Wedgwood慶祝經典野草莓系列圖案誕生五十周年。這套以野草莓為設計靈感的餐具、禮品及家居擺設系列,為你的餐桌賦予活力和暖意,將本是平凡的飯局昇華極致。

04. FLEUR AMI

The streamlined Modulo series from fleur ami offers a modern, holistic solution for your outdoor area. Made from solid plantation teak in a natural finish, this weatherproof collection can be used separately or in combination.

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由建築師Zaha Hadid設計的Z形島式廚房放在任何科幻電影場景中也不會格格不入。無限創意讓廚房化身成設計與科技奇觀,帶領你享受一場多感官體驗。

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09. MIA CUCINA

Mia Cucina is once again transforming our kitchens by offering a seamless experience that mixes design and technology. This new design features four linked cabinet doors that conceal built-in appliances and drawers to keep everything neat and out of sight. 工藝非凡的Mia Cucina再次把廚房轉化成藝術品,打造揉合設計與科技的無縫體驗。新設計的悅目視覺效果由四道相連櫃門組成。廚櫃採用拉敞式門板設計,將嵌入式爐具、廚具妥善收藏,美觀之餘亦感覺歸一。



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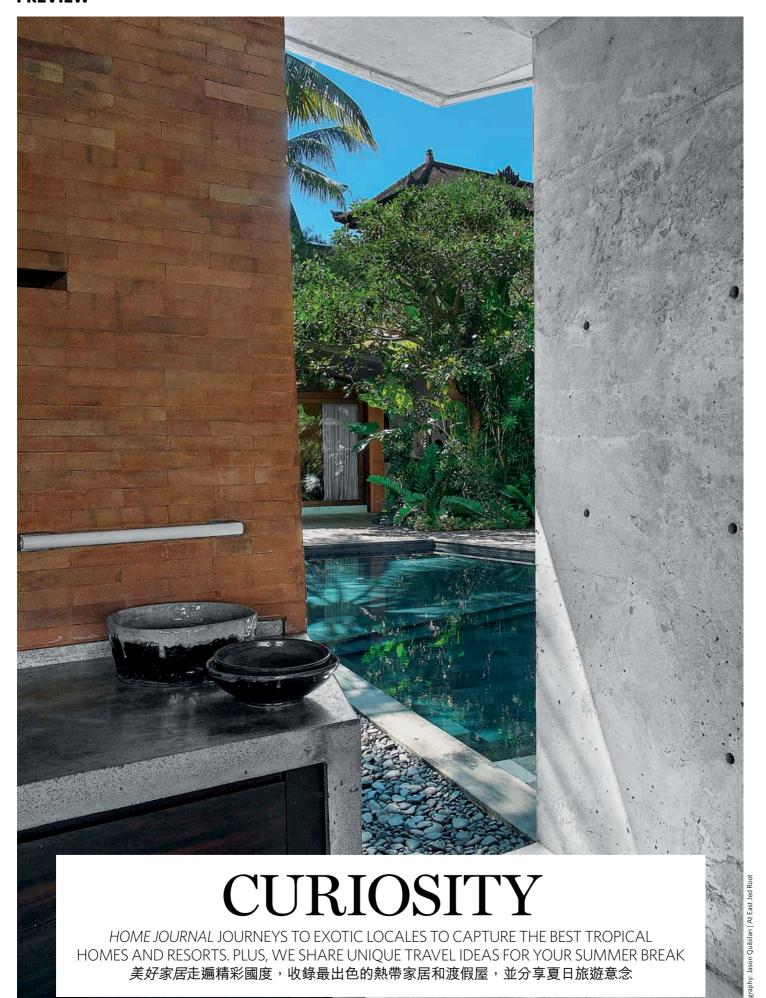
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