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Sleek, sensual materials and clever design moves transform this Art Deco apartment into a spacious, rich and personal home.

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While Art Deco apartments are rich in character and decorative detail, their kitchens and bathrooms tend to be compact, originally conceived as utilitarian service spaces. The owners of this one-bedroom apartment in Potts Point, Sydney – a professional couple both more than 2 metres tall – engaged YSG to create more room for them to move, and to brighten and streamline the interior. Faced with heritage restrictions that limited internal structural changes, YSG used clever design moves and a sleek, sensual material palette to create a spacious, rich and personal home. “I wanted the home to reflect their genuine warmth and scholarly sophistication in a charming, worldly way, and also to capture their musical appreciation,” says Yasmine Ghoniem, director of YSG.

In the kitchen, YSG removed the enclosing wall brackets of the narrow galley layout, opening the space to the hallway where a new continuous wall of timber joinery provides additional storage. Stainless-steel details are a unifying thread throughout the apartment, appearing in the dining chairs, glass coffee table and USM unit. Within the kitchen, stainless-steel benchtops consolidate the joinery and conceal storage and appliances. The depth of the bench incorporating the oven and stovetop extends slightly beyond the balcony door frame without impeding circulation. Natural light filters through the door’s glass panes, illuminating the reflective surfaces, while custom caramel resin pulls introduce warm and tactility. Above the bench, the Lauriana quartzite splashback has a wavy diagonal pattern that visually enhances the room’s height and width. “It’s like a large abstract painting to enjoy when walking towards the lounge,” says Yasmine.

While the kitchen is sleek and bright, the bathroom has a cinematic and nostalgic feel. The walls and ceiling are painted a deep lilac shade, terrazzo tiles are flecked with jade and amethyst tones, and Flemish amber glass panes echoing those at the entry bathe the space in a warm, golden hue. YSG removed the false ceiling to create more headroom and designed the front of the marble vanity with an angled plane and recessed kicker to increase the floor space at its base.

Throughout the apartment’s public spaces, the subtly embellished ceilings are another unifying thread that reflects the clients’ love of music. Glossy magnolia-white swirls snake across the ceiling of the kitchen and other common areas like musical notes resonating from the record player and piano in the lounge area. “The home essentially personifies many of the owners’ combined attributes, becoming, in a sense, the third ‘gentleman’ in the equation,” says Yasmine.

01 Resin drawer pulls lend warmth and tactility to the stainless steel kitchen joinery.

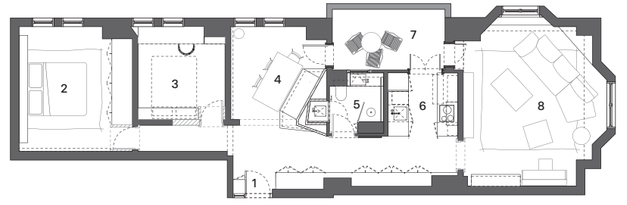
02 The expressive diagonal veins in the Lauriana quartzite splashback read like an abstract painting.

03 Sophisticated, subtle embellishment is introduced with a swirling pattern on the ceilings. Artwork: Laura Jones.



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1 Entry
2 Bedroom
3 Office/bedroom
4 Dining
5 Bathroom
6 Kitchen
7 Balcony
8 Living



Floor plan 1:200



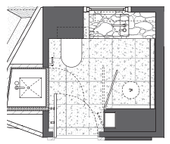
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Bathroom products
Internal walls: Momentti Solaro terrazzo tiles from Onsite; Dulux ‘Vibrant Vine’ (ceiling); custom vanity mirror designed by YSG
Flooring: Momentti Solaro terrazzo tiles from Onsite
Lighting: Bocci 14s wall light by Omer Arbel from Space Furniture
Tapware and fittings: Tapware from Astra Walker in ‘Brushed Nickel’; shower rose from Brodware; Linear towel hook from Lo and Co Interiors in ‘Nickel’
Sanitaryware: Custom basin by YSG in Crema Khrusos from Mediterranean Marble; Pura wall-mounted toilet from Astra Walker

04 Amber glass creates a cinematic lighting effect in the petite bathroom.

05 Terrazzo tiles and a honeycomb-hued marble vanity add material intensity to the bathroom.

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Bathroom plan 1:100 0 2m



Bathroom elevations 1:100 0 2m



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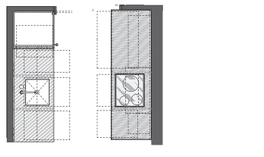


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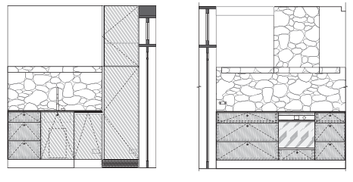
Kitchen products
Internal walls: Lauriana marble from Artedomus; walls, ceiling and cornices in Dulux ‘Limed White Quarter’
Flooring: Existing herringbone timber, limewashed
Joinery: Custom stainless steel joinery designed by YSG Studio; faceted resin pull designed by YSG Studio and crafted by Maiden; Kintore joinery pull from Lo and Co Interiors in ‘Nickel’
Lighting: Beau No. 3 sconce by Human Home; Micromen joinery lighting from Viabizzuno in ‘Polished Aluminium’
Sinks and tapware: Halo pull-out tap from Brodware in ‘Brushed Chrome’
Appliances: H 2860 BP Pure Line Pyrolitic Clean Steel oven, KM 7200 FR induction cooktop, G 5430 integrated dishwasher, 254L integrated fridge and undermount rangehood, all by Miele from Winning Appliances
Other: ‘Persian Shiraz’ rug from Cadrys; Alessi Conico II kettle

06 A wall of full-height joinery in the corridor provides storage without visual distraction.

07 The galley-style kitchen borrows light and aspect from the adjoining balcony.



Kitchen plan 1:100



Kitchen elevations 1:100



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