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Edward Barber and Jay Osgerby



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Barber Osgerby's 'Contemporary Industrial' bathroom is characterized by exposed steel and brick walls and an aesthetic that has emerged from forgotten factories left idle. Though spacious, the bathroom exemplifies the Compact Luxury concept: The residents have decided to apportion a large share of their limited living space in the city for a bathroom that is also a recreation area.

Design: Barber Osgerby

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Happy days are here again!

“ Close the door, light the light
We're staying home tonight
Far away from the bustle
And the bright city lights ”

These lyrics from a classic hit "A World of Our Own" by The Seekers pretty well paint a picture of what's been happening to Hong Kong households during this protracted pandemic period.

With everyone staying put and observing social distancing, there is much more attention and priorities accorded to home comforts. Instead of physical inspections, buyers are browsing furniture catalogues and placing their orders online; they are also looking for adornments that brighten up the home and appliances and fixtures that add to flexibility and convenience.

Now that restrictions are easing, malls are seeing shoppers return with a vengeance over weekends and holidays, and they all seem to be in a generous spending mood with their strong buying power accumulated over the last two years, and bolstered lately by Government's consumption voucher.

Yes, happy days are here again and let's all splash out and enjoy ourselves in celebration of a return to normal.

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A true pioneer in the art and sciences of food preservation

Sub-Zero

Well-known for quality and innovation, Sub-Zero can trace its origin back to the 1930s when Westye Bakke, its founder, began experimenting with refrigeration as a way of storing insulin for his diabetic son. The first freestanding freezer made its debut in 1943 when Bakke bent the coils by hand out of scrap metal in his basement. By 1945, he launched his Sub-Zero Freezer Company, thereby introducing the first system for preserving food at sub-zero temperatures.

Sub-Zero has stayed true to Bakke's earliest pioneering efforts but continues to refine and invent ways to preserve food's freshness and reduce waste. Through the years, Sub-Zero has continued to elevate and expand its design leadership with countless choices, allowing customers to integrate their Sub-Zero refrigerators seamlessly into any kitchen layout and any accompanying décor.

Customers can expect the highest caliber from Sub-Zero's premium grade materials, state-of-the-art technologies, and craftsmanship. The brand is also highly environmentally conscious of their appliances to create the world's finest and most sustainable homes, as over thirty Sub-Zero appliances have earned the Energy Star rating for outstanding energy efficiency which use about fifteen percent less energy than non-certified models.

Classic Series

While the distinct symbol of its predecessor's pioneering performance remains, the completely redesigned Classic Series displays a fresh suite of innovative features and reaches new levels of refinement both inside and out.

Revolutionizing Sub-Zero's already-superior preservation and chilling capabilities, Split Climate™ intelligent cooling system keeps food even fresher for even longer, thanks to a variable-speed compressor and two fans that consistently optimize the refrigerator's temperature within 1 degree of set point.

Designed with preservation and secureness in mind, Sub-Zero refrigerators feature an advanced air seal around all four sides of the door, thereby preventing leaks while conserving energy. Its microprocessor controls the interior temperature to assure peak performance.

Even when filled to the brim with food, its ClearSight™ LED lighting scheme will fully illuminate the interior and shine light where it is needed the most. The Night Mode optimizes the interior lighting based on the detected ambient lighting, and can reduce brightness levels by 90% in dim environments. Easily customizable to the user's preference, the intuitive exterior touch control panel can conveniently access the controls from lighting to humidity with just a single tap.

Many fresh foods emit ethylene gas, a natural compound that hastens spoilage. Thankfully, Sub-Zero refrigerators' air purification system utilizes technology developed by NASA to filter out every 20 minutes ethylene and unwanted odors from food spoilages.

Built only with premium-grade materials, Sub-Zero products are designed to last a minimum of 20 years. Major components are rigorously tested and subjected to extreme stress tests prior to going into the final design, and every major function is tested before shipping, ensuring decades of use. Sub-Zero offers a worry-free, industry-leading full two-year warranty on appliances.



Designer Series

This completely customisable Designer Series Refrigeration hosts a range of sophisticated performances and aesthetic enhancements. Dubbed as the "disappearing refrigerator", the mesmerizing collection features its iconic seamless and subtle design and can be found hidden behind fully integrated panels.

