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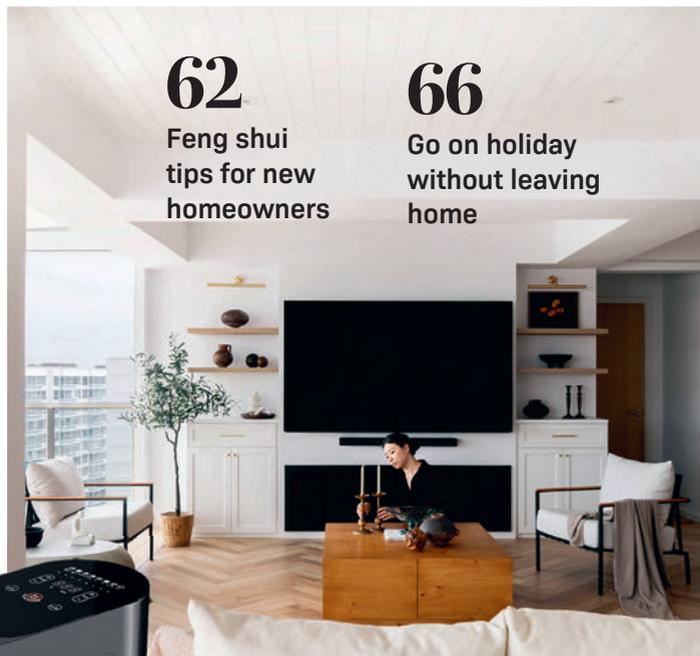
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Monotone, not monotonous

At home, actor Desmond Ng keeps it simple but elegant.



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Actor Desmond Ng's new home is infused with a style that resonates with his personality.

TEXT
Sean Yee

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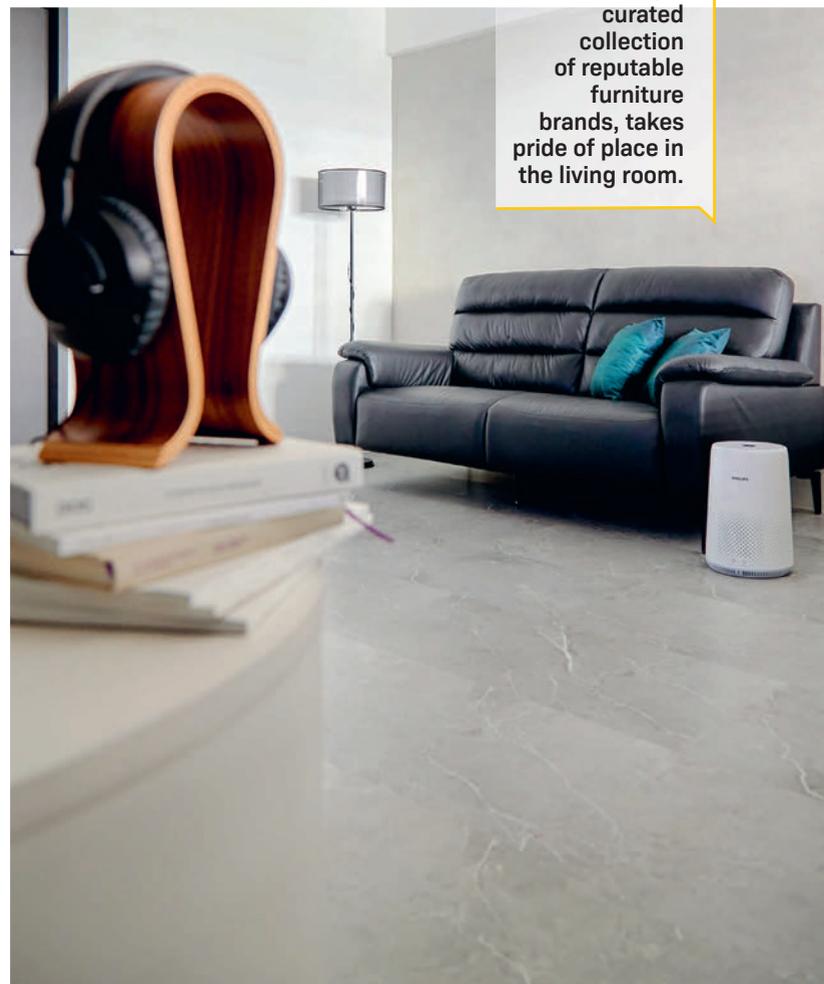
“ I want a space that is personally comfortable...it’s my way of taking full control of the private aspects of a life that is predominantly public. ”



G etai singer, television host and up-and-coming actor Desmond Ng is best known for his successes in the professional sphere, especially given his recent Best Actor Nomination at the Star Awards this year. However, beyond his public persona hides a composed, calm, and deeply introspective soul eager to recharge in a serene space that he can call his own.

Home, to him, is a refuge from life’s cacophony; a chamber that preserves the authenticity that has followed him even before his foray into the public eye. In fact, his apartment is the best personification of his desire for intimacy, with a minimalistic open concept that fuses a beautifully urban aesthetic with brilliantly practical nuances.

The 3-seater sofa, part of Gain City’s curated collection of reputable furniture brands, takes pride of place in the living room.





If your home had a personality, what would it be?

I think my home can be best described as a haven or perhaps a familiar escape from the hustle of my public life. I want a living space that is personally comfortable, cosy and safe for me to embrace my true self. In a way, it is bold and daring, for it represents an aspect of me that isn't dictated by anyone else but me, and it's my way of taking full control of the private aspects of a life that is predominantly public. At its core, my home is a space where I can unwind, let loose, and let go after a long day at work, where I can shift my focus from my professional responsibilities to myself.

Above: The bedroom, a serene space to recharge and relax.

Right: An eye-catching rug from the owner's design label graces the study adjoining the bedroom.

What motivated your transition from singing to acting?

My childhood friend, Wang Wei Liang (best known as Recruit Lobang in *Ah Boys to Men*) was my getai partner when we first started. When he got his first big break with *Ah Boys to Men*, he encouraged me to audition for a cameo role in the movie. I didn't know it at the time, but acting would soon become my full-time job!

Guess you never expected to add 'acting' to your repertoire?

Funnily enough, I never thought I was going to be a getai singer, let alone an actor, even in my wildest of dreams. Truth be told, I assumed I would have led a more conventional life, perhaps as a salesman after I graduated from school. That just goes to show the unpredictability of life, and its many surprises!



On that note, how does your home space accommodate your already hectic schedule?

Just looking around my apartment, it is pretty apparent that I embrace minimalism. I don't enjoy clutter or design concepts that embrace clutter as a natural accompaniment. My home is mostly low-maintenance, and I only keep what I really need. I guess that's how my home exudes a sense of spaciousness despite it being a 3-room apartment. With that said, most of my furnishings act as storage spaces as well! Take, for example, the very seats we're sitting on – they also function as shoe closets. That way, the unavoidable clutter does not inhabit and occupy my rest space, leaving more room for personal contemplation and entertainment.





What is it about black and white that draws you in?

Somehow, I have always found this mix to be perfectly versatile. They are distinctively contrasting, yet beautifully congruous. For me, it is the absolute expression of individuality that accentuates the duality of our private and public selves. You can see this in the segmentation of my spaces using these colours, that each space is fittingly clear in its specific function.

This has also inspired my

new clothing brand, @imperfect.dmd, which offers a series of black and white oversized tees.

How do you incorporate art into your home while still upholding its minimalistic open concept?

Many assume minimalism to be the removal of clutter. That's not true. It's all about being deliberate about what I do with my space

so that it represents only what truly matters. You can tell there isn't a trove of artistic impressions in my home, but the lack of it accentuates the meaningfulness of those that I do display.

One of which is this incredibly abstract piece that was designed by a dear friend – an impressionistic caricature put together by gold leaves that alludes to the passion that is concealed behind my quiet countenance. Also, it's great for feng shui so double points!

Uncluttered and consciously bare, the study offers a conducive environment for contemplation.



What advice would you give to aspiring homeowners hoping to create an intimate space like yours?

Always remember that your home is an extension of you. What do you want to feel when you first step into your home? Personally, I like a space that enables me to feel good, feel happy, and feel free. I can understand the concerns of practicality, but personal sentimentality and wants are what allow a home to feel unique, and distinct. Make them the primary fundamentals of your conceptualisation, and then incorporate practicality into the mix. There are so many creative ways to fulfil the practical aspects of home design with multi-dimensional furnishings. That way, you avoid falling into the pothole that is filled with “what ifs” and overwhelming your home with unnecessary clutter.

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Which area(s) of your home do you find to be most special and welcoming?

My living room for sure. Many do not know this, but during my formative years as a getai singer, I was renting apartments. And as any renter would know, the living room is a shared space, so I would spend most of my time confined in my bedroom. Finally, I have a living room that I can call my own, and just that alone delivers this satisfying sense of freedom that is savoured.

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At the entrance to the kitchen, the all-black Samsung 2-door fridge continues the minimalist concept.

“ When paired with ambient music and warm lighting, it is an incredibly vibrant and relatable space... ”



Do you entertain often at home?

The apartment is relatively new, so not many have had the chance to see my new home. On that note, however, I am rather selective about who enters my home, for it reflects my more private self. My friends that have come over love my living room. When paired with ambient music and warm lighting, it is an incredibly vibrant and relatable space that exemplifies the comforts of a home. It is built around me and my passions, and the living room really opens up whenever I'm lounging.



A compact kitchen with the equally compact dual-function Samsung Washer/Dryer 9.

How does your home integrate your professional self into its design?

I do my very best to separate my work life from my personal life. This space is akin to my personal pocket realm – it doesn't incorporate many elements of my professional life except my proudest achievements (like my Star Award). When I'm here, I want to embrace a piece of me that isn't available while I'm at work. When I'm here, I want to be really here, not in this strange flux between my private life and my professional life.

Any thoughts on 'Smart Homes'?

Love it. In fact, my entire home is connected via a mobile app I can check whenever I'm on the go. And the best thing about it is that it isn't especially evident. I wanted its interconnectivity to subtly integrate itself within my home so that it doesn't intrude on my home's veritably warm nuances. Of course, many laud the practicality that smart connectivity brings to home design, but I think it should be done less conspicuously so that it doesn't overwhelm the home's ambience.

What are some must-haves you would recommend from Gain City?

For sure, it would be its sofa. Weirdly enough, I wasn't aware that Gain City carried a range of couches and recliners and I'm surprisingly pleased by their quality and workmanship. Homeowners should definitely consider one as well!

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A cafe at home?

Why not? With the right coffee machine, home could be the best java destination.

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Wake up and smell the coffee

With International Coffee Day around the corner, it's a good time to celebrate this humble beverage with our pick of the best coffee-making machines.

TEXT Melanie Wong

October 1 is International Coffee Day, the perfect occasion to celebrate one of the world's most popular beverages. These days, coffee can be enjoyed many ways – steaming hot, chilled, frozen, flavoured with spices and syrups, or topped with milk, cream or cocoa powder. And with many different types of beans available – each one offering different flavour profiles and intensities – it's easy to make a smooth-tasting and delicious cup.

While you can easily purchase instant coffee and pre-ground beans, it's more satisfying to make your own cuppa from scratch, using the best-quality whole beans and a top-notch coffee-making machine that will grind the beans to perfection before extracting their full flavours and aromas.



Be your own barista

Italian home appliance brand De'Longhi is renowned for its range of espresso coffee makers, which features cutting-edge technology and innovation.

The Magnifica EVO ECAM290.81.TB lets you be your own barista at home. This stylish, fully automatic coffee-maker has a soft-touch control panel with different recipes like Latte Macchiato and Cappuccino, so you can prepare the perfect cup at the touch of a button.

Redefine your coffee experience

This top-of-the-line De'Longhi Maestosa Fully Automatic Coffee Machine houses two different coffee bean containers for the ultimate coffee blend experience. Each container has its own grinder for dedicated grinding, preserving the flavours and aroma of each bean type.

