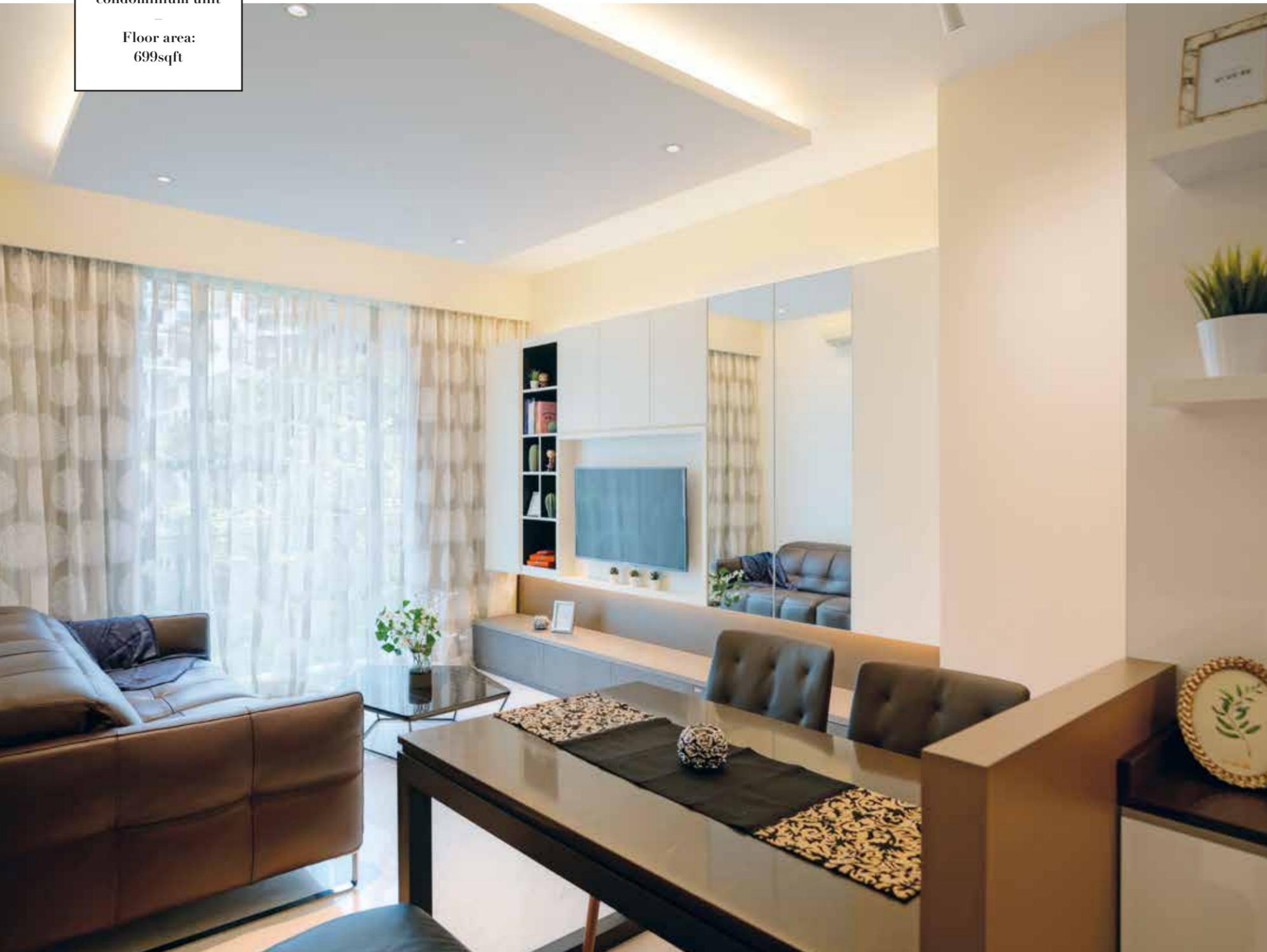


Project type:
2-bedroom
condominium unit

Floor area:
699sqft



A COSY HOLIDAY HOME

Built as a holiday home for an Indonesian family, this compact condominium apartment by Ultimate Interior Creation is modelled after upscale hotels, yet kept simple and low-maintenance to suit its owners' needs.

