

Bijou BEACON

The natural hues of this bespoke double-home are quite simply breathtaking...

T

aking inspiration from its stunning natural surroundings, Mount Beacon's double-unit home is a property with a uniquely refreshing theme and a decidedly ethereal feel. Much of this is down to Danny Chiu, the eponymous head of Kowloon Bay's Danny Chiu Interior Designs, who was briefed to refurbish the home and tailor it to the exact needs of the client in question.

Immediately struck by the beauty of the scenery throughout the apartment's setting, the designer sought to incorporate this from the very earliest planning stage. In particular, the lush greens of the nearby mountains and the deep blue, cotton-like clouds above were the core natural elements he was most keen to embody in various elements of the home, as he prioritised creating a sense of renewal throughout the interiors.

Home to a six-strong family unit - a couple with two sons, one daughter and a live-in helper - this eminently intelligently designed space of 1474 square feet is now ideally suited to its residents, while extending to five bedrooms, including one reserved for guests. As the owner's three children are all relatively grown-up, spatial planning was one of the priorities when it came to evenly allocating the space among family members. In order to facilitate this, nearly all of the unit's internal walls were demolished, while a smart HVAC system was installed with a living room interface.

In addition to restructuring the internal partitioning, lines, patterns and elements of nature were artfully distributed as part of the apartment's themed decor in order to help the overall design cohere. Bright natural colours, such as greens, yellows and white, were the chosen palette as the design team set about



creating an inspirational environment. A feature wall, complete with a cloud-like relief installation, was fetchingly wood-framed with its outline subtly picked out by subdued LED lights, a conceit reflected in the nearby TV wall. The over-arching natural theme, meanwhile, was underlined by the inclusion of mountain-side artworks, sea wave-patterned rugs and abstract leaf tiling. The statement light, complete with intricate branches and leaves, centred above the dining table was also a knowing nod to the luxuriant exterior foliage.

All of this intricate interior planning manifests itself as soon you first set foot within the home, where the foyer warmly greets you courtesy of a forefronted feature wall and triangular sitting space adjacent to the primary entrance. Across from this convenient





ledge is a shoe room, the site of the all but mandatory shift from external to internal footwear. The dining area extends to a living room that, in turn, leads onto two balconies via wide sliding windows.

The enclosed kitchen offers easy access for the serving of more formal meals and a vintage piano has also been installed by the dining table wall. It is clear that the functionality of each bespoke space was always borne in mind as the design team sought to optimise the utility of every available inch, a notion most clearly embodied in the way the twin balconies have been demarcated into separate dynamic and static zones. This gives the residents the option of doing high-energy workouts in the dynamic zone before retiring to the static zone to chill out or just welcome friends, all against the breath-taking natural backdrop.

Individual privacy was also earmarked as a priority. This sees the bedrooms of two sons, along with the guest room, allocated to one wing while the master bedroom and the daughter's room occupy another, with



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the communal living space set between them. For the sons’ bedrooms, the style is minimalistic. Ample storage space comes courtesy of a series of recessed cupboards, while each room also boasts a long study table.

The master bedroom and its en suite bathroom are among the property’s most generously proportioned and vibrant spaces. The bedroom’s wide bay window is well provided with storage drawers, while a comfortable sitting space is ideal for enjoying the view and basking in the daylight. A fabric headboard meanwhile offers subdued illumination via its embedded wall lights, while a surfeit of sockets ensures a charging point is always close to hand. A walk-in closet by the door thoughtfully provides additional

storage space, leaving the room free of any clutter.

One key feature formed after the merging of the two units was styling the ceilings in an evocative homage to the nearby mountains. In order to realise this, the chosen materials and colour palette were distinctly natural, with wood and granite in white, grey and muddy tones employed throughout. Their harmonious integration created a sense of softness, while giving a spacious feel across the interior, although their exact deployment varies from room to room in line with the individual taste of each family member, they still act to provide beguiling unity of comfort and warmth throughout this eminently welcoming home. 🏡

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