Make non-coffee beverages too, like creamy hot chocolate or frothy milk, with the exclusive MixCarafe, or create a dense, creamy froth with the LatteCrema System.

The luxurious machine also uses adaptive grinding technology for the perfect grind. The dual heating systems, consisting of the water heating circuit and dedicated thermoblock, guarantees the precise temperature stability for both milk texturing and coffee extraction.

The elegant striped, stainless-steel body and mirrored black glass with swivelling glass interface make the machine the ideal complement to any modern kitchen.



It also employs adjustable grinding technology, with conical burr steel grinders that are calibrated with the perfect accuracy to deliver excellent precision in the grind fineness. This grinding level is electrically controlled and customisable according to your coffee blend and personal taste.

The state-of-the-art LatteCrema system includes a milk carafe so that you can make milk-coffee beverages with ease.



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The intelligent coffee maker

The Philips Coffee Machine T0182419 EP1220/00 can brew two coffees from fresh beans and at the perfect temperature, thanks to its intelligent brewing system. Select your favourite coffee beverage from the intuitive touch display, and customise the ideal cup using the 12-step grinder adjustment and My Coffee Choice, which lets you select aroma strength and coffee quantity. Top your beverage with a delicious milk froth using the classic milk frother.



To check out the full range of coffee machines available, scan here



Latte perfection

Easily make coffee beverages like espresso, cappuccino and latte macchiato at the touch of a button with the Philips EP4346/70 LatteGo 4000. The LatteGo milk system tops your favourite cuppa with smooth froth, is easy to set up, and can be cleaned in as little as 15 seconds. Other impressive features include an intuitive display, 100% ceramic grinders, 12-step grinder adjustment, a coffee customiser, and an AquaClean filter.



Endless coffee possibilities

The Jura ENA 8 is a compact home espresso machine with a menu of 10 one-touch coffee specialties, including ristretto, espresso, doppio, flat white, and macchiato. What stands out about the eye-catching asymmetrical design is the water reservoir with its diamond-shaped pattern. One of the machine's most impressive features is P.E.P® (Pulse Extraction Process), which pulses water through the puck to extract all the flavours and aromas out of your coffee.





Expert advice to enjoying the best cup of coffee

Muhammad Arshad Bin Mohamed Yasid, Assistant Manager at Toby's Estate Coffee Roasters, shares his top grinding and brewing tips.

Q: What do you love most about making and drinking coffee?

I love how you can taste a variety of flavours in every cup. Brewing coffee is one of my favourite things to do – the best part is grinding the beans because I absolutely love the smell of fresh coffee grounds.

Q: What's the secret to the perfect cup of coffee?

You have to know how to grind the beans. The dose, the yield and the grind size are most important for the most delicious cup.

Q: How should coffee be enjoyed?

When you drink it, take your time to appreciate the different complex flavours.

Q: What's the best way to make coffee at home?

Filtered coffee is the best. It doesn't matter what type of filtered coffee it is. If you brew it well, you know it's going to taste great.

Q: What do you think is the most popular coffee beverage in the world?

I'd say the humble flat white – espresso with steamed milk and the perfect amount of foam.

Q: What should one never do to their coffee?

Don't use pre-ground coffee beans because pre-grinding affects the beans' wonderful, volatile aromas and flavours.

Q: Can you share a recipe for a trendy coffee-based drink?

This Espresso Tonic is refreshing on a hot day. Here's my recipe.

Espresso Tonic:

1. Half-fill a glass with ice.
2. Add 135ml of chilled tonic water.
3. Float 15ml of espresso (made with Toby's Estate Woolloomooloo Espresso blend) on top of the tonic water. (The Woolloomooloo blend is syrupy and round, with distinct flavours of heavy chocolate, dried fruit and butterscotch, along with a hint of brightness to keep it lively.)
4. Squeeze a slice of orange into the tonic water, then add to the glass to garnish.





The best brew

Get an authentic barista experience at home with this range of technologically advanced Italian coffee machines.

Master the art of coffee making with De'Longhi's range of coffee machines. They are driven by De'Longhi technology, including the integrated conical burr stainless steel grinder, which is calibrated to 100% accuracy to guarantee the perfect coffee grind, and the brewing unit, which provides the optimal infusion pressure in every brewing cycle, resulting in the extraction of a perfect, creamy, dense and aromatic coffee. There's also the dual Thermoblock system, which heats both the water and milk to perfection, and the innovative LatteCrema system.

From fully automatic coffee machines to manual pump machines with integrated technologies to offer the home barista experience, there is a machine to suit every home.



The **Magnifica EVO range ECAM290.81.TB** is a fully automatic espresso coffee machine with adjustable grinding technology and the state-of-the-art LatteCrema system, which includes a milk carafe so that you can make milk coffee beverages with ease. Whether you use dairy milk or plant-based milk (like oat, almond or soy), this machine creates a silky-smooth milk foam or froth for the ultimate cafe experience. The machine is equipped with seven different one-touch coffee recipes, like Latte Macchiato, Cappuccino, Espresso, Coffee and Long.

Also from the Magnifica EVO range is the **ECAM290.31.SB**, an espresso coffee machine with a manual milk frother, which infuses air and steam into the milk so that you can enjoy a delicious foamy drink.



The new **Dedica Arte EC885.BG** is a compact, pump espresso machine featuring 15-bar pressure to achieve the best coffee extraction. This machine has an adjustable tray that can accommodate cups with a height of up to 12cm. It also lets you make personalised beverages, thanks to the MyLatteArt steam wand, which froths milk into a silky-smooth micro foam.

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In our humid and sometimes hazy environment, dehumidifiers and air purifiers are smart investments for the home.

TEXT Andrew Y

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With humidity in Singapore turning our homes into steam rooms lately, many homeowners have started looking into acquiring a dehumidifier. This differs from a humidifier in that it removes moisture from the environment and condenses

it into liquid water, whereas the latter adds moisture to it. A dehumidifier offers many benefits, including eliminating musty odours that can accompany mould and mildew; minimising mildew growth and dampness on windows, furniture and valuables; speeding up the drying of

clothes that are being air-dried; and helping to reduce dust mite allergens.

Both appliances are also different from an air purifier, which removes airborne contaminants, dust and allergens, and redistributes clean air to improve indoor air quality.

We look at some outstanding models.



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The LG Dehumidifier MD19GQGA1 has a dual inverter compressor, which is effective in saving energy, lowering noise, and making the appliance extremely durable. Using the ThinQ app, you can easily monitor and control the dehumidifier, anywhere, anytime.

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Cleans and cools

The Philips Air Purifier & Fan AMF765/30 purifies large rooms of up to 70 sqm and distributes clean airflow to every corner, removing contaminants and allergens such as bacteria, pollen, pet dander, dust mites, mould spores and odours. Additionally, it cools you down with powerful, clean airflow that feels natural and pleasant, thanks to the bladeless design.



BEST NEW FINDS

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enhancers
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Minimalistic design

The sleek and simple design of the Mistral Dehumidifier 20L MDH2065 allows it to blend seamlessly into any space. Powerful yet compact, it removes moisture in the air to eliminate allergens, boasts two speeds with four functions (Auto, Fan, Dry, Laundry), automatically sanitises with a built-in filter, and is low-noise.



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For homes with pets

Allergens can be an issue if you have pets, but the LG Air Purifier Pet Mode AS65GDSTO helps remove dust and allergens, and delivers fresh air in return. Thanks to its clever design, it purifies the air all around you, in every direction, no matter where you place it.



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ALLEASY Pro

MIDEA AIR CONDITIONER



Easy & Deep Cleaning



Smart Control



Super Ionizer



MSmartHome App



Breathe easier with Midea

Get cosy with your families and friends, and enjoy clean air with Midea's All Easy Pro Air Conditioners.



Forget the traditional remote control: with the MSmartHome app on your phone, you'll enjoy the convenience of controlling your air-con temperature anytime and from anywhere.

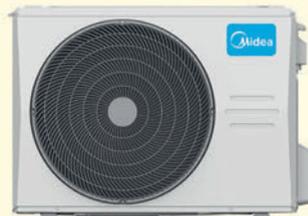
ALL EASY BENEFITS

For those allergic to dust, Midea's All Easy Pro-Super Ionizer elements emit negative and positive ions to neutralise dust and eliminate bacteria.

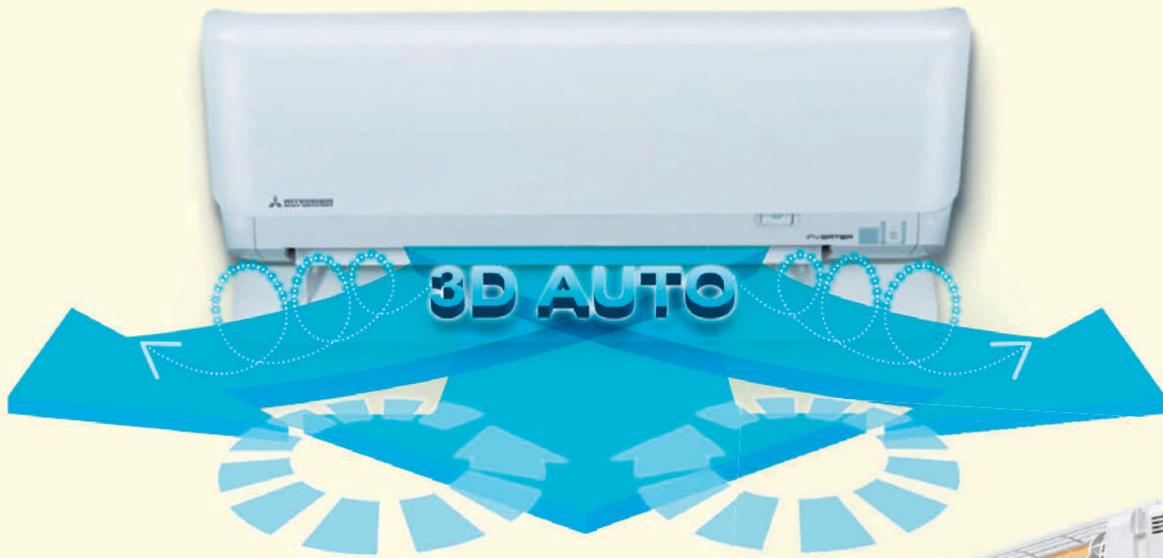
For a peaceful night's sleep, turn on the silent mode and enjoy undisturbed sleep. And when you choose

the "Follow Me Mode", the cool air will cover just about any direction in your bedroom.

Turn on "Sleep Mode" before going to bed and it will automatically adjust to a temperature suitable for you. Best part is, it helps you save on monthly electrical bills.



Scan here to find out more



Like a cool breeze

Enjoy comfortable and effective cooling in all your rooms, thanks to this air-con's special features.

You want your air-con unit to emit cool or warm air into your room and not directly at you. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) specialises in air-conditioners that do this and a lot more.



WIDE-ANGLE REACH



CONTROLLED AIRFLOW

The 3D Auto Vertical + Horizontal feature automatically controls airflow volume and airflow direction, so that comfortable air-conditioning of the entire room can be done effectively. The cooled air flows directly to the ceiling in cooling operation mode, and not directly at the occupants of the room. This cooled airflow comes via the ceiling like a cool breeze. In the heating mode, warm air flows downward to the floor directly and then spreads along the floor, achieving optimum comfort.

The airflow direction from the unit's right and left louvers can be controlled individually. Eight different airflow patterns can be selected.



CLEAN AIR

MHI's air-cons have an Allergen Clear Filter to deactivate allergens and bacteria, and a Nano Air Filter which can remove 99% of pollutants as microscopically small as PM 2.5.



The same aerodynamic analysis technology used in developing jet engines has been applied to the design of air channels in MHI's air-cons for the best air circulation. The result is a uniform gentle breeze in every corner of the room.



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COOL STUFF

Love the outdoors

Create a cosy space where you can embrace the outdoors to relax, lounge and entertain.