TEXT ANGELA LOW



Understated elegance

Taking cues from the apartment's existing white marble flooring, the designers kept the living room mellow with a neutral backdrop. To create additional visual interest, the understated TV feature wall is spruced up with black open shelves, mirrored panels, and a combination of white and grey stone-look laminates. Multiple layers of mood lighting offer a touch of sophistication to this hotel-inspired space.



Mirror, mirror

An erstwhile open-plan space with the kitchen in full view from the moment you enter, the apartment now features a mini foyer that offers more privacy and spatial structure. Built by erecting a false wall between the kitchen and entrance, it is clad with bevelled mirrors on one side to visually double the footprint of the compact entryway. The bottom row of mirrors hides the shoe cabinet as well, which protrudes on the other side of the wall as an additional countertop for the kitchen.





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Semi-open kitchen

The open-plan kitchen is made semi enclosed with a wall divider by the foyer. While the counter against the feature wall functions as a shoe cabinet on the opposite side, it serves as a countertop in the kitchen to display recipe books and snacks. For convenience, a separate low wall, positioned between the countertop and the custom-made dining table, features an electrical power point, while hiding the unsightly wires.



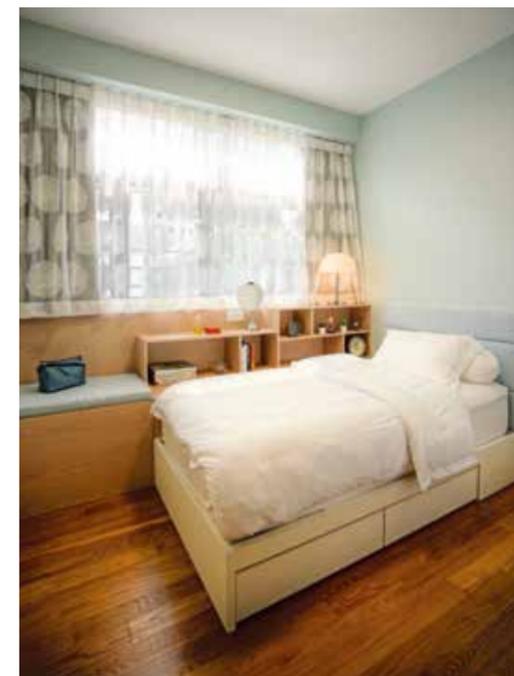
Warm retreat

The master bedroom boasts warmer hues and a more mature design scheme, centred around the statement-making headboard, designed with warm cove lights and a muted floral wallpaper from Japan. Full-height mirrors and textured wallpaper in a lavish shade of dark latte also class up the intimate interior. Making full use of the bay window, the designers worked in a display shelf and an asymmetrical vanity that doesn't take up too much of the walkway.



Dual function

Light blue upholstery and wallpaper run through the common bedroom, offering a soothing contrast to the dark wood floors. The designers have covered the concrete bay area with wood-look laminates for a softer touch. It's also made functional with seating, a shelving feature and electrical power points. A custom-made bed frame, which boasts storage compartments further maximises the footprint.



THE BRIEF

Though based in Indonesia, this family of three (comprising a woman in her 20s and her parents) travels to Singapore for short sabbaticals almost every month, and thus needed a holiday home. Because it will often be left empty, the apartment had to be low-maintenance. The homeowners also wanted the space to look and feel like a hotel. To create a second home that will stand the test of time, the designers at Ultimate Interior Creation went for a monochrome palette, and layered it with simple yet sophisticated details.

At 699sqft, space planning proved to be a challenge. Yet, instead of tearing walls down, the designers built one up to create a foyer and close up a part of the open-plan kitchen. Their expertise in maximising space makes the apartment feel spacious.



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