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SAVVY HOME INVESTMENTS our guide to living it up in comfort and style Project type: 2-bedroom condominium unit

> Floor area: 1,109sqft

JAPANESE MINIMALISM AND SENSIBILITIES

Slim furnishings in white and light wood keep this abode by Design of Schatz bright and airy, while multi-functional features provide ample storage.

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Extra storage

More is more when it comes to storage in this apartment. This is evident in the dining area, whereby Wei Cheong designed a banquette seating with cabinets wrapped around it. The lower cabinet to the right can also be pulled out and used as a portable tray cart. To prevent the full-height fixture from looking like a bulky, space-eating monolith, the designer added open display shelves and white marble-like laminates that visually lightens the structure.





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Multi-functional features The designer has further capitalised on the high ceiling by building a mezzanine in the living room, which functions as a mini lounge. The staircase that leads to it offers yet another opportunity to integrate additional storage. Wei Cheong even created a cubby underneath the stairs to fit two ottomans for when extra seating is needed. The niche, without the ottomans, becomes another sitting spot as well. As for the TV console, its diagonal lines and low height create a slimmer, geometric profile that keeps the living area visually spacious.

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Clean lines

Full-height glass windows enclose the kitchen, counteracting its tight footprint while keeping the cooking fumes contained. Across from it lies the fover, which includes a seating area in the corner and a custom-made shoe cabinet with an open panel at the bottom for the family's indoor slippers. Above, a false ceiling, built with a recess for the air-conditioning unit, conceals electrical cables and air-conditioning ducts for a streamlined look.

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Space-saving design

The master bedroom is pretty compact and is somewhat similar in size to a common bedroom. To address its tight footprint, the designer built a platform bed that fits a king mattress with ample storage to boot. Clad in light wood laminates, it features open display shelves for books and toys at the bottom of the platform, a drawer built into the steps, and hidden compartments beneath the bed. A floating TV feature with a thin ledge, housing a Google Home device, also turns the master bed into a private lounge of sorts.





THE BRIEF

This Muji-inspired abode takes its cues from Japanese design elements. Wei Cheong, the founding creative director of Design of Schatz used a trio of white, light wood and white marble-like laminates throughout the house to imbue a sense of openness and flow.

This two-bedder is now a place where a mother and her daughter, who moved from a much bigger five-room flat, call home. Faced with the challenge of introducing more storage while maintaining an airy atmosphere, Wei Cheong designed multi-functional features and a mezzanine in the living room to maximise floor space.



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