Cool savers

Keeping your home cool shouldn't burn a hole in your pocket, as these air-conditioners demonstrate.

TEXT Andrew Y

Air-conditioners used to be costly to run, but these days, many brands offer energy-efficient models, which cool your home faster and keep it at a consistently low and comfortable temperature without increasing your energy bills.

When buying an energy-saving air-con, keep an eye out for the Energy Efficient Ratio (EER). A higher EER indicates better energy efficiency, but remember that higher EER models may also cost more.

Inverter air-conditioners are also more energy efficient because they can vary the speed of their compressors for precise temperature control.

Other features and controls that can help you save energy: Programmable timers, sleep modes, adjustable fan speed, and Wi-Fi connectivity so that you can control the air-con unit from anywhere.



Intelligent operator

The R32 refrigerant range from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries is available as single and multi-split systems. The air-conditioners have an Auto Off feature, which stops the unit from operating and goes to standby mode after one hour's absence. It turns on again when human activity is detected within 12 hours, or turns off after a 12-hour absence. The Fuzzy Auto Operation feature has temperature and humidity sensors that check room conditions. The unit automatically controls the operation mode and the setting temperature to operate efficiently.



To check out the full range of air-conditioners available, scan here



Cleaner, fresher air

The Hitachi FrostWash range of air-conditioners is rated five ticks by the NEA (National Environment Agency), meaning that they have a high EER. FrostWash is Hitachi's proprietary self-cleaning technology, allowing you to enjoy fresher, cleaner air by trapping pollutants like mould and dust into ice before melting and flushing them away.



Energy consumption you can control

LG's Dualcool Single Split Smart Inverter Aircon S3-Q12JL1PA has a display that keeps you updated on your air-con's energy consumption so that you can monitor and adjust if need be. It also offers four levels of energy consumption that you can control based on your needs. The LG DUAL Inverter Compressor cools faster and more efficiently, thereby helping you save on energy bills.

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Quick cool

Midea All Easy Pro Multi Split Indoor Unit has a five-tick energy rating from the NEA. Other notable features include Turbo Mode, which provides maximum air speed to cool your room quickly; 3D airflow to swing the deflector in all angles to provide cool air to every corner; PRIMEGUARD Golden Fin – Midea's hydrophobic protective coating that protects the AC unit and motors from corrosion, weathering and mould growth; and Sleep Mode, which adjusts the temperature accordingly when you're asleep to save energy.



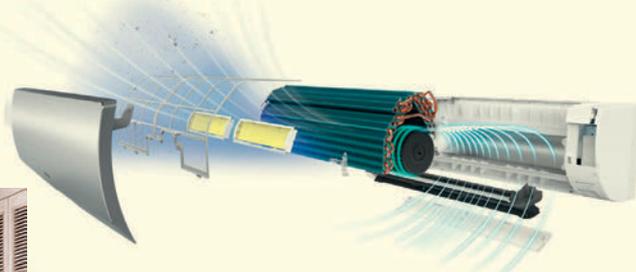
Portable comfort

If you need a temporary or mobile cooling alternative, the TCL Portable Aircon TAC14CPAKNG is your answer. It utilises a patented and exclusive Titan Gold nanotechnology to bring you higher efficiency and more cost-saving air-conditioning. Other main benefits include faster evaporation, which translates to faster cooling and no water drainage issues; and longer durability, making it good value for money.

Find the right air-conditioner for your home

What to look for when selecting the most suitable one for your family.

information about your air-con unit from anywhere. The Hitachi AirCloud Home app, for instance, lets you operate your Hitachi air-con unit and manage its temperature even when you're out.



Air filters: These catch dust and other harmful pollutants to improve indoor air quality.
Energy efficiency: COP (Coefficient of Performance) reflects how energy-efficient a model is. The higher the rating, the better for your wallet.

Hitachi's FrostWash™ range of air-conditioners are highly energy-efficient and eco-friendly to boot.

Quality clean air: A safer home is one that continually has a lot of outside air replenishing the stale air within. Hitachi air-conditioners help circulate and purify air at the same time. The FrostWash™ technology is proven to successfully remove 99.9 per cent* of viruses and 93 per cent** of mould and bacteria.

In addition to the self-cleaning technology, Hitachi air-conditioners are equipped with the PM2.5 Wasabi Air-Purifying Filter, which effectively removes 99 per cent*** of microscopic 2.5 µm particles. This extra filter has been proven to be antibacterial and have deodorising properties, which in combination with the stainless pre-filter gives the room quality clean air. The Nano Titanium Stainless Pre-filter is also durable, easy-to-clean and reduces bacterial growth by preventing dust from entering the unit.

Ease of maintenance: Certain maintenance tasks can be performed by the homeowner, such as washing the stainless pre-filter, checking for mould, and so on. For better indoor air quality, it is recommended that the air purification filter be replaced after 1 year. Therefore, check that the company you're buying from provides friendly after sales service with genuine parts replacement.

Hitachi's FrostWash™ range boasts a revolutionary self-cleaning technology, which eliminates mould, dust and bacteria by trapping the impurities in ice and then melting and flushing them away.

*Tested by Kitasato Research Centre for Environment Science, Japan. Test no. 2020_0386: Suppress Virus effect observation test by operating FrostWash®.

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*** Wasabi Air Purifying Filter tested by Hitachi Environmental Test Laboratory.

^ Optional accessories in SG market (aircloud home).

^^ Product models may differ according to country.



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Leading air-conditioner manufacturer Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning shares their expertise so you know what to look for when shopping for a unit.

HOW AIR-CONDITIONERS WORK

Air-conditioners suck warm air from the room. This heat and moisture are then transferred to an outside unit via a liquid called a refrigerant, which has the ability to convert into a gas.

As the refrigerant transports the heat outside, the air-conditioner blows the newly cooled air back into the room through a fan.

Once the hot refrigerant gas reaches the outside unit, the outside air removes its heat and the compressor turns the refrigerant gas back into a liquid to repeat the process all over again.

KNOW YOUR AIR-CON TYPES

Single-split system: Requires both an indoor and an outdoor unit and is most popular for homes as it's easy to install. Designed to provide climate control to one room within your house.

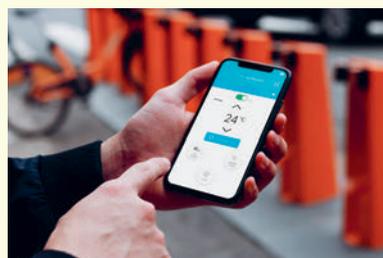
Multi-split system: Connects one outdoor unit to two or more indoor units. Compared with single split, the multi-split system allows multiple IDUs to be installed and connected with a single ODU, which saves installation space and time.

The Hitachi air-conditioners with FrostWash™ Technology offer both single- and multi-split system models.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Modes: Do you want to be able to cool your home more as well? Do you need a fan mode for air circulation inside the room, or specific sleep modes, which regulates room temperature for an optimal sleep environment as well as saving energy?

Internet of Things compatibility: Turn your phone into a smart remote control so you can receive alerts and



Find out more at <https://www.hitachiaircon.com/sg/>



Triple air Purification System



1 FrostWash®

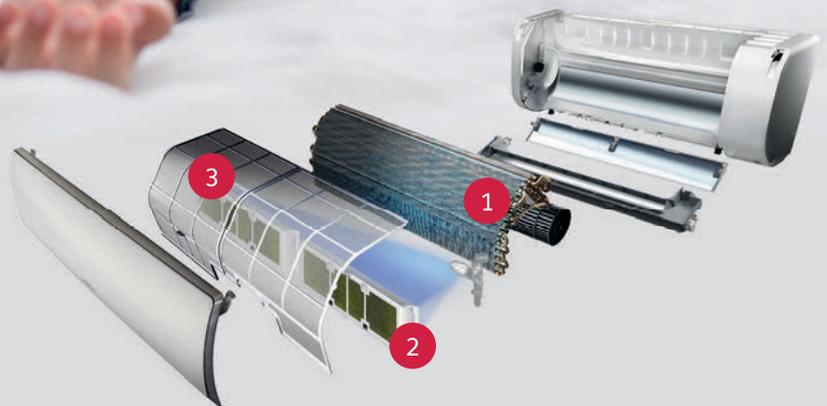
FrostWash® is a self-cleaning technology that freezes water moisture around the heat exchanger, trapping dust and bacteria in a thick layer of frost.

2 PM 2.5 Wasabi Air Purifying Filter

PM 2.5 refers to particulate matter (PM) that have a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometers, so small that they can easily enter the lungs and cause damage.

3 Nano Titanium Stainless Pre-filter

The anti-static properties of stainless steel attracts less dust compared to filters made out of plastic material. A single wipe without water is all that is required to remove dust from the filter. It is also more durable and easier to clean.



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Cooling & Heating





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More than just chilling

These refrigerators do more than keep your food and beverages cold; some are smart and do the thinking for you, while others elevate your kitchen with their unique designs.

TEXT Andrew Y

Refrigerators keep your food and beverages cold so that they can be stored and enjoyed for days, weeks or even months. They also control humidity levels, preserve the nutritional value of food and help to maintain the texture, taste, colour and shape of meats, seafood, vegetables and fruit.

Thanks to technology and creative designers who think out of the (fridge) box, you'll find a range of them in various heights and sizes and with multiple features, from special compartments that keep fruit and veggies crisp, to "smart" features that can keep track of important details about your food, such as their expiry and usage. There are also fridges with customisable designs to enhance the look of your kitchen.



Great for small families

The De Dietrich DRP1906JE 248L Built-In Top Bottom 2-Door Refrigerator is ideal for busy working families. Its key features include a reversible door, LED lighting, a temperature and door alarm, and plenty of shelves and storage to keep your food and beverages fresh and chilled, and your fruit and veggies crisp and tasty. With a net capacity of 248L it's the perfect size for a small to medium household.

Express yourself

Create a fridge that blends seamlessly with your kitchen with the Samsung Bespoke 4 Door Bundle Fridge F-60A93KGG18GG. The panels are available in various colours, such as Clean Peach and Satin Beige, that can be changed to suit your design preferences. The four-door fridge has a 496L capacity, shelves made from tempered glass, and a FlexZone that keeps different foods fresh in the optimal conditions, like Freeze or Soft Freeze. The Triple Cooling, Precise Cooling and Metal Cooling features extend the freshness of your food.



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Smart and stylish

With Smart+ Cooling, this Midea Side By Side 565L Fridge MDRS791MYC45SG ensures the best storage environment for vegetables and fruit. Its key features include a Smart Sensor, which helps maintain consistently cool or cold temperatures; multi-air flow, so that food stays fresh and keeps its original taste, colour and shape; and humidity control crispers which can store different types of food at different humidity levels.



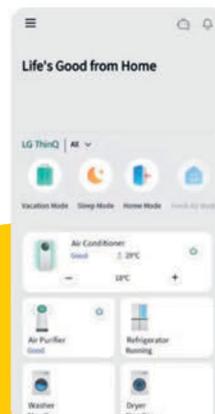
Keep your cool

Enjoy delicious fresh food daily with the Mitsubishi MRWX70CWP 6-Door Refrigerator. The large 576L capacity is just what busy families need for their groceries and other food items. The refrigerator boasts a Neuro Inverter, which maximises energy savings according to your lifestyle; Supercool Chilling, which provides the ideal low temperature for storing meat, fish and other perishable items; and Vitamin Factory, which stimulates the photosynthesis process, with LED lights to keep fruits and vegetables fresher for longer.



Luxe and sleek

The LG GF-B4533PZ 464L French Door Fridge adds a sophisticated touch to your kitchen, with its platinum silver exterior, pocket handle and stylish French doors. Inside, the fridge boasts a range of impressive features, such as Linear Cooling+, Door Cooling+ and Hygiene Fresh+ to maintain the integrity, freshness, colour, texture and taste of your food; a twist ice maker; and a tempered glass shelf, which is strong enough for heavy items. This smart fridge also lets you control key features using the LG ThinQ app.