The sleek stainless steel accents trim the interior and complement the sophisticated exterior perfectly. Thoughtful user design clearly shines through the creation of this series as witnessed from their nano coating which lines the perimeter of each glass shelf to create a hydrophobic barrier that helps contain any accidental spillage. The new flip-up dairy compartment is able to store taller items in the shelf below just by lifting the base of the compartment.

The refrigerator interiors are filled with adjustable wire shelves and large storage drawers with dividers all showcased by bright ClearSight™ LED Lighting. This series positions adjustable door shelves at various heights to accommodate assorted items and integrates a magnetic door seal to lock in cold air to ensure freshness and reduce energy consumption. The magnetic gasket locks in temperature and humidity with soft-close door hinge on doors and drawers.





PRO Series

A harmonious duet of form and function, the PRO Series Refrigeration takes on their boldest and most impressive design creation yet. With groundbreaking technology found within, the next-generation PRO Series keeps food fresher longer with its fitted advanced preservation system.

Crafted with stainless steel throughout, giving off a professional and luxurious aura, this timeless design now comes in a smaller width of 91cm, offering new design opportunities for small and large kitchens alike. Feel free to flexibly craft your kitchen's layout by installing your refrigerator directly within surrounding cabinetry for built-in, or by adding accessory

panels for freestanding.

As seen from their dual refrigeration system with separate cooling systems for the refrigerator and the freezer, this refreshing invention prolongs food life and minimizes freezer burn. It preserves refrigerated foods with cool, moist air and frozen foods with frigid, dry air.

Based on technology developed by NASA, the advanced air purification system scrubs the air of ethylene gas, mold, viruses, and bacteria every 20 minutes. Accompanied by an automatic ice maker with advanced water filtration system, this refrigerator guarantees a healthy, hygienic lifestyle for all its users.



Open your mind to every possibility

Wine Preservation

Sub-Zero not only does an excellent job at preserving food, its wine storage units also safeguard your precious wine bottles from heat, humidity, vibration, and light. Wine's natural enemies can affect the aging process of wines and cause unpleasant aromas, spoiling the flavors and aromas of your favorite wines, but Sub-Zero's Wine Preservation protects against light exposure with its bronze-tinted and UV-resistant glass.

Wine lovers will greatly appreciate the featured dual evaporators which provide constant, moderate humidity to prevent the drying of corks and peeling or discoloration of labels. Two independent preservation zones and the redesigned digital touch panel regulate temperatures within one degree of set point, maintaining the preferred storage and optimum serving temperatures.

To eliminate the rattling of bottles and agitation of wine, each bottle is safely cradled by easy-glide racks for users to smoothly access their wines. The wine storage unit is gradually illuminated by soft LED lighting upon opening the new soft-open door, showcasing the new inventory system and dark rear wall. The redesigned interior includes a dark rear wall to reduce harmful light and new shelves with an updated look, and better bottle cradling are just one of the few new features shining through the Wine Preservation units.

Choose between freestanding, built-in, column or undercounter customisations. Enjoy flexibility in wine storage unit widths as well as bottle capacity with the classic, clean stainless steel finish or custom wood panels to coordinate with your own existing cabinetry.



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Kitchen & Bathroom

The kitchen is widely considered the heart of a home, while the bathroom is simply no less important. Let the hearty dinner and the therapeutic shower free you from the fatigue of work.





Unleash your imagination

The story of Kohler

Founded in 1873 by John Michael Kohler and headquartered in Wisconsin, the Kohler company is one of the oldest family-led businesses in improving and providing products and services for their customers' homes and lifestyles, as it strives to enhance the level of gracious living for current and future generations through exquisite design, craftsmanship and innovation.

From their earliest days, wellbeing has been Kohler's core focus as it is a basic and fundamental need that encompasses our physical, mental and spiritual health. Kohler supports these needs with their rejuvenating showers that provide the most opulent retreat for cleanliness and hygiene.

The Statement Showering Collection

At Kohler, each shower is a blank canvas and the Statement showering collection is the

ultimate palette. Boasting a range of unique shapes and an array of sizes to the shower, Statement stands apart while seamlessly blending into the spaces it inhabits.

The collection re-envisioned showering and breathed new life into well-loved standards by marrying the latest in technology with durable craftsmanship as can be seen from their crafted oblong showerhead which results in more enveloping water coverage for the whole body.

