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Interior Design Special

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SET IN STONE

The building block of any well-designed home is choosing the best materials, as this modern space designed by 0932 Design Consultants exemplifies

The Minimalist

This semi-detached home designed by 0932 DESIGN CONSULTANTS captures oriental minimalism with a modern twist



WHEN 0932 DESIGN CONSULTANTS TOOK ON THIS project, one of the things the team was fascinated with was the homeowner's line of work. A skilled carpenter, he knows wood like the back of his hand. Given the nature of his work, it's easy to see why he wanted his new home to be a haven of calm where he and his family could relax. Therefore, they conceptualised a minimalist space that incorporated oriental as well as natural sensibilities.

The semi-detached house totals 2,500sqft and houses four bedrooms. While the floor area works for the family, the design team felt that the structure could do with some tweaks. Some of the walls were misaligned, and there were unusable kinks that affected the flow and ambience of the home. One of the first things the design team did was to zero in on enhancing the spatial experience. They did this by realigning the axis and sense of symmetry of walls throughout; they also identified areas where there could be more storage space. It is 0932 Design Consultants' unique methodology that allows them to rethink space and maximise its possibilities, a process that has led to award-winning results. This year, the firm has been awarded two major accolades for this particular project—a Gold Design Excellence Award by the Interior Design Confederation in Singapore and a Bronze at the Asia Interior Design Award 2016.

TOP TO BOTTOM

This spacious semi-detached home highlights a considered approach to design and decoration; streamlined pieces dominate the space resulting in a well-curated interior; the homeowner's collection of oak was integrated into the design offering a thread of consistency throughout



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Singapore-based firm 0932 Design Consultants is an award-winning architectural and interior design practice. Founded in 2011, the firm approaches each project with a deep understanding of materials and artistry. The design team applies its unique design methodology and processes to projects that range from private residences and retail spaces to spas, resorts and hotels.



Wooden Heart

Through the course of his work, the owner had collected leftover raw oak materials which he wanted incorporated into his home design in some way. Long vertical strips were carefully laid on the walls in transitional spaces, extending upwards from the first to the second level of the home. Once dusty and smudged, the oak panels' hidden beauty was uncovered with metal brushing techniques. These pieces, which could have been discarded, found new life as a key design feature of this home. These rustic walls create a cohesive design language for the entire home.

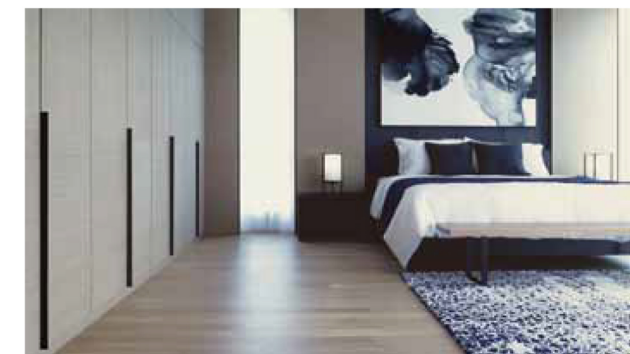
On the first floor, the wood panels juxtapose against a natural stone wall. To create the quiet, understated look, the design team picked out stone with subtle natural grains. The sensuous finish matches the crisp lines and dark hue of the furnishings. All of these contrast against the white walls and window coverings to convey a disciplined interior. As the design team describes, the home is a simple space for living, where clean modern lines display simple luxury without ostentation.

Natural Selection

Although the team adhered to an uncluttered design direction, the bedrooms are markedly cosier. Wood finishes have been introduced into the bedrooms, along with wallcoverings and abstract artworks to add softness and a sense of fluidity. They customised full-height wardrobes with fine metal handles that seem to blend into the space. In one bedroom, a study table sits snugly in an alcove. Here, display shelves provide additional storage space.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

Beautiful materials such as tactile stone and sturdy wood form the foundation of this home's understated direction; the bedrooms have a cosier feel brought about by soft furnishings such as rugs and throws alongside eye-catching abstract artwork



The team expounds: "The owner gave us sufficient time to design and detail the built-in and loose furniture to the proportions that we felt was good, and would keep the space airy and simple. Being a carpenter, he could capture the team's design thoughts really quickly. To have a client who appreciated and understood the rationale behind our design wasn't easy to come by; this, for us, is a project worth remembering." 📌