To check out the full range of fridges available, scan here





Sleek Design for an Elegant and Modern Kitchen

The new LG InstaView™ French Door Refrigerator comes in a delightful union of mint green and beige which breathes life into the modern kitchen. Packed with features that prolong freshness, the sophisticated French door (GF-Q5143GE) will undoubtedly elevate your kitchen to a height of style and luxury, while keeping your food fresh and organized.

LG Objet Collection™



The cold treatment

This sleek and compact French Door Refrigerator prolongs the freshness of your food.

Wouldn't it be great to own a fridge that not only ensures your food stays fresher for longer, but also allows you to see what's inside, from the outside?

The LG French Door Refrigerator (Model: GF-Q5143GE) fulfils these requirements and more. Part of the Objet collection, it comes in Beige and Mint Green and has a compact, minimalistic design to suit any kitchen.

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REDUCES LOSS OF COLD AIR

Made in Korea, the 527L-capacity fridge has an InstaView Door-in-Door™, which drastically reduces the loss of cold air by eliminating the need to open the door, thus allowing food to be kept fresher for longer. The door also allows you to see what is inside by simply knocking the door twice.

EXTRA COOL FEATURES

The fridge boasts Linear Cooling™, which maintains temperature fluctuations at $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}^*$ to ensure even cooling.

Working in tandem is the Door Cooling+™ feature. Powerful airflow from the air vents located at the top of the fridge interior cools down items on the shelves quickly and reduces temperature gaps to ensure even cooling.

Hygiene Fresh+ keeps your fridge clean by deodorising and removing up to 99.999% of bacteria.



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7 expert tips to creating a beautiful outdoor space

Whether it's your quiet place to relax or an area for entertaining, here are some ideas to make it look spacious and inviting.

TEXT Leslie Ong

More homeowners are finding ways to embrace the outdoors in their high-rise apartments. The good news is, even if you only have a tiny balcony or a little spot outside your home, you can still create an outdoor haven that's perfect for relaxing, lounging or entertaining.

From choosing the right furniture to adding enhancements like plants and ambient lighting, Patria Ramadha, an interior stylist and Founder of PATRIA Home & Décor, shares her tips for transforming a small or simple outdoor area into a calming, stunning and welcoming space.



Photos: Patria Ramadhia, PATRIA Home & Decor

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Think about how you will use the area

According to Patria, whether you want your balcony to be an alfresco dining room, a quiet place to relax in, or an outdoor lounge in which to host parties – or perhaps all three – it's important to have a clear sense of how you intend to use the space before designing the layout. And while the dimensions of the area will determine its purpose and function, so too will your budget and the style you have in mind for it.

2

Check that your outdoor area is weatherproof

The second most important thing to consider is whether your balcony, outdoor spot or garden is sheltered or exposed to direct sunlight and rain, because this will affect the type of outdoor furniture, plants and ornaments you purchase, says Patria.

Ultimately, you want your outdoor space and everything in it to be easy to maintain. Not all outdoor furniture and ornaments are weatherproof, durable or easy to clean, so you need to choose your pieces carefully. Remember, too, that not all plants will survive if constantly exposed to the elements.

3

Size matters

As most Singapore balconies tend to be small, Patria says to avoid choosing large-sized or bulky furniture that takes up too much space.

“If you need an outdoor sofa, get one with a thin frame. And when it comes to dining sets, a high bar table is a wise choice for small areas as it has a narrow or small table top.”

4

Consider layout and placement

Where you place the furniture, plants, lighting and ornaments can make a difference to how big or small your balcony will end up looking.

“The right layout can make a relatively small space look larger,” Patria points out. “If your balcony is tiny, try positioning the sofa flush against the wall to give a more ‘open’ feel and create extra space to move around in.”

She adds that a disorganised layout and using wrong-sized furniture are the two biggest mistakes that many homeowners make when doing up their outdoor space.



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Go green

Patria firmly believes that plants can help liven up an outdoor area.

“Never underestimate what a bit of greenery can do for your balcony. Aside from helping to absorb carbon dioxide, plants make any area look calm and relaxing the way nothing else can.

“You don’t have to completely fill your outdoor space with plants. Depending on the layout, you can add a few small potted plants, a couple of large potted plants or hanging plants, or a combination of all three. Plants that are easy to maintain are best, or if you don’t have a green thumb, artificial plants work just as well to bring the space to life.”

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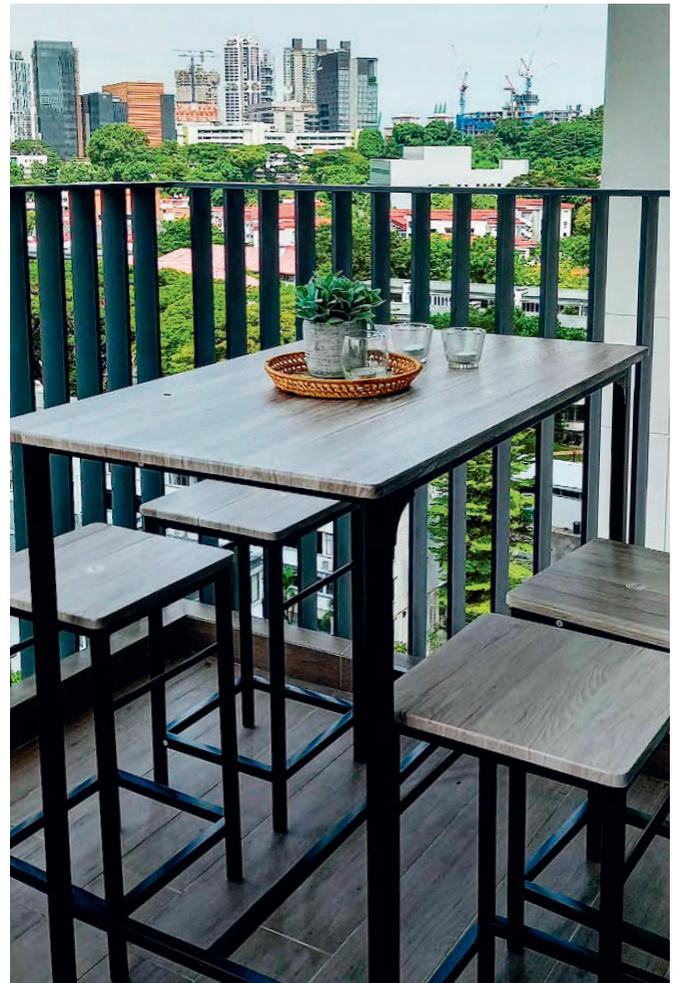
Lighten up

Another way to add interest to your balcony is with outdoor ambient lighting – think string lights, votive LED candles, and so on. Patria says that there are many options to choose from that are also easy to install.

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Add some accessories

Accessories can add fun, colour and character to your outdoor area. A water feature is a good idea, but only if you have a large space or garden. Rugs are also a beautiful addition – select a colour and/or pattern that works with the overall vibe you’ve chosen for the space. For an extra stylish touch, add functional accessories like trays, coasters and candle holders.



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Both the Xwell Slim Classic Plus Electric Storage Water Heater (20L and 30L) and the Xwell Cube Classic Plus Electric Storage Water Heater (15L and 30L) are sophisticated and modern. With their slim and cubic appearance, they are certainly a move away from traditional cylindrical water heaters.

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The RheemHot+™ Diffuser feature extends hot showers by up to 45% compared to other leading brands. And the RheemFoam™ Insulation retains up to 16% more heat (compared to other leading brands) in the inner tank, so that water stored in the inner tank remains hot for longer. Finally, the high quality Incoloy Heating Element heats water more quickly, delivering your desired water

temperature almost instantaneously.

DURABLE, LONG-LASTING AND SAFE

Both ranges also include RheemGlas™ Virtuous Enamel Glasslining coating on the inner tank, which protects against corrosion, increasing the durability and lifespan of the inner tank.

The RheemHD+™ Sacrificial Anode Rod also attracts sediment and other corrosive materials that may be present in the water, thus providing added protection against corrosion in the inner tank.

Other quality features include a Single Weld Line on the inner tank, reducing points of vulnerability and minimising water leakage by over 67%; a Pressure Relief Valve, which prevents excessive build-up of pressure within the water heating unit; and the RheemSafety™ Cut-off, which prevents overheating or scalding during showers.



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Creating a living space

Opt for furnishings that transform your home into a relaxing, living space.

TEXT Sean Yee

To check out the full range of furniture and beddings available, scan here



Beyond four walls, a paint job and functional appliances, a home needs to be a sanctuary for its owner. And for Ronald Lim, Gain City's Furniture and Bedding Director, such a haven needs furnishings with character and depth that provide not just comfort but also create a restorative living space.



Dining Tables and Chairs

As the saying goes, the nourishment of our bodies is food, while the nourishment of our souls is in feeding others. And to do both well, you'll need a good table. Gain City has an entire range of dining tables that serve families of any size.

For instance, with Steyn's Extendable Dining Set, each table can be fully customised, from table size, to table base and table top. "We always encourage our customers to actively voice their inputs and thoughts when involving any of our dining table sets. This includes their desired dimensions, preferred material (quartz, culture marble or sintered stone) as well as colour choice," shares Ronald.

The same goes for dining chairs, which can also be customised to the desired colours and materials. Customers are spoilt for choice with more than 50 dining chair selections to choose from.



Recliners

It is natural to want to seek solace in the comfort of your home, especially after a long day at work. For many, the recliner is the perfect restorative furniture to soothe both the mind and soul. Simply being able to lay on your recliner sofa tilted back, with your favourite drink on hand as you muse about your day's events can be both therapeutic and comforting. There are, of course, many variants of the recliners, so make sure to pick one that is perfect for you.

Need gradual and gentle guided movements to ease your tensions as the night approaches? The Girona Full Fabric Rocking Recliner, which comes with an adjustable rocking function, features a 360-degree swivel. Looking for something more low-maintenance? The Metz Leather Recliner is upholstered with an array of materials for customers to choose from. They can also opt to customise using easy-to-clean and water-repellent fabric. To choose a recliner that is perfect for you, Ronald opines that you should primarily focus on the recliner's comfort factor. "Its material quality and comfort levels are often inextricably intertwined," he adds.

Bedding Accessories

The most invigorating form of restoration, sleep is the fuel we need to reinforce our bodily functions and mental acuity. Think of your bed as the open canvas of your slumber, and your bedding accessories as the paint. No sleep can be complete without properly fitting pillows, bed sheets, and blankets.

Epitex's comfort pillow provides substantial head and neck support, so you know you won't wake up with stiff joints. It is also made of polycotton, a material that is known for its anti-bacterial properties. Pair that with Horgen's Zayne Bed Set, an all-encompassing

composition of pillow and bolster cases, a quilt cover, and a fitted sheet that is made with soft, combed cotton. If you enjoy your sheets with a silkier texture, you can instead opt for Horgen's Solid Fitted Sheet. Made with a blend of synthetic rayon and naturally occurring cotton fibres, this sheet has a satiny and delicate feel. In fact, with more than 15 acclaimed brands of bedding accessories under its roof, customers will have no shortage of styles to match their dream home.



E48GP



E48HP



Fan fare

These compact and energy-efficient ceiling fans are perfect for any home.

Ceiling fans are a staple in many Singapore homes. KDK fans are particularly loved for their durability, reliability and superior performance. Originating in Japan, the brand has been trusted for generations.

MODERN AND STYLISH ADDITIONS TO YOUR SPACE

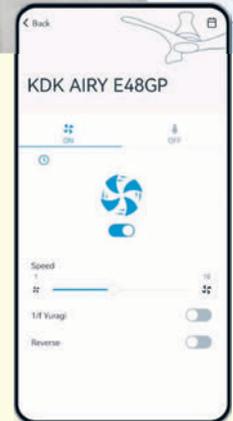
The KDK Airy E48GP model is dual function, offering both a fan and a light, while the E48HP model features only the fan function.