Its seven immersive spray experiences offered within the collection include a Deep Massage spray that kneads out all sore areas with powerful streams of water released from the twisting jet. The Cloud spray swathes the body in a relaxing, warm mist that converges to gently caress the body. The Full Coverage Rain mimics the experience of real rainfall, while Sweep is enabled with wireless bluetooth technology that syncs with your phone for



music or hands free calls, and the angled Ribbon Massage offers a cascade of spray options for each and every user.

Additionally, the Infinity spray creates three experience zones with its interlaced water streams in a single spray; the droplets closest to the nozzle is responsible for rinsing, while the middle zone massages and the furthest stream provides coverage. Many of the shower's components make use of the state-of-the-art KOHLER Katalyst technology which infuses each droplet of water with air to make for a warm, luxurious drenching of water to the body. These sprays create wholly immersive environments for drenching the body and relaxing the mind to foster a sense of wellbeing.

The global Statement Collection is made up of a variety of showerhead nozzles and accessories, available in a range of shapes and sizes: a showerhead, four styles of handshowers,

four unique rainheads, and two body sprays. To accompany the surrounding décor and design environment, Kohler has thoughtfully come up with finishes in polished chrome, brushed nickel, matter black and brushed moderne brass.

The components were designed with universal compatibility in mind, adding to Statement's overall ease of use and providing peace of mind to designers and specifiers. The collection embodies the evolution of showering and engages all the senses while elevating the everyday.



Invigorating digital controls to elevate any shower

Anthem valves and controls feature advanced outlet regulation for independent access to each shower component and perfectly commands any shower's temperature and volume with pinpoint precision. Create or save presets to enjoy a highly personalized experience of enhanced wellbeing!

Kohler was the pioneer of transforming showers with precise operations and an uncluttered look of digital controls. The Anthem digital control turns each shower into an immersive journey with its built-in, preconfigured hydrotherapies that take showering to new heights. With a clean yet elevated look, the Anthem may look no different to common household appliances but it certainly represents the highest style and most intuitive interfaces of any non-digital setup.

The exposed thermostatic valve and control paired with two independently adjustable outlets, has a recessed control that is intuitive and familiar to all users. Targeted to relax, invigorate and deliver the most serene escape, the Anthem digital control is delivering its most advanced and intuitive experience yet.



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Fill your kitchen with wonder

Having served over 100 million worldwide households, Franke is determined to deliver the perfect balance of style, comfort and functionality within all their innovative kitchen products and solutions.

The purest of drinking water

Their two already launched British-made instantFil Countertop drinking water system and Still Pure Under Counter drinking water system proves that Franke still upholds its mission to 'Make it Wonderful' through its usage of premium materials and sophisticated systems.

The filter capacity and purification are NSF standard certified and the instantFil Countertop drinking water system cartridge is lined with microporous ceramic (Kieselguhr), silver ions, an activated carbon block, and ion exchange materials to dispense crisp and clean water by filtering out unwanted contaminants.

Having achieved an outstanding filtration rate of over 99.99% due to its replaceable NSF-certified lead filter cartridge, both drinking water systems are able to reduce levels of common bacteria such as E. coli and Salmonella. The Still Pure Under Counter drinking water system makes use of its ceramic filters to clean over 300 litres of drinking water per hour and exerts excellent water filtering performances with its durable and clean filter.

Keeping the kitchen germ-free

Franke's Food Waste Disposer Turbo Elite series was designed to help every family free the kitchen of unsightly and unhygienic household waste and maintain a fresh and tidy kitchen space.

The series' built in magnetic motor clocks in at 2,700 to 2,800 rpm, almost twice as fast as standard induction motor units which only reaches 1,400 rpm. The incredibly powerful motor facilitates the shredding and pulping process of food waste which converts it into smaller pieces which can be directly flushed down drains without fear of blockages.

To help safeguard users' health and prevent germs from spreading, the Disposer is coated with a 'Bio Shield' layer of antimicrobial agents to remove bacterial growth and odours. Its 3-bolt mount system further ensures an easy and secure installation with just a screwdriver, the disposer can be hidden under the sink and won't take up extra space in the kitchen.



