

WHITE WONDER

An all white palette is punctuated with textures and layers to create this zen space by Sanna Daya Hasan and Ashni Tapuriah Shah of The Calico Guild

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hen the couple in their early 30s first saw this apartment, "it felt a bit small, dated and not so well maintained but we fell in love with it, especially the original marble floors, we could see ourselves build a life around this home," she says. So when she and her husband approached Sanna and Ashni, the brief was simple, "Modern, minimal, no clutter, nothing polarising in terms of design, something that we would love even after 20 years."

"They were certain that they wanted the colour palette to include white, grey, black and brass. They wanted the design details and elements to remain consistent across the home so that each room flows seamlessly into the next," explains Sanna. As you enter the home through smoked oak double doors, you walk into a foyer with a cantilevered console and mirror. On the right are the living and dining rooms that lead onto the master and guest bedrooms.

"I think as people we are very particular about the way we use our home and enjoy that everything has its place. For example, we were sure we wanted no wires to be seen or no remotes out of place! We wanted tall ceilings, indirect lighting, easy to clean uncluttered units and shelves, and lots of marble tops complementing our marble floor," she explains.

"We wanted to capture a feeling of calmness, order and balance with each design decision," says Ashni, "We balanced the clean lines of the shell and millwork details with organic forms of furniture. Each piece was designed bespoke, allowing us to strike that perfect balance of materials, colour and form." Monochrome spaces are hard to pull off. Getting the right shade, pairing it up with the right accent and of course, layering makes all the difference between drab and fab. Because clutter-free was a big one on the agenda, space planning and smart storage solutions became the focus of the initial design process. The concealed bar is an excellent example of this where the couple wanted it to be a focal point when they entertained but wanted it tucked away on an everyday basis. As a result, the design duo fashioned one that would get hidden behind sliding folding doors detailed with millwork.

The entire process was about finding the balance between the couple's requirements for a minimalist space, their preference of comfort over style and their contemporary sensibility. • thecalicoguild.com



The play of light in the master bedroom, this frame encapsulates the colour palette of the home

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