Both models boast a direct current (DC) motor, which explains why they are light, compact and energy-efficient.

Their 3D blades deliver smooth and strong, yet silent, airflow, thanks to the blades' owl-wing-like design. Plus, you can adjust the LED brightness and colour (for the E48GP model).

Safety comes first with KDK ceiling fans, which have the world's first patented safety design with a blade safety plate and safety wire that keep the blades from falling; a safety switch that automatically cuts off power when any shaft or bolt damage is detected; a safety wire that secures the fan motor to the ceiling hook; and a thermal safety fuse to protect the motor from power surges.

Other features include reverse function, 10-speed control with sleep mode, and a grouping and scheduling function that is available in the KDK Ceiling Fan App. Both models are available in Brown and Matte White for the Singapore market only.

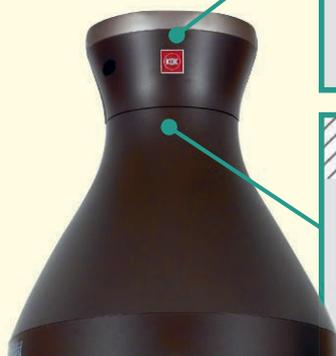
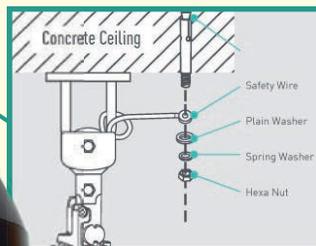
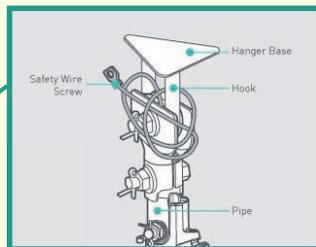


THE IDEAL CEILING FAN FOR HDB FLATS

For HDB flats and apartments with a ceiling height of 2.6m to 3m, the KDK Airy Series model is an ideal choice.

The E48GP and E48HP models also have the 1/f Yuragi function, a natural wind fluctuation pattern for comfort that makes you feel closer to nature, and the energy-saving mode, which adjusts the fan speed according to the surrounding temperature.

Safety Device



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This advanced and innovative OLED TV is the future of home entertainment.

As LG celebrates its 10th consecutive year as the world's top OLED TV brand¹, it continues to provide superior products and services to its customers. Its new line-up of OLED TVs, for example, are equipped with advanced features, an upgraded webOS platform, and superior picture quality – hallmarks of LG's commitment to excellence. LG OLED TV sizes range from 42" to a whopping 97".

Backed with its signature self-lit pixels, the range offers unprecedented picture quality – producing vibrant, accurate colours with deep blacks and infinite contrast ratio for hyper-realistic images.

STUNNING, REVOLUTIONARY VISUALS

The flagship OLED evo G3 TV is powered by the new a9 AI Processor 4K Gen6. The latest iteration of LG's processor provides improved brightness and greater colour accuracy, delivering breathtakingly realistic visuals. Additionally, the latest Alpha series processor utilises LG's sophisticated AI-assisted Deep Learning technology to ensure outstanding picture and sound quality.

The series stands out with the impressive LG Brightness Booster Max technology that uses cutting-edge light control architecture

and boosting algorithms to increase brightness by up to 70%². Controlled and mapped on a pixel-by-pixel basis, the TV's brightness level produces sharper, more realistic images. The series also features an elegant upgrade with its ultra-seamless One Wall Design, which leaves no visible gaps between the wall and the screen when mounted.

A MORE INTUITIVE AND RESPONSIVE EXPERIENCE

Equipped with the latest version of webOS, the series introduces an all-new Home: a redesigned user interface (UI) – users now have access to unparalleled customisation options and convenience, making for a more seamless and enjoyable viewing experience.

Another feature that enhances the user experience is AI Concierge, providing users with a tailored list of content selections based on prior usage and search queries.

Best of all, LG is so confident of its product, each G3 comes with a 5-year panel warranty.³



¹ LG OLED TV has been ranked the No.1 selling OLED TV Brand for 10 consecutive years by Omdia. ² 70% brighter applies to 55", 65" and 77" G3, compared to non-OLED evo models based on the Full White measurement. ³ In the first 3 years of the warranty, panel, parts and labour costs are covered. In the 4th-5th year of the warranty, only the panel is covered, and labour will be charged.



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Turn your living room into a theatre

Settle in for movie night, every night, with these big-screen TVs, soundbars and speakers.

TEXT Leslie Ong

One of the best things to do on weekends is to watch a movie at home with your loved ones. But if you thought you had to settle for a so-so experience with muffled sounds and grainy images, don't sell yourself short. The ultimate viewing (and auditory) experience is within reach, thanks to technology and groundbreaking innovations in the television industry.

After all, movies are made to be enjoyed on large screens, so it's worthwhile investing in a big-screen TV that provides lifelike, high-quality visuals, sound and colour. Depending on your family's needs and the size of your room, you can also enhance the experience with soundbars and speakers. These instantly add depth and quality to your TV's sound, taking your audio to the next level.

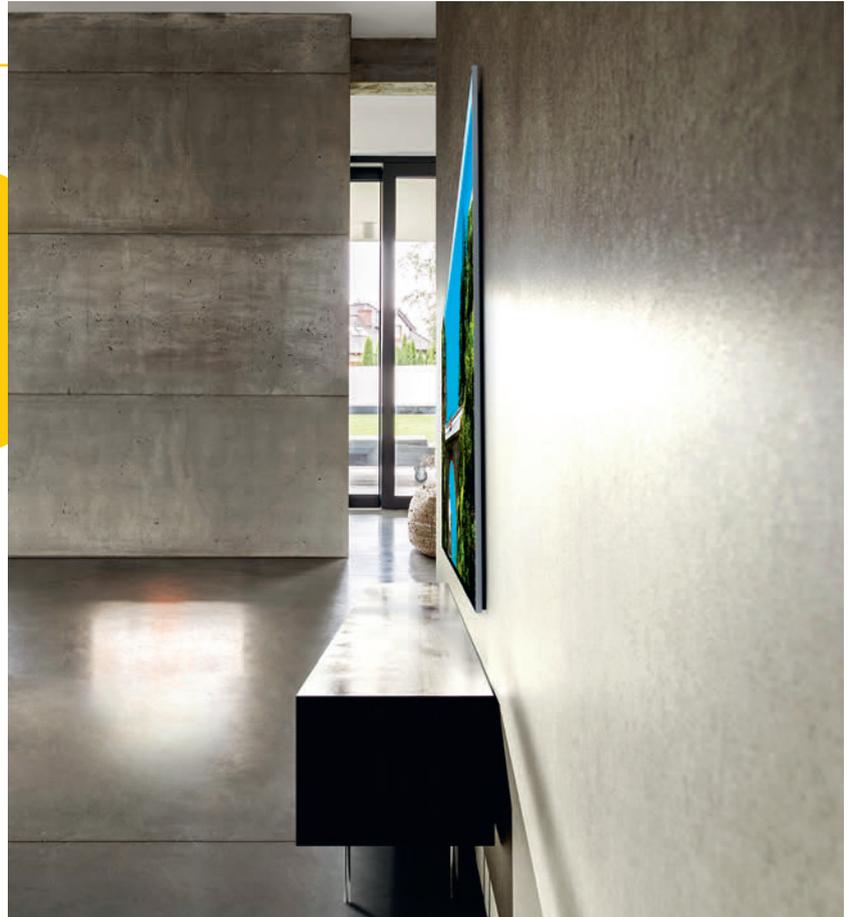




A visual treat

The upgraded G3 OLED evo series TV from LG delivers stunning, hyper-realistic visuals that are brighter and crisper than the previous line-up, with greater colour accuracy and more superb picture and sound quality. This is thanks to a range of features, such as the new a9 AI Processor Gen6, the latest iteration of LG's processor; LG's sophisticated AI-assisted Deep Learning technology; and LG Brightness Booster Max technology.

Aesthetically, the TV's ultra-seamless One Wall Design leaves no visible gaps between the wall and the screen when mounted.



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Living large

Philips The One 85-inch Ambilight TV 85PUS8808/12 has an expansive 85-inch 4K Ultra LED screen, delivering lifelike and vibrant images with powerful contrasts. The Ambilight feature will make you feel like you're in the cinema as it draws you closer into the action by intelligently projecting onscreen colours onto the surrounding walls and into the room in real time.

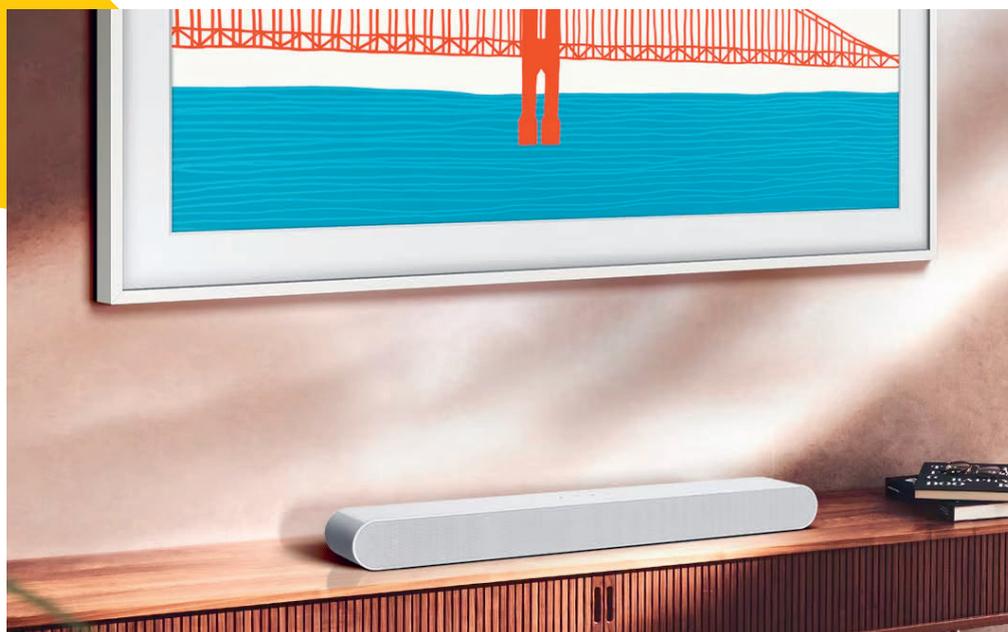
The Micro Dimming Pro ensures an immersive picture with higher contrast and better black levels. The wide colour display presents lifelike colours, while Perfect Natural Motion, Hybrid Log Gamma (HLG), and CalMAN Ready features guarantee vivid details on the screen.

Additionally, the TV is equipped with Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos, delivering an incredible audio-visual performance for films, shows, and games.

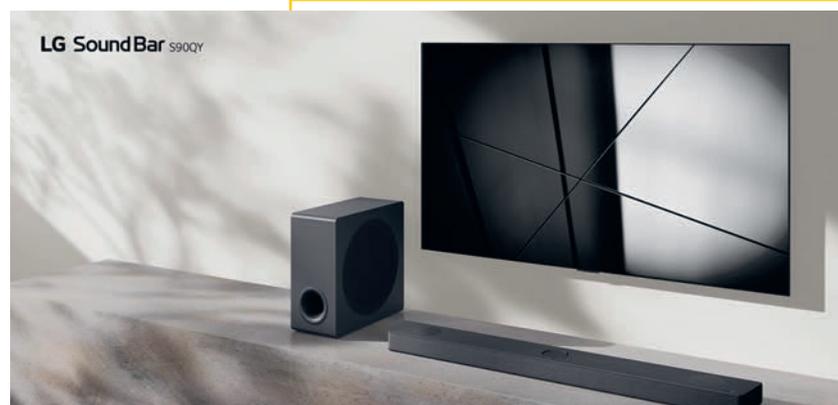
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For high-resolution audio

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Manufactured primarily in Europe, the TV boasts an expansive 85-inch 4K Ultra LED screen with high quality WCG panels feature in 120Hz and vibrant images with powerful contrasts. The Ambilight feature intelligently projects onscreen colours onto the surrounding walls and into the room in real time. This makes for a more relaxing viewing experience while drawing you closer to the action and enhancing the entertainment experience.



