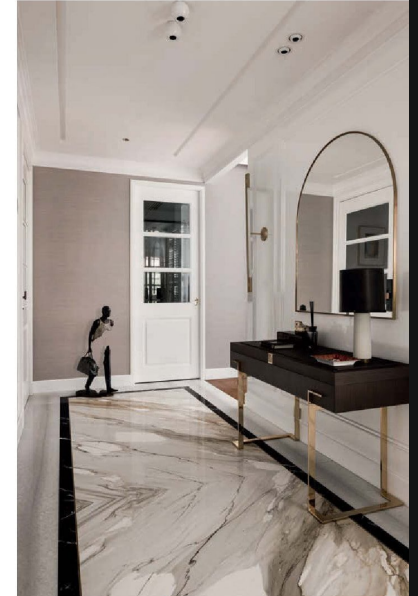


Parisian Twist



Mosh Interior transforms an apartment in Singapore into a slice of the City of Lights to celebrate a family's French roots *By Karen Tee*



Many of Singapore's luxury condominium apartments boast impeccable interiors to accompany the best-in-class amenities of the development. But for an expatriate family of five—the father is from France and the mother hails from Japan—there was more to be done to turn the space into a home. They wanted their 3,466 sq ft unit in Nassim Park Residences to evoke the ambience of a modern French apartment.

To achieve this, Mosh Interior principal designer Shermaine Ong identified a few broad elements of what she terms the “Parisian Chic” aesthetic and incorporated them into the four-bedroom apartment. “The must-haves for the Parisian Chic style are classical cornices, a colour scheme comprising white and cream tones, modern and sophisticated furnishings, good artworks, and wooden flooring. The latter goes really well with the white beading, panelling and cornices,” says Ong.

To mimic the look of Paris' historical Haussmann-era apartments, the designer chose to lay the floors in solid timber, in a classic herringbone pattern. Working with a soothing off-white scheme, Ong also incorporated mouldings and cornices to create a French-influenced interior in the Little Red Dot.

The “Parisian Chic” style uses classical elements, off-white hues, dark wood flooring and a thoughtful mix of art

This page: The balcony features a Minotti Tape 'Cord' outdoor sofa and armchairs and coffee tables by Nenodo, which are matched with a pair of botanical artworks

Opposite page: A Minotti Alexander sofa and Benson coffee table, both designed by Rodolfo Dordoni, and Bang & Olufsen BeoVision Avant TV feature in the living room; a Bocci pendant lamp from Space Furniture floats above the Minotti Oliver dining table

Previous spread: A view of the open-plan living and dining room, which features the Water Lilies with Willows print by American artist Roy Lichtenstein; the stately entryway features bookmatched Calacatta gold marble floor tiles





This page: The daughters' bedroom incorporates an LED light strip, a swing chair and decorative foliage, in accordance with their brief

Opposite page, clockwise from top left: The home gym features fitness equipment from Polish brand Pent and custom sliding doors; the sleek kitchen is a handsome space with dark-wood flooring and gunmetal and polished black finishes on the furnishings, appliances and glass cabinets; another view of the kitchen, where the marble backsplash adds a dramatic touch to the coffee counter



As units in the condominium are known for their spacious foyer and balcony areas, Ong decided to create standout vignettes in these zones that would make an impression, yet still be homely and practical enough for the family. The welcoming foyer features French-style doors; a long shoe cabinet is concealed behind glossy wall panelling. To demarcate this area, the team chose bookmatched Calacatta gold marble slabs for the flooring in the entryway.

To the side of the foyer, the team created a sleek gym fitted with imported luxury fitness equipment from Polish brand Pent. "To make the gym cosier and to match the sophisticated theme, we customised the sliding shutter doors at the entrance," says Ong, revealing that the gym was built for the wife, who had become used to exercising daily at home in response to the Covid-19 pandemic's various safe-distancing measures.

The living and dining area is where Ong really leaned into the theme of creating a French-influenced apartment by stretching her creative eye to furnish the space. "There is limited carpentry work as one of the characteristics of Parisian Chic is to include

loose furniture and wall lights," she explains.

For example, instead of installing a built-in console, a self-standing BeoVision Avant TV from Bang & Olufsen is placed in front of silk wall panels from Jim Thompson; it's flanked by a pair of Lateral Murano glass wall sconces which were imported from the UK. An elegant Minotti Alexander sofa and Benson coffee table complete the comfortably luxurious tableau.

Behind the sofa, a Bocci pendant lamp from Space Furniture makes a statement above the Minotti dining table. The team also commissioned a custom silk carpet from the Orientalist to match the round dining table, accompanied by a sleek black credenza. In the balcony, which is connected to the living and dining area, a full set of Minotti outdoor furniture provides the family with lounging options to enjoy Singapore's tropical climate on breezy days.

Another element of French homes is their incorporation of cherished artworks. A signed print by American artist Roy Lichtenstein, purchased from auction house Christie's, is displayed in the living room. Entitled *Water Lilies with Willows*, the work is a pop art



interpretation of the French impressionist painting by Claude Monet. A painting by French-Chinese artist Chu Teh-Chun, who is known for integrating traditional Chinese ink painting with Western abstraction, takes pride of place in the dining zone.

In the master bedroom, taupe brown wallpaper evokes a warm atmosphere while a handcrafted bedframe and mattress from Savoir ensure sweet dreams every night. Further in, two French sliding doors open to a carefully crafted walk-in wardrobe, where the smart placement of an island provides additional storage solutions.

While the son's room is currently left untouched as he is studying abroad, the two daughters were clear on what they desired for their bedroom. "Both daughters wanted a swing and plants; they also requested a multicoloured LED light strip," says Ong. Other wooden elements in their rooms, such as the doors, were also spray-painted white to keep to the theme.

A key challenge, says Ong, was hunting down the right pieces for the home, across local and international stores. She quips: "It was quite an experience for us to manage logistics like shipping and communicating with suppliers overseas. Maybe one day we can consider running a luxury furnishings store!"

The best part of this renovation, adds the designer, was working closely with the family to turn their dream into reality. She says: "This was an enjoyable project as the clients supported most of our proposals. They were happy with the result as the apartment turned out exactly as we had designed it."



This page: The glamorous wardrobe in the master suite features glossy cabinet doors and marble flooring; the use of glass panels and doors expands the sense of space in the master bathroom



Opposite page: The stripes on the Savoir headboard draw reference to the herringbone pattern of the wooden flooring; another view of the master bedroom