



STRUCTURAL COLUMNS ENHANCE THIS HOTEL-INSPIRED PENTHOUSE

In this two-storey condominium unit, its supposed design flaw became a design asset with the clever intervention of D' Initial Concept. The designers integrated the rounded columns into their hotel-inspired design by way of luxurious finishes, thus giving the multi-generational family living here a home filled with comfort and class.

TEXT DISA TAN

Project type:
4-bedroom
penthouse unit

Floor area:
4,704sqft



Lofty ideals

An expansive communal space sets the stage to host large groups of people. Edmund Ong, Manager of D' Initial Concept, who helmed the renovation together with designer Sheena Sim, says: "The homeowners asked for a big entertainment area along with a home office." To maintain the free-flowing sense of space, the designers used a textured paint finish with a metallic sheen to beautify the structural columns.



Bright presence

In the sea of woodgrains, a laminate panel sporting a Carrara marble veining effect lends a bright spark to the overall dark-coloured scheme. The imposing TV console feature wall also helps reflect more natural light into the space. Not to mention, it's a cohesive pairing too with other high-sheen finishes such as the marble flooring and the rounded columns' metallic layers.



The homeowners wanted a luxurious, hotel-inspired dwelling that could accommodate the style preferences of three generations living here.



Curvilinear form

Though the master bedroom is blessed with abundant daylight, the occupants were not too keen on the towering structural columns in their private space. To keep this eyesore under wraps, the designers integrated the column seamlessly within a curved feature wall. "Another design intention was to bring the flat screen TV closer to the bed as the bedroom itself is quite large," share the designers.



Office boundary

Behind the floor-to-ceiling shelving unit that serves double duty as a wall divider is the well-concealed home office. Situated within the confines of the stairwell, this location affords the workspace with much-needed privacy, away from the distractions of the communal areas. Clear mirror strips line the cabinet doors of the hidden storage compartments underneath the staircase and make the narrow space appear larger.



Vanity corner

A custom-built vanity table follows the curvilinear form of the bedroom divider. Edmund reveals that this is an ideal spot to place the vanity because it receives good natural light. Moreover, the strips that make up the top and bottom parts of the divider do not obstruct daylight yet provides this vanity area with adequate privacy.



THE BRIEF

This penthouse unit boasts a large expanse of space for the homeowners to entertain in. However, demarcating the communal zones into the dining, living and home office space required some planning. The structural columns come into play by signalling a different zone but the designers have enhanced the visual demarcation with contrasting stone textures and a shelving divider.

While demarcation is important to better utilise each of the communal zones, maintaining design uniformity is essential as well. To allow the vastness of the space to still take precedence, the designers dressed the structural columns in matching metallic finishes for a more seamless appearance.

One of the biggest assets of this home is its rich source of daylight. To ensure an unobstructive flow of light, the design team created an open shelving divider, and a feature wall with see-through strips for the master bedroom.



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