GREAT FOR GAMING ENTHUSIASTS

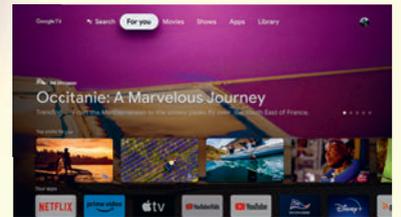
The 7th Gen P5 picture-engine Smart TV ensures a lag-free gaming experience, providing smooth and responsive gameplay, making it perfect for gamers.



INCREDIBLE AUDIO-VISUAL FEATURES

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The Smart TV offers seamless access to popular streaming services and apps, providing a wide range of entertainment choices. Pre-installed apps include Google Play Movies, Netflix, Apple TV, Amazon Prime Video, Disney+, Google Search, YouTube and YouTube Music. The TV also comes with a large memory (DRAM 4GB; Flash 32GB) for stellar storage capacity.



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Freestanding vs. Built-in: which is better?

In terms of kitchen appliances, both have advantages and disadvantages, says one interior stylist.

TEXT Sasha Gonzales

When it comes to kitchen appliances, are you Team Freestanding or Team Built-In? This might be something you'll have to think about if you're creating your dream kitchen or remodelling your current one. Both types of appliances have their advantages and disadvantages. Which type you end up choosing depends on your budget, how you want to use the appliances (and how often you use them), your kitchen layout, and what look or design you're planning for the space.

Before going over the pros and cons of freestanding and built-in appliances, it's important to understand the main differences between the two.

Freestanding appliances are complete appliances that are not attached to kitchen units. They have their own finished sides, are transportable and can stand on their own. In contrast, built-in (or integrated) appliances are embedded partially or completely within your cupboards. As their doors are usually fixed to the cupboard door, they tend to be hidden from view and thus blend in effortlessly with your kitchen cabinetry and units.

Patria Ramadha, an interior stylist and Founder of PATRIA Home & Décor, discusses the advantages and drawbacks of freestanding and integrated kitchen appliances.

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Freestanding appliances



The advantages:

They tend to be more affordable than built-in appliances. This is good news for homeowners who have to follow a strict budget. They're more versatile as you can choose from a variety of brands and designs. You also have the option to mix and match different products to suit your needs and design plan.

You enjoy more flexibility as the appliances are transportable, so you can reposition them, rearrange them or relocate them if you have to move. Repairs and maintenance are also easier compared to built-in appliances.

They don't require any custom fitting or additional cabinetry and are easily fitted by a non-professional.



The disadvantages:

Visually, they may not look as sleek or as neat as built-in appliances. Depending on the appliances and how they are positioned, they can create a sense of clutter or disjointedness and may interrupt the visual flow of your kitchen.

They take up more storage and counter space compared to their built-in counterparts, so you may not be able to conceal clutter so easily.



Built-in appliances



The advantages:

You can create your own customised design for a look that's more appealing and unique. If you like the "minimalist" look or have a particular colour scheme in mind for your kitchen, then built-in appliances may suit you. They make your kitchen look neater and eliminate "visual clutter" because they're hidden behind matching cabinetry and are pretty much undetectable. They offer more storage space compared to freestanding appliances.

They are a selling point and may add value to your home because they tend to make a kitchen look more stylish, modern, sophisticated and well-coordinated.



The disadvantages:

You can't take integrated appliances with you if you move house – this means you'll have to purchase appliances all over again for your new home.

Expect to pay more for custom installation and professional labour (for fitting the appliances and building extra cabinetry). These costs can and do add up.



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The KB40WBC and KB80WBC are part of the Medley series. The former is an under-counter wine chiller, while the latter is a bigger version of the KB40WBC.

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8 ways to create your dream kitchen

Often considered to be the 'heart' of the home, this is one space you'll want to pay more attention to when designing your home. Here are tips to get the most out of the space you have and make it work for you.

TEXT Sasha Gonzales

The kitchen is the heart of the home, where meals are made and the family spends precious time together. You probably have a picture in your head of what you'd like your dream kitchen to look and feel like, but if you don't have much space to start with, you might be wondering how to bring your vision to life.

Thankfully, there are many ways to turn that compact kitchen into a beautiful, functional place, with ample storage to make organisation a breeze and with enough room for you and your family to move around and get the most out of the space.

From multitasking appliances to the latest kitchen design trends, here are some ideas to help you along.

1

Consider how your kitchen will be used

Colette Tsai, Senior Designer at The Interior Lab, says that how often you use your kitchen will determine your choice of countertop and carpentry material.

"If you cook three times a day, your needs will be very different compared to if you only cooked three times a year," she explains.

Thinking about having an open-concept kitchen? Consider your cooking style first. Searing, stir-frying, and deep-frying are cooking methods that are usually recommended in a closed kitchen, so if you cook this way a lot, you may want to think twice before tearing down walls and connecting spaces to create an open-concept space.

2

Install user-friendly flooring

Beautiful flooring can really make a kitchen stand out. But if you have elderly relatives, small children and/or pets in your home, Colette suggests using tiles with higher slip resistance.

"Every material has its pros and cons, so go through each one with your interior designer before deciding what works best for your household."

3

Try the latest design trends

A classic design will never go out of style, but if you want to try a few trends, these are worth checking out, says Colette.

- A display cabinet with glass door is a dust-free way to showcase your crystalware and other kitchen knick-knacks.

- Pot racks are useful for drying and storing pots and cooking utensils, plus they add character to your kitchen.
- Under-cabinet lighting shines light directly on work surfaces, allowing you to see what you're doing much better than ceiling lighting. It also brings out the colour and details of your space.

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Choose materials that are easy to maintain

"Most man-made materials are easy to clean because they are non-porous and chip-resistant," says Colette. "Although I love how natural materials like marble or granite look, they take time and effort to maintain, especially as they age."



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Don't be afraid to experiment with colour

Neutral colours like white, grey, brown and black are timeless, but you shouldn't be afraid to use colour in your kitchen, Colette points out. "Go bold and make the space colourful. You can also use bright colours sparsely to highlight certain parts of your kitchen, for example, the backsplash, flooring or appliances."

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Add character with interesting-looking knobs and handles

Another way to give your kitchen extra character is with interesting or unusual looking cabinet handles and knobs. Colette suggests mixing and matching different shapes and textures for extra impact.

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Consider kitchen island alternatives

A kitchen island looks appealing, but Colette says that if you don't have space for one, these items will work just as well:

- A pullout table gives you extra counter space as and when you need it.
- A small, movable table that you can place anywhere. Bonus: it also doubles as a dining table.



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Buy space-saving kitchen appliances

If you love appliances but don't have much counter or cabinet space for them, two-in-one or multitasking appliances may be your answer. These picks from Gain City are perfect for the modern cook:

Tefal MF815 La Moulinette Ultimate Blender

This electric chopper is equipped with the exclusive Powelix Life blade technology. Featuring a hard titanium coating and a powerful 1000W motor with built-in motor protection system, it chops even the toughest ingredients with ease. It comes with a 1.5L blender accessory, allowing you to also mince, mix, grind, semi-blend and blend.

Sona Steamboat with Grill SHPG2721

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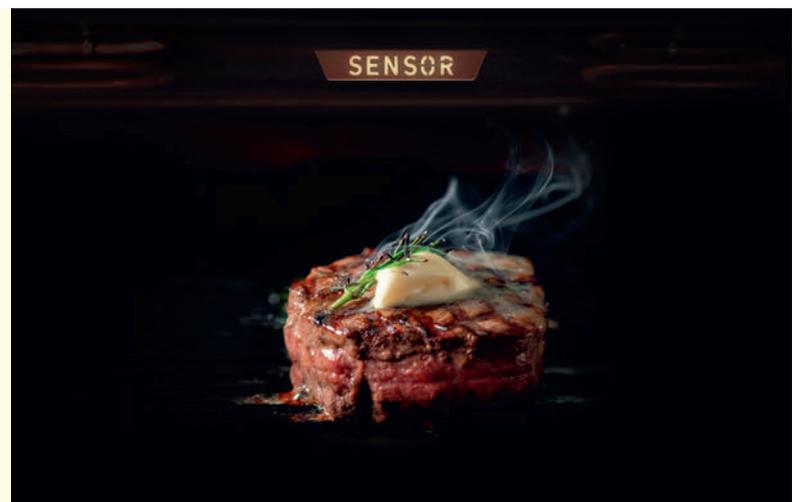
your dish is cooking and detects the food's weight and volume. The oven then automatically controls and adjusts all the cooking parameters for exceptional culinary results.

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The ovens also have a full-colour TFT screen that lets you navigate

through sectors and submenus, such as the Greengrocer, the Butcher, the Delicatessen, and so on.

Plus, they automatically prepare delicate dishes that require low-temperature cooking; have 15 Chef Mode programs to simplify the cooking process for you; and 50 Culinary Guide recipes to assist you in your culinary creations.



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How to create good energy flow, when to renovate, what to do with clutter, and more.

TEXT Sasha Gonzales

Feng shui tips for new homeowners

As one of Singapore's foremost feng shui experts, Adelina Pang discovered her passion for geomancy after she became a mum. After seeing how it enhanced her family's well-being, she decided to dedicate her life to it in order to bring about positive changes to others' lives, too.

Adelina established Adelina Pang Feng Shui Consultancy nearly 30 years ago, combining

her academic knowledge of feng shui – acquired under some of Asia's most renowned feng shui masters – with her understanding of qi (energy) to develop a unique brand of feng shui. Since then, she has lent her expertise to residences, commercial-retail buildings, shopping malls, and hospitals.

Adelina is one of only a handful of female feng shui experts in Singapore, but she sees many benefits to being a woman in a male-dominated field.

“Women are generally better listeners and more empathetic. Some of my female clients have worked with male feng shui experts before, but they tell me that they feel more comfortable working with me. They feel that I understand them and their families better.”

Adelina is always excited to help new homeowners bring luck, harmony and positive energy to their space. Here, she shares her top tips for enhancing your new abode using simple feng shui principles.

Tapping into qi

As every location in a property has a specific energy structure, you may want to ask a feng shui expert to identify these energy structures in your home. The expert can then give you advice on how to “tap” into the qi in these areas.

“Energy structures are based on orientation, and they can only be determined through a reading with an expert,” Adelina offers.

Make a grand entrance

The space in your entryway should be open to help facilitate the flow of qi, says Adelina.

“Your home is like your body – just as you need good circulation in order to be healthy, your home needs to have a clear and unobstructed flow of qi in order to maintain harmony within your household.

“Following this principle, you don't want anything blocking the entryway, such as a partition, furniture or clutter.”

And if your home's entryway is narrow, Adelina recommends adding a mirror to create the illusion of space (the wider the space appears, the easier the flow of qi through it).



Keep it neutral

The colour red may be considered lucky and auspicious in the Chinese culture, but Adelina advises against painting entire walls this shade, because it may make your home more accident-prone.

She explains that red in feng shui means fire, so you should be cautious where you use it and to only use it sparingly or as an accent colour. When choosing the dominant colours for your walls, she advises sticking to soothing neutral ones like white, beige, grey and the like.



The right time to renovate

Thinking about renovating? Adelina says that a professional feng shui expert can help you select the most auspicious date and time for the job, based on your family members' birth dates.



Clear away clutter

Don't hold on to things you no longer need or want. According to Adelina, clutter symbolises "stagnant qi".

"These items just sit around collecting dust and are not good for your family's health, so they're best given away or trashed," she explains.

See the light

Make sure the outside entrance of your home has plenty of light – this can be natural light or a light installation.

"Light attracts qi, so the more well-lit this area is, the better the energy flow, Adelina says.

