



PRMO

TYPE

Residential Design

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LOCATION

Tai Hang, Hong Kong

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CONCEPT

CLIENT

Private

SCOPE

Interior Design

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PHOTOGRAPHY

JAAK

PRMO lies within a residential estate in Tai Hang, Hong Kong. This 800 sq ft apartment is set high among the mountains, enveloped by magnificent views of its lush, surrounding landscape.

With its context in mind, we designed a calming, pet-friendly home, which subtly integrates the lifestyle and hobbies of its inhabitants: a young couple with three dogs that enjoy spending time at home, cooking, and watching movies.





Our design process was less concerned with aesthetic form and language but was more engaged in how the home's interior could be modified to afford greater ease and comfort for their four-legged companions. We revised the original plan of the home, introducing an open living, dining, and kitchen area to the centre of the residence, forming a shared space large enough for the owners and their furry friends to roam freely across and around.

A guest bathroom is positioned towards the entrance to accommodate guests and to the varying needs of their pets in cleansing and grooming. Pivotal to the owner's demands was to maintain a considered balance between private and communal spaces, which we sought to achieve through the enclosure of the master bedroom and walk-in closet at either side of the home for a sense of privacy and retreat.



We revised the original plan of the home, introducing an open living, dining, and kitchen area into the centre of the residence, catering to the varying lifestyles and movements of the owners and their four-legged companions.

To strengthen the home's connection to its surrounding landscape, we created gentle platforms and large openings in every room, to bring them one step closer to the natural environment.

The home blends itself into its environment and interiors by making good use of its natural atmosphere, which is one of the main characteristics of the neighbourhood. Almost every room in the home opens out to its surrounding landscape, as glazed openings run from one expanse of an existing boundary wall to the other, drenching the area with natural light throughout the day.

To further strengthen this connection, we took advantage of the existing terrace, connecting the gentle platform with the living area to eliminate the divide between inside and out while creating an illusion of a larger home. A soaring height of 2.7m and the use of ceiling fans help to amplify the luxury of its location and a capacity for the home to mitigate the harsh, urban climate.





The client requested a darker home which we sought to achieve by incorporating raw, organic materials that bring a hint of wabi-sabi to the space.



Based on a layering of muted and natural tones, the home speaks to a darker material language that elevates the beauty of its surroundings. Beige toned walls and light timber flooring wrap around the home's perimeter, forming a calm base for the contrasting textured materials such as warm timber cabinetry and kitchen tiling; a combination that ensures an inviting and cosy space, juxtaposing the door-step inner-city living.

Moving into the master bedroom and bathroom, a consistent grey colour palette of micro cement, tiles, and quartz countertops instil a feeling of comfort and tranquillity to the central space of relaxation in the home.



A personal touch was added to the headboard in the master bedroom, incorporating a small, curved platform to the edge that serves as a nightstand for their daily necessities, including alarm clocks or night lights.

Fixed furnishings and decorative elements are kept to a minimal to encourage engagement between the different occupants and functions within the space. Since the couple enjoyed watching movies, we installed a projector into the ceiling of the home, allowing for the living area to transform into a mini cinema. An orange-toned sofa adds a pop of colour to the neutral backdrop, paired with a set of coffee tables, which we custom-designed for the client. The coffee tables were inspired by the silhouettes drawn from our logo, intended to add a sculptural presence to the home without interrupting its fluidity.



A touch of softness and fluidity is enhanced throughout the space, with the layering of curved forms and volumes in both the communal and private sections of the home.



THE STUDIO

Established by co-founders Calvin and Chau, JAAK is a Hong Kong based interior design studio with a predominant focus on residential design. The duo's shared design values and aesthetics led to the inception of the studio in 2014 with a strong belief in the ability of good design in transforming people and redefining the experience within their homes.

“Modest, Subtle, and Timeless”

Attributes, instrumental in guiding JAAK's methodology, as they endeavour to create emotive experiences that embody a sense of warmth, comfort, belonging, and security. With a diverse team of creative spirits, their collaborative approach to design leads them to explore endless possibilities, fuelled by the engagement and dialogues with their clients.

Their commitment to sustainability informs their take on colour and materiality, adding value and tactility to each environment, articulating the unique narrative that defines their projects. While such an outcome may embrace a person's values, JAAK hopes to impel people to question and reflect on their way of life.

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