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TIMELESS, MODERN APARTMENT LIVING IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN

A TIMELESS design within a new Xin-Yi residential skyscraper is located in the financial district of Taipei, the architecture designed by world renowned architect Richard Meier.

Celia Chu Design were tasked with creating a luxury modern apartment, which could be as open-plan as possible when needed and zoned when not. With 1490 sq ft of internal space Celia designed and installed bespoke full height room divider doors to have separate living spaces when required and completely open plan when not. Three architectural concrete cylindrical columns piercing each and every apartment are embraced and celebrated in Chu's interior design. Celia creates a timeless modern luxury interior for the apartment's owner, a quiet room for his guest (usually his mum) and a grand open plan space for social gatherings and parties, as the owner is a very sociable person. Celia imports her luxury hospitality design experience into a luxury lifestyle iconic high rise city living residence.



A rare luxury in a modern apartment is a high ceiling and this apartment is fortunate enough to have 9ft high, floor-to-ceiling windows wrapped from one side of the living room to the other, affording views of the tallest building in Taiwan, Taipei 101, which is just one block away.

A neutral based MORTEX coating has been applied on the wall and pillars to create a unique aesthetic texture to frame the living room. There's nothing more to take away, instead one can fully sink into the large Flexform sofa and enjoy the natural light flooding into this calm space.

A freestanding flue-less spherical fireplace from Vauni Globe can be lit day or night providing a natural focal point in this room and creating ambience.



With a black hairline tinted metal wall stable door, the kitchen is at the window less end of the open plan living and dining room. An open kitchen serves perfectly as a breakfast bar during the day while at night it is transformed. There is actually a wine shelf hidden within that can be slid open to close up the cooking area. An ambient light from the glass shelf transforms the Calacatta marble Infinity bar into a stylish home bar for movie or party nights.



Not limited for dining use only, to fit in the busy life people have nowadays, a detailed leather seamed-back dining table is showcases adjacent to the kitchen bar which can also be a luxury home office table. An invisible to the natural eye light source shines directly from this modern Vibia horizontal glass pendant providing just enough sparkle and shine together to light the space perfectly.



Bespoke joinery on an external wall was the ideal place to put a media unit with shelving to house the essential television and all the owners’ books, ornaments and photographs.

The master bedroom has its own private quarters which can be entered via the full-width and floor-to-ceiling height wall slider

doors, which divide the living room from the bedroom dressing room and bathroom area. Celia used a curved MORTEX finished wall that visually extends the headboard and removes all harsh corners in the room. This creates a unique and serene space that makes you feel cocooned in bed, allowing you to fully focus on the breath-taking view beyond, from your bed.

The full-height windows also carry the visual extension from space to space when both wall panels are fully open. This not only resolved the spatial limitations but also creates flexibility and visual interest as well as a feeling of spaciousness, a true luxury in any city apartment.



A free-standing bath in the corner of the apartment’s master bathroom gives a luxury spa experience with views from both exterior and interior. With ambient back-lit lighting from the floating grey marble vanity, it bridges the wet room zone. Having a heated floor throughout the apartment was a challenge to begin with but Celia found that the Mortex coating is heat resistant that can be used for both floors and walls, wet and dry, and it gives a great performance and look. Using just one single finish wrapped up from the floor to the top of the bathroom wall, in the curved shower and water pocket.



Celia successfully enlarged the linear layout and made it into a modern master spa bathroom with stylish bespoke shelving sitting on the counters for display items and toiletries.

Its perfect for the bachelor owner who is thrilled with the end result and looks forward to coming home every night.



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