"Besides, if your front doorway doesn't have ample light, it might make your home feel less secure, because dark areas may attract would-be burglars. Plus, a poorly lit entryway just looks gloomy. When an area is bright, it feels more welcoming and 'open'."

Placing a few real plants outside your front door will also help liven up the qi in this spot.

Natural selection

Having nature in your home brings good energy – think leafy plants (real, not fake ones), flowers and wood elements.

If you have a direct path between your front door and a window, you may wish to place a real plant by the bottom of the window.

"Plants give off good energy, and in feng shui, their leaves are also seen as 'blocking' the qi in your home from escaping through the window," Adelina points out.



For art's sake

Beautifying your home with jade sculptures and other fancy items will not necessarily bring good luck to your household.

"Displaying art and ornaments in your home is fine, but there's no need to go overboard; what matters most is that you appreciate and really love the pieces," Adelina points out.

Power of water

If your home's energy structure reading deems it suitable, Adelina suggests placing a moving water feature in the corner by the entrance to attract qi.

"Not every home is suited for a moving water feature – ask your feng shui expert to make a recommendation after doing a reading," she adds.



Toilet matters

If you have an ensuite bathroom, Adelina says to always keep the bathroom door closed, and the bathroom and toilet super clean and smelling fresh.

"In Chinese culture, damp areas are seen as having a negative impact on our health. Toilets are also a breeding ground for germs, so if you keep the bathroom door closed, it'll prevent the germs from escaping into your bedroom."

Stove placement

Adelina says that the positioning of your stove is important for your family's well-being and financial status. She recommends consulting a feng shui expert about where to place the stove.

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Go on holiday without leaving home

Five ways to incorporate travel-inspired décor into your space.

TEXT Su-ying Chen

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Who hasn't returned from a holiday feeling nostalgic for the destination they just left? Maybe you can't stop thinking about that exotic Balinese resort, with its teak furniture and intricately carved statues, the pastel-coloured fishing villages of the Amalfi

Coast, or the lush New Zealand countryside, with its quaint farmhouses and picturesque vineyards.

Travelling again may not be on your calendar for a while, but you can feel like you're still overseas by decorating your space with furniture and accessories

that remind you of your favourite holiday spots.

Here are a few tips for incorporating travel-inspired décor into your home – plus, how to display holiday souvenirs and cultural knick-knacks without going overboard.





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Decorate around a theme

Choose a theme that reminds you of your destination, and select the colours and decorative items that best align with it. For example, if you've just come home from a beach holiday, you can display seashells and driftwood alongside ceramics in different shades of blue and green, for a "coastal chic" vibe.

Colette Tsai, Senior Designer at The Interior Lab, also loves to decorate according to seasons. This is a good opportunity to show off unusual souvenirs and random trinkets that you may have picked up during your trip.

"I have a display shelf at home that changes whenever I come up with a new travel theme. I've tried 'nature' with stones and pinecones, 'summer' with seashells and coconut shells, and 'Christmas' with mugs and socks," she says.



Follow the "Rule of 3"

If you don't want to redecorate a whole room or your entire house or apartment, choose a small space or corner instead. Colette suggests following the "Rule of 3" when it comes to transforming this area.

For instance, you could place an Indonesian-style teak console table in the entryway. On top of it, you could place a wood carving, sculpture or vase that you purchased during your trip. And above this arrangement, a framed painting or photo that evokes memories of your Indonesian holiday. Because you're only decorating a small area, you won't have to invest too much of your time and money, and you can easily change out the items when you get tired of them.



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Try a photo wall treatment

Travel photos and postcards make wonderful décor items. Depending on the amount of wall space you have and what is on display in the rest of your home, you may want to consider creating a holiday picture wall, Colette says.

“Make up a gallery wall using 10-20 photos, put together a large collage of photos or postcards, or simply display several photos in interesting-looking frames (or frames that are unique to your holiday destination, such as those made from azulejos – Portuguese glazed blue ceramic tiles – for instance). This is a simple, inexpensive and visually stunning way to surround yourself with your special holiday memories.”

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Make your travel keepsakes look cohesive

Did you come home with a collection of Murano glass ornaments, Japanese ceramics, Australian sheepskin rugs, or vintage art posters from Paris? Display these in small quantities (odd numbers are best) in a specific area or room where they will go with the rest of the décor.

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Don't display fridge magnets on your fridge

Some travel fridge magnets are too beautiful for the fridge. A more impactful way to show off your collection would be to arrange them on a large magnetic strip that's been attached to a wall.



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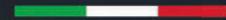


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Bold New Flavours

Anju's Chef
Kim hopes to
reinvent Korean
cuisine on his
own terms.



Inside the homes of your fave Asian celebs

Take a look into the multimillion-dollar residences of G-Dragon, Jam Hsiao and more.

TEXT Leslie Ong



Photos: @xxxxibgrfgrn

Celebs love to splash out on their homes. They may have a bigger budget than the average person to spend on furniture and décor, but, like us, they strive to inject their personality and style into their personal spaces and make sanctuaries out of their favourite rooms.

Here, Asian superstars G-Dragon, Rosé from Blackpink, Jam Hsiao and Hwasa give us a peek into how they live.



Art house

Kwon Ji-yong, the South Korean rapper, singer and songwriter otherwise known as G-Dragon, gave fans a virtual tour inside his US\$10.4 million penthouse in Seoul. What else would you find inside the digs of a well-known art collector? Designer furniture, paintings and sculptures, of course. His dining room features Jean Prouvé chairs; his living room, artworks by Richard Prince and Alexander Calder; and his entertainment room, a hanging bookcase by French architect Charlotte Perriand.



Industrial chic

Rosé from South Korean girl group Blackpink loves relaxing in her cosy abode, which has an industrial feel but still looks soothing, thanks to the earth-toned décor, plush chairs, soft lighting and blonde wood floors.



Photos: @roses_are_rosie



Photos: Next Shark

Resort inspiration

Taiwanese singer Jam Hsiao, who recently got engaged to his manager Summer Lin, shared a YouTube video of himself giving viewers a tour of his resort-style mansion in Nangang District in Taipei. The expansive dwelling, which overlooks lush greenery, has everything a mega-star could want, from a pool and a personal gym, to a rooftop deck and a massive garage. It also has customised storage for his awards, artworks, sneakers and action figures.



Scandi-style sanctuary

Pampering herself and relaxing at home is one of South Korean singer Hwasa's favourite things to do. The Mamamoo member is a fan of calming neutrals like white and grey and nature-inspired influences. An oversized sofa sits proudly in her living room, and, going by its lived-in look, it's safe to say that this is where Hwasa spends much of her free time. Her dressing room, with soft ambient lighting, also exudes a peaceful vibe.



Photos: @mariahwasa

Comfort food for your year-end celebrations



Executive Chef Jeffrey Chua from Happy Cafe and Lucky Cuisine shares three recipes that are sure to impress your party guests!

TEXT
Sean Yee

PHOTOGRAPHY
Vernon Wong

At Happy Cafe, chef Jeffrey Chua has curated and served a diverse range of thematic menus ranging from Thai to fusion cuisines. For your home festive celebrations this Christmas and Lunar New Year, he presents three different and versatile staples to uplift any party!

“ We dedicate a significant amount of time and work to our food preparations. Each dish comes with a lot of attention to its many minute details, such as garnishing, stock base and seasonings. ”

What do you think is Happy Cafe's key ingredient for success?

For me personally, I am singularly focused on our consistency. While I do think first impressions count, it is our return customers that truly enable the success of our eatery. It takes just one bad experience to sour their opinions of our food and service quality. And seeing that we have a substantial number of loyal customers, I do think that we have been doing exceptionally well on that front! Also, we dedicate a significant amount of time and work to our food preparations. Customers are only presented with the final product, but each dish comes with a lot of attention to its many minute details, such as garnishing, stock base and seasonings. This is all thanks to my kitchen staff, who are both passionate and meticulous about our food.

Any new updates to share with us?

We have since returned to the basics, with a fully continental menu!

What dishes will you be presenting to us today?

For this issue, I'm especially excited to showcase two incredibly definitive dishes that can easily be reinvented and customised! The first dish is our Chicken Roulade, a ubiquitous Eastern European meat roll that is braised and browned with our homemade stock. The other dish is a classic favourite – a charming plate of Carbonara best known for its simple fusion of eggs, cheese, meat, and pasta.

These also complement the delicious Pen Cai that we'll be showcasing later on!



Could you tell us more about the Chicken Roulade?

A roulade is essentially a spiral roll layered with a delicious filling. Think of local staples like the Swiss rolls you can find in our local bakeries. However, ours will be packed with a savoury chicken filling that will then be seared and roasted as a whole. Not to mention a drizzling of decadent gravy! This dish will require some culinary expertise, but I'm sure some of our more experienced cooks are more than up for the challenge.



Chicken Roulade

Ingredients:

FOR THE MAIN DISH

- 2 Slices Boneless Chicken Breasts
- 10-12 Button Mushrooms
- 2 Finely Chopped Onions
- 2-3 stalks of Parsley
- 2 teaspoons Chopped Garlic
- 3½ teaspoons Butter
- 1 tablespoon Refined Flour
- 1 cup Chicken Stock
- 2 teaspoons Salt and Pepper

FOR THE GARNISH

- 1 sprig of Parsley (chopped)

Preparations:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 180°C
- 2 Butterfly the chicken breasts, and open them out. Season them with salt and pepper on both sides.
- 3 Separate the mushrooms by their stalks and caps. Chop the caps and stalks into finer chunks. Keep the stalks for the sauce.

THE FILLING

- 1 Heat 1½ teaspoons of butter on a non-stick pan. Once heated, add a teaspoon of garlic and sauté for 2 minutes.
- 2 Gradually add in the chopped onion and continue mixing until they are translucent. Following that, add the mushroom caps and sauté until the moisture evaporates.



- 3 Turn off the heat. Add the sprig of parsley and spread the mixture on a plate. Set aside to cool.
- 4 Once cooled, coat the chicken breasts with the mixture and roll tightly.

THE SAUCE

- 1 Heat the remaining butter in the same pan. Toss in the remaining garlic and onion. Sauté well.
- 2 Add in the mushroom's stalks and any remaining mushroom chunks you might still have.
- 3 Gradually add the flour and incorporate it into the mixture. Steadily add

in a cup of chicken stock (while stirring well) and let the sauce simmer until it thickens.

- 4 Strain the sauce.

THE CHICKEN ROLL

- 1 Cover each stuffed chicken breast with aluminium foil. Once sealed, transfer them to a baking tray which will then be placed into the preheated oven for 15 minutes.
- 2 Once cooked, unwrap the chicken rolls, cut them into halves and place them on your desired serving plate.
- 3 Drizzle the strained sauce over the chicken and garnish with parsley.



Pasta Carbonara

How do you make your Carbonara dish different from others out there?

It's all about the sauce. The entire dish consists of everyday ingredients, and a great Carbonara is measured by the unity of these ingredients while still allowing each of them to shine. My version does so by centralising the freshness and depth of these ingredients in its sauce. Our sauce comes from a blend of leftover vegetables, meats, and bones (also known as mirepoix) that we sauté (light fry) before breaking them down into a savoury stock. The light fry caramelises the sweetness of our mix, accentuating its natural sweetness and acidity with a touch of oil or butter.

What are your tips for the sauce?

You want to intentionally reduce the sauce so that you are left with a delicious residue of its core flavours. I really recommend that you use cream with a generous amount of fat content. It helps punctuate the dish with a stronger base when it is emulsifying. Remember the extra egg yolk at the end for an extra punch!

From your experience, what is an invaluable appliance to have in the kitchen?

A multi-layered stackable steamer akin to the baskets we use to cook dim sum! It enables healthier cooking and prevents sogginess.