An indispensable addition to the kitchen

Renowned for its impeccable quality, design and meticulous manufacturing process, Franke's taps are the most coveted faucets in the industry and are a must-need in any kitchen. Absolutely free of lead and limestone residues, their stainless steel faucets guarantee safe consumption and are incredibly durable with their corrosion resistance component. Its flexible pressure-perfect hose pairs perfectly with their high-performance ceramic cartridge and is easy to maintain over the years.

Kitchen designers looking for a distinctive brassy finish for their contemporary home can consider Franke's brass tap with a shiny chrome finish or take a look at the wide range of faucet shapes and styles that can be a versatile fit to any kitchen.



A sink that never goes out of style

The pioneer in the development of Granite sinks, partnered with Sanitized® to release the permanent antibacterial and hygienic protection technology to its whole Franke Fraganite Sink Series to eliminate up to 99% of bacterial and microbial growth.

Their new series in Q2 - Maris Fraganite Bowl has the distinct feature of being extremely heat resistant; up to 280°C, and because quartz is one of the hardest materials in the world, the sink is also highly scratch

resistant. Due to a lack of a drainer, baking trays, pots and pans effortlessly fit in and can be easily washed.

The stylish and timeless design is available in a broad variety of models with a stylish colour palette to choose from. With the Maris Fraganite Bowl, Franke continues its longstanding tradition in kitchen design and enables consumers to make the most out of their space at home.

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It all began in Scandinavia

ASKO's origins began in 1950 when a young man in a humble farming community in Vara, Sweden, was inspired to build his mother the washing machine of her dreams. It was a unique, energy and water-efficient machine - one with superior cleaning performance yet also reflecting Scandinavian values in healthy living, environmental responsibility and functional design.

70 years later, ASKO has since progressed a long way from a single washing machine to now providing a full range of appliances to millions of homes worldwide. Their love for design is proudly displayed via their impeccable craftsmanship and strong aesthetics to appeal to any discerning customer. Besides leaving an impressionable visual flair, ASKO has also pledged to create durable and functional appliances which will elevate the health and wellbeing of its users while simultaneously caring for the environment.

As a market-leading brand of premium kitchen, laundry and professional appliances, ASKO helps people cook, clean and care for their families around the world. ASKO appliances were built to last, with all products meticulously fine-tuned right down to the component level to ensure the quality of products and thus have a longer shelf life. Through the combination of award-winning designs with clever features

and solutions, ASKO products were destined to become a much-loved part of people's homes and lives.

Your environmentally conscious partner

With nature at everyone's doorstep in Scandinavia, naturally the closeness and respect for natural landscape led to ASKO implementing the most eco-friendly solutions and making the best use out of their resources when making their products. As a rule, ASKO's machines are water and energy-efficient of the highest grade, as well as being built to last longer for real hard-wearing sustainability. In 2007, ASKO was presented with the Nordic Swan Eco label for its dishwashers and washing machines, the official ecolabel of the Nordic countries, which has made it easy for consumers and professional buyers to choose goods and services that contribute to less environmentally damaging

production and consumption.

An award-winning reputation

ASKO's product design has earned its spotlight at the forefront of the global creative industry in 2021, as the quality and performance of its products stood out in the most coveted of international awards. Winning twice at the prestigious iF DESIGN AWARD 2021 competition, the ASKO Elements wine climate cabinet and Celsius^oCooking™ induction hobs and smart cookware system were selected out of 10,000 submissions from 52 countries to recognise ASKO's incredible commitment to craftsmanship, durable construction, passion for details, advanced technology, smart functionality and sustainable innovations. ASKO was also previously awarded the Good Designs Awards, the European Product Design Award, APDC*IDA Design Excellence Awards and Red Dot Design Award.



Feel the difference with an ASKO washer

Fashioned to take a load off your shoulders, ASKO's Quattro Construction™ washing system incorporates a simple yet smart and innovative design. Constructed with four shock absorbers that transfer the vibrational energy from the outer drum to the bottom plate of the machine, the entire construction can stand vibration-free inside the casing while spinning at maximum speeds, thus achieving a much extended service lifespan.

Active Drum™ acts as the perfect balance to the best possible washing and rinsing performance while ensuring minimal wear and tear on fabrics. Debris such as dirt and gravel can be easily removed from the machine by guiding the load to the gentler central area of the drum from the hourglass-shaped removable lifters to the larger gaps at the edge of the drum.