Ingredients:

340g Pasta Noodles
85g Turkey Bacon
28g Parmesan Cheese
28g Mushrooms
2 Large Eggs and 2 Large Yolks (beaten and mixed)
1 tablespoon Olive Oil

COOKING PASTA

- 1 Once the pot of water has started boiling, add in a large serving of salt (1 tablespoon of salt for every 2 litres of water). Add in a quarter cup of oil.
- 2 Place the noodles in. Cook the noodles until they are al dente (firm when bitten). Make sure to reserve the pasta water.

BEATEN EGG MIXTURE

- 1 Mix the beaten eggs with parmesan cheese well. Add salt to taste.

PASTA MIX

- 1 Heat the olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium heat. Add in the garlic, turkey bacon, and mushrooms into the fold. Cook the mixture slowly until fragrant.
- 2 Move the pasta from the boiling pot to the pan quickly. Make sure the pasta is dripping wet.
- 3 Add in the beaten egg mixture. To avoid the pasta from drying out, add the salted pasta water.
- 4 Serve at once with the remaining parmesan cheese and freshly ground pepper.



It is interesting you would pick Pen Cai (literally translates as basin of vegetables) as your dish of choice.

Pen Cai is the metaphorical face of prosperity, luck, and fortune during the Lunar New Year festivities! It very much embodies the theme of unity, mixing layers of a myriad of ingredients in a large poon (basin).

And you never see Pen Cai eaten alone! I love what it represents and the happiness that it often brings.

What do you think makes a great Pen Cai?

You cannot make a Pen Cai without its golden pillars such as scallop, fish maw and fatt choy. Then, you layer these pillars with a delicious mix of the prawns, the vegetables, and the roasted meats. Do not forget the abalones, the star of your Pen Cai.

Pen Cai is reputable for its aromatic flavours. How do you best accentuate them?

It is the stock that uplifts the dish with its umami accents. You want to sauté your ingredients first so that the dish's layers can encapsulate and store these fine aromatics.





Pen Cai (Basin of Vegetables)

Ingredients

(Measurements Are Flexible and Customisable)

SEAFOOD

Abalone
Sea Cucumber
Prawn
Fish Maw
Dried Oyster

VEGETABLES

Carrots
Mushrooms
Chinese Cabbage
Broccoli
Daikon
Fatt Choy (Fa Chai)

MEATS

Roasted Duck or Pork

STOCK

- 1 Your Preferred Stock (Eg. Chicken Stock, or any leftover stock/soups you might have)

Preparation

- 1 Rehydrate and boil/pressure cook the sea cucumbers.
- 2 Remove the veins from the prawns. Leave heads and shells intact.

- 3 If you're not using canned abalones, heat them up for 3-4 seconds and set aside.
- 4 Blanch the broccoli and carrots for 2-3 minutes and then place them in iced water.
- 5 Cook the scallops and prawns and then set aside.

PEN CAI

- 1 Pour the stock into a large clay pot over medium heat.
- 2 Add in the vegetables first. Let them simmer for about 10 minutes, or until they are soft.
- 3 Layer the ingredients gradually into the pot. First the aromatics, then the seafood, followed by the meats. Then lower the heat so that the ingredients can gradually soak up the stock.

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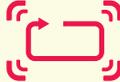
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It also comes with accessories, including a drip tray, a perforated steam tray and a pastry tray, and uses Quattro Pulse Technology, an exclusive Brandt Technology that helps to diffuse the heat for consistent cooking.

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Reimagining Korean Cuisine with Chef Kim

At just 29 years old, up-and-coming Korean chef Kim Younghoon is determined to reshape the landscape of Korean cuisine. Having previously worked at the prestigious 2 Michelin-starred restaurant JAAN by Kirk Westaway, he now spearheads his mission as head chef at ANJU, Tras Street's latest culinary phenomenon.

TEXT Sean Yee

PHOTOGRAPHY Vernon Wong

It was during the peak of the COVID-19 wave that Chef Kim came to know of an opening at ANJU. He was taking some time off in Korea and was contemplating his next culinary venture. That downtime was the perfect opportunity for him to reinvent Korean cuisine on his own terms. Fast-forward to today, he delivers a bespoke menu that is both revolutionary and novel.





When did you realise that cooking would be your chosen profession?

Funnily enough, I had always assumed that I would pursue a career in sports in my early years. It was through the encouragement of a teacher that I enlisted in a cooking school where I really thrived as a budding chef. I would receive full marks for my cooking exams and receive various certifications purely stemming from my culinary intrigues. Becoming a chef seemed like the most natural pathway after my graduation.

Do you remember your very first stint at professional cooking? What was it like?

It was a buffet restaurant operated by a huge business conglomerate! The adage “trial by fire” probably best describes my experience there. Just imagine – 300 hungry diners every day that were to be fed by only five chefs, including myself. The kitchen was a chaotic battlefield, but I loved every second of it.

Since then, you have worked with venerable chefs such as 2-Michelin-starred Chef Kirk Westaway at JAAN. How did your time there shape your impression of fine dining?

Fine dining essentially is synonymous with putting art on a plate. It is a multi-dimensional side of cooking that underscores not just the dish’s sensory profiles, but also its cooking methodologies and aesthetic highlights. It forces you to pay

attention to the minutiae of its presentation, such as its plating and colours so that diners can live vicariously through the dish. I’m truly grateful to have had the opportunity to be mentored by the great Kirk Westaway, for it is his teachings that have shaped my creative aspirations at ANJU.

What is it about Korean cuisine that makes it so unique and fresh?

The heart of Korean food lies in the diversity of its ingredients, especially those that are seasonal. Flavours are often very neat, clean, and yet layered through a multitude of cooking styles like fermentation! It is funny that many Singaporeans assume Korean barbecue to be the face of the cuisine. While it is a variant of Korean food, it is just a facet of our diverse culinary ecosystem.

At ANJU, there is a strong focus on the interplay between food and drinks. Why is it so?

ANJU loosely translates to food that is consumed with alcohol. Enjoying alcohol with food is quintessential in Korea as we believe the pairing brings out a whole new dimension and nuance to Korean flavours.

You mentioned that some of your dishes pay tribute to your grandmother, such as your Abalone Gim Pasta at ANJU. Tell us more about this.

I love and adore my grandmother's Bibim Guksu – a spicy mix of noodles and seaweed. It is always special when my grandmother prepares it, as you can taste her heart and soul in this dish. My Abalone Gim Pasta, alongside my other dishes, evokes the love my grandmother put in her food for the people she loved.

What is a dish that is easy to make, but incredibly difficult to master?

The ever-renowned kimchi! It really is a challenge to one's intuition and eye for details. My grandmother would make over 100 batches of kimchi every winter and I was always there with her as an assistant. She has done it for so long that she could measure her ingredients just by a single look, and still have her kimchi magically sapid. I have personally made and served kimchi at ANJU for over two years, and I think I still have a long way to go before I can emulate my grandmother's perfect kimchi. But I'm getting closer every day, for sure!



What's a simple tip for home cooks to help them elevate their cooking?

Always pay attention to your seasoning. A good balance of the right seasoning takes your dish to the next level! I love that Korean cuisine inherently embraces organic flavours and aromatics to enrich the dish, and that just a few dashes of salt and sesame oil is enough to complete it. Creating delicious food will always be a challenge if you do not get your seasonings right!

Tell us about the recipe you'll be sharing today.

Dongchimi Guksu is a cooling dish that incorporates Dongchimi, a radish-type kimchi that is often enjoyed as a side dish with rice during winter or made into a chilled broth that is mixed with noodles. It can even be consumed as a refreshing beverage! My take on Dongchimi emphasises its cooling properties, which I'm sure is very much welcomed in Singapore's tropical climate.



Dongchimi Guksu



DONGCHIMI KIMCHI (SHAVE ICE BROTH)

Ingredients:

1.5kg Daikon
2 Green Chillies
200g Pear
100g Onion
10g Ginger
30g Garlic
100g Spring Onions
102g Plain Flour
105g Korean Sea Salt

- 1 Infuse the daikon with salt and 400g of water. Let it rest for 2-3 hours (depending on radish size).
- 2 Mix the flour with water until it forms a paste.
- 3 Blend the pear, ginger, and onion with water.
- 4 Combine this mixture with 3L of water (including the salted water in Step 1), sugar, and the flour paste. Mix well. Add in the daikon, spring onion, and green chillies after.
- 5 Leave it outside for two days to ferment.



SOBA

Ingredients:

70g Buckwheat Noodles
30g Shredded Daikon (from the dongchimi kimchi)
5g Chives
6g Korean Soy Sauce
6g Tuna Fish Sauce
15g Perilla Oil
30g Korean Pear

- 1 Freeze the dongchimi water.
- 2 Cook the buckwheat noodles in boiling water for 4 minutes. Wash the cooked noodles with iced water thereafter.
- 3 Mix all the other ingredients in a bowl (tuna fish sauce, soy sauce, perilla oil, chives, and the dongchimi kimchi.)
- 4 Combine this mixture with the noodles. Add in the iced dongchimi broth.
- 5 Garnish with Korean pear.



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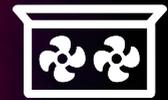
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TEXT Su-Ying Chen

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double-safety anti-scalding protection to prevent burns. Another standout feature is its Stepless Power Selector, which allows precise control over the water temperature. Plus, the heating element is encased in durable copper, an element highly conducive to heat, for reliable and lasting performance. Paired with its 11-inch-wide HydroSpa Ace Rain Shower Set, an unconventional feature for instant

water heaters, the 707 Kingston promises a truly relaxing shower experience from start to finish.

Larger households can opt for storage water heaters. The Dalton is an excellent choice with its 15-litre and 25-litre offerings. Beneath its modest exterior is a reliable heating unit equipped with smart functions to increase heat efficiency and energy savings. Durability is a given, thanks to the Blue Enamel coated tank and heating element.

Plus, its compact design enables even more space efficiency for easy installation and maintenance, a bonus for snug dwellings.

Both the 707 Kingston and Dalton come with 5- and 10-year warranties on tank respectively, as well as a 2-year warranty for servicing and spare parts.



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A showcase in artistry

This 3-room HDB showroom demonstrates how both artistic harmony and pragmatism can be achieved seamlessly.

TEXT Sean Yee
PHOTOS HDB

It is always a fine balance, intermingling practicality with beauty when decorating a home. You want the place to feel free, vibrant, and yet structured and organised.



A Home That is Multi-Dimensional

By moving away from traditional partitions, the home brilliantly brings together its living space and kitchen with versatile furnishing to allow the owner's love for comfort and food to harmoniously fuse as a core theme.

Nature's Touch

While retaining a pronounced contemporary flair, the apartment also integrates more organic elements for the home to feel warm and hospitable. Take, for example, the living room, which carries solid wood coffee tables and a television stand.

Who Doesn't Love an Open Concept?

Most striking of all is its elegant counter table, which uplifts the ambience with a tranquil informality. It truly accentuates the apartment's open concept by fixing itself as the bridge between two different worlds, accommodating a myriad of lifestyle habits while still giving the apartment space to really come alive. At this counter table, you could easily observe your host's cooking flair, and at evening's end, savour conversation and coffee.

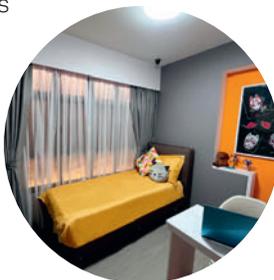
Of course, there is also a dining table tucked neatly at the side in the event of a family meal or gathering.





An Undisturbed Rest

The bedroom is beautifully designed to exude a sense of calm, emphasising the home's intimate setting. This is especially so with a grand queen-sized bed positioned right in the heart of the space. It even comes with an adjustable height desk with built-in wireless charging.



Unencumbered and Free

Storage areas, which are aplenty, are definitively marked to separate clutter from the main living spaces, giving the notion of "uncluttering" both a literal and metaphorical significance. Thanks to creative compartmentalising, you can come home feeling unfettered, free to explore myriad interests or simply unwind after a long day.

The side bedroom is especially illustrative of this, with freed-up spaces utilised for artistic embellishments that enliven the room.

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3

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5

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1

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