The Steel Seal™ door solution eliminates the need for the conventional rubber door seal

which can degrade over time and inadvertently trap dirt and grime. The seal facilitates the loading and unloading process for a more hygienic wash. Combined with the level of rinsing earned the recommendations by asthma and allergy associations in early 2010 such as Astma-och Allergiförbundet and Norges Astma-og Allergiforbund (NAAF), and by the National Asthma Council Australia in 2018.





A professional home dishwasher like no other

ASKO dishwashers distinguish themselves with more steel than any other dishwasher on the market. The new generation dishwashers emphasise their use of high-quality steel with their full-sized steel door and its eight essential steel components.

Staying close to its Scandinavian roots, ASKO's dishwashers retain a sleek and sophisticated silhouette. This top tier appliance can merge effortlessly into your kitchen's design and layout, while ASKO's minimalistic design perfectly highlights a seamless transition

between the door to the panel and will hide neatly beneath your countertop or behind your cabinetry.

Its patented Super Cleaning System (SCS+) feature makes sure to clean the fine filter and all interior surfaces after pre-wash to ensure a cleaner washing process during the main wash. It is an intelligent feature that saves the user time, electricity, water and effort. Meanwhile the Turbo Drying™ drying system uses a 25 percent increase in airflow to get every load of cutlery, dishes and glassware completely dry.



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World's most flexible built-in Combi Oven

ASKO's 5-in-1 Combi Oven comes in handy when you need to cook a big gourmet dinner or a quick everyday meal in a compact kitchen space. Three main cooking and heating technologies make up the core of this product; full steam, microwaves and traditional oven, all of which can be used individually. The built-in combi oven offers endless possibilities as

the microwave function can be combined with traditional oven and steam with traditional oven.

Made for compact living, this time saver makes the best of living in a small city apartment. Its sous vide program ensures an even steam flow at the exact temperature over long periods of time, enabling users to cook with the healthy steam function.

The combi steam ovens use the Pure Steam System to separate condensed water from steam which is then re-circulated into the steaming process, ensuring a comprehensive and proper steaming of the food. The Microwave Stirrer fan distributes heat waves evenly within the oven, removing the need for a turntable; this extra space gained can be used to heat larger volumes of food instead.

Oftentimes users worry about the tiresome cleaning ahead of them after using an oven, but thanks to the steam clean function, oven cleaning has never been more hassle-free. Just by regularly spraying the oven with water and creating steam, the residues become easy to clean out.

Built Like A Professional Care Aesthetics - Scandinavian Design

With a passion for detail and innovation, ASKO appliances have delivered high performance, quality, and sheer precision for over 70 years. We care about the environment, that's why we offer high quality and environmentally friendly appliances, built to last.



A minimalist in every respect

SilicaTec Granite Sinks

The new hansgrohe granite sinks bring natural materials and elegant colour accents to the kitchen. The graphite black model can also be paired as a convenient sink combination unit featuring a matching faucet, a convenient control system and a smart hose box. Made with premium quality SilicaTec, the sinks are highly durable, hygienic and robust.



SilicaTec is a composite made of quartz and acrylic resins which gives off a natural look and is smooth to the touch. The final product is a highly heat and impact-resistant and easy-to-clean surface that is also stain proof even in the most hectic of kitchen routines, perfect for the rigours of everyday kitchen life.

Versatility and Individuality

The hansgrohe sink range invites users to freely mix and match their individual layout options with its variety of shapes, sizes and three trendy colours: graphite black, stone grey and cement grey. The worktop and the sink can merge seamlessly into a single visual unit, while the dark and light colours can be used to set design accents.

The distinctive broad rim design showcases the material and provides plenty of room for additional features; it also connects elements for the innovative two-hole mixer used in hansgrohe's granite sink combination units. The overflow in all of hansgrohe's granite sinks is hidden on the right side of the bowl, giving the sink a clean, uncluttered appearance.

Easy access in the kitchen

The kitchen is a hub where every placement and design should revolve around the user and be carefully thought out. All innovative hansgrohe sink combination models come with two intuitive controls positioned at the front right side of the sink rim for easy use. The flow

of water can be controlled by simply pressing the 'Select' button, strategically positioned on the high spout and can be turned on to select the exact water temperature and preferred volume dispensed.

The hansgrohe sBox keeps the base cabinet tidy and stows away the hose of the pull-out spray faucet in a flat casing, protecting the hose from getting bumped into by drawers and waste bins. All hansgrohe sink combinations deliver a premium granite sink with a quality faucet with a chrome finish, an intuitive control system, a smart hose box and installation material in a ready-to-install and coordinated all-in-one package.



The Aquino Select M81

The Aquino Select M81 faucet range shows off a new lavish and efficient way of using water in the kitchen. Enjoy using water mindfully with the flat spray paired with the hansgrohe multi-function filter screen to delicately wash bruise-prone fruit and vegetables. The smart position of the spray and its individual micro-fine jets rinse at an incredible speed and efficiency with minimal splashing.

The versatile faucet gives users the option of switching between a shallow shower, the clear laminar and voluminous shower spray intensity. The three choices make for an all-rounder when it comes to chores at the sink, while the combination of flat and curved features transform their flagship product into the new design archetype in the kitchen.

The Aquino Select M81 has an L-shaped spout giving a linear look and highlights the precise angles of the overall design so it can perfectly match the cupboards and other interior design elements.

Talis M54

Presenting a new minimalist kitchen faucet, Talis M54 has an exclusive matte black finish combined with an elegant and timeless design. Its sleek silhouette and clean design language lends an individual touch to any kitchen interior.

The Talis M54 is a refined expression of the latest design standards with its three iconic shapes and choice of finishes, allowing versatility and freedom of choice for the user to select a faucet to blend seamlessly into any individually designed and customised kitchen environment.

Regardless of model or finish; L-shaped, U-shaped or high arc spout, chrome, stainless steel or exclusive matte black, the Talis M54 transforms the sink into a kitchen must-have centrepiece.

Clean uninterrupted minimalism

The elongated streamlined silhouette of the Talis M54 is enhanced by its slender pin handle and flat cartridge seat. The minimalist hot and cold water markings and the discreetly located spray add to the faucet's appeal. Details such as



the sliding rings, sealing washers and the black hose of the pull-down spray have also been designed to match the surface finish.

The ergonomic handle gives the user complete control over water settings. The spray mode is particularly resource efficient and minimises splashing, cutting down water consumption and ideal for rinsing away light dirt.

The intuitive control button is flat and unobtrusive and equally as ergonomic thanks to its precise pressure point, making every use of the faucet easier, whether it be for washing vegetables or rinsing one's hands. The faucet's pull-down spray head enables easy cleaning of the entire sink area and is long enough to reach plants or larger pots near the sink.



Multitasking at the sink

The jet type adjustment on the pull-out spray guarantees flexibility when using water by simply switching between the laminar and shower spray using the lockable button. The monolithic design also features a single lever handle to turn the faucet on and off and to control the water's temperature. Whether you are rinsing pots in the sink or filling a container next to it, the pull-out function with the two jet types enables flexible work at ease.



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Demonstrating thoughtfulness in every step of the way

Mia Cucina, famed for years of experience in kitchen cabinet design and providing practical total kitchen solutions, considers design, quality and functionality as keys to curate a personalized dream kitchen. The brand uses quality materials imported from Italy and other countries to design kitchens that cater to every customer's requirements.



Mia Cucina's custom designs bring a breath of fresh air into your kitchen and give it an entirely new look and feel. The team provides professional advice for customers to personalize a design to best suit their cooking habits, storage needs and preferences. From consultation, installation to after-sales services, Mia Cucina is certain to enhance your home cooking experience through their comprehensive support.

Excellent customer-oriented service

Having considered the needs of every user, a customized kitchen is critical. From door panels and worktop materials,

accessories to the height of worktops, Mia Cucina's team will go above and beyond like no other to create the ideal and unique cooking paradise for you.

Mia Cucina strictly monitors the entire renovation process and keeps close, constant communication with customers from start to finish to ensure a smooth transformation.

Keep your house mess-free and your mind stress-free! Mia Cucina declutters your kitchen cabinets and worktops with their post-renovation cleaning service so customers can sit back and relax. The six-star service provided by Mia Cucina also includes a superb after-sales service which offers a 1-year warranty for kitchen cabinets, and a 3-year free warranty with free spare parts for

appliances.

Those who have purchased Mia Cucina appliances may also find support with their 24-hour customer service hotline that directly connects customers to maintenance and installation aids of all kinds to eliminate any concerns that may arise.

State-of-the-art online kitchen visualizer

In Mia Cucina's experience, some customers have very specific ideas on what constitutes their dream kitchen, while others may be groping and searching for what appeals to them. To help them pick and choose, Mia Cucina has come up with a real-time, state-of-the-art kitchen visualizer. It is an online tool that speaks for

itself and makes decision-making much easier.

Customize your dream cooking paradise with a simple click using the real-time preview function, save the image and consult with Mia Cucina's strong project team via email, or visit Mia Cucina showrooms to explore ideas. The kitchen specialists are more than happy to provide professional advice throughout the whole journey with their one-stop service.

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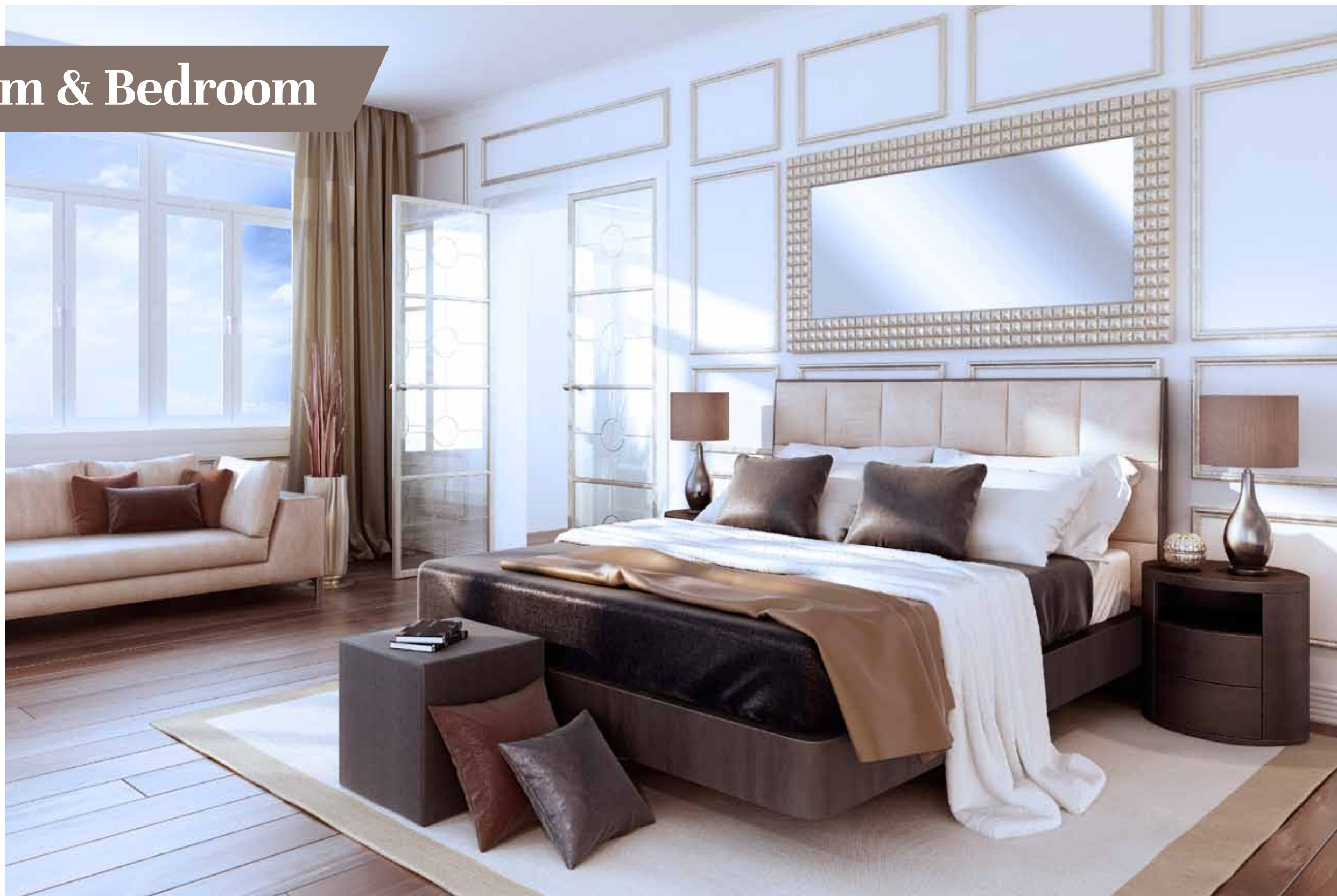
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Living Room & Bedroom

From opulent black and gold finish, nature-infused warm wood cladding, to subdued oriental minimalism, living room and bedroom appointments speak for the household. As time takes its toll, a makeover would give new vigor to the family-centric space.



Flexible living becomes a habit



With rents going through the roof in major cities, young executives are loving the concept of flexible living. A happy medium between Airbnb and long-term rentals, it offers tenants furnished rooms or apartments to co-live or live privately based on their budget, duration of stay, and stage of life.

This has led to a boom in businesses offering flexi-living, such as Hmlet. The company, based in Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan, has recently merged with Habyt, a leading flexi-living player in Europe, to cater to this fast-growing sector.

The new group will have a presence in 10 countries and 20 cities, managing over 8,000 units and supporting 15,000 tenants each year. Hmlet will continue to operate under the same name but as part of the Habyt group, which will be led in Asia-Pacific by Hmlet CEO Giselle Makarachvili.



Makarachvili said: “With the merger, our members will be able to access a much larger community with an even greater geographical variety of housing options, partnerships, and other perks. Members will easily be able to move within the different locations, just by fulfilling the minimum residential stay requirement of each location.”

Hmlet, which manages 1,200 units in

Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan, expects to reach 2,300 units in Asia Pacific by the end of the year.

It has just launched Hamilton, a new building in Singapore, comprising a row of eight conservation shophouses, 68 rooms, that have been completely refurbished to accommodate the brand standards. The property had a pre-opening occupancy of 78 percent and was fully

occupied by the second month of opening.

Hmlet has also signed three new buildings in Hong Kong – Hmlet Knight on Wyndham, Hmlet Portland Street and another centrally located hotel – all projected to open in the second quarter of this year.

“Collaborations with hotel landlords in Hong Kong have been gaining momentum, with our deep rooted expertise in mid- and long-term

stays making Hmlet the preferred partner for landlords. Our track record of above 90 percent occupancy rates in Hong Kong has provided a resilient income stream despite the challenging business environment”, said Hmlet’s Hong Kong-based managing director Dominik Wiesent.

Hmlet will continue to focus on expansion in Asia-Pacific in a market predicted to grow 300 percent in 2022.



Hmlet
Website www.hmlet.com

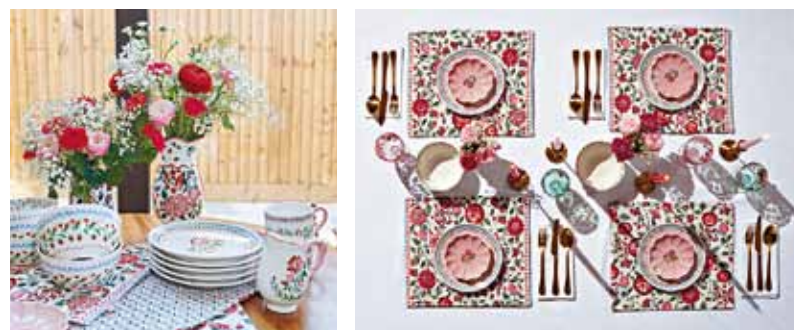
Magical garden

Stuck at home with nowhere to go during the lockdown, Cath Kidston artists allowed their imagination to roam. The resulting prints are set in an imaginary kingdom, packed with magical floral and fauna such as flowers resembling children's paintings, leopard-spotted unicorns and tiger-striped monkeys.

Tapping on the eco-friendly drive, the home collection uses earth-kind fabrics such as organic cotton for the aprons and tea towels.

To encourage you to cut down on single use plastics, the British brand offers glass boxes as well as glass travel cups with silicone lids and sleeves.

Glass and ceramic are also used for the bakeware and tableware. The hardy materials stand up to everyday use – meaning they are sustainable in the long run as you don't have to keep replacing them.



Cath Kidston London

Website www.cathkidston.hk



■ Honeycomb bowl



■ Curio pine wood bowls



■ Boat wood stool



Embracing imperfection

Japanese and scandinavian aesthetics are so alike that it has brought rise to a whole new term: Japandi.

Despite coming from opposite sides of the globe, both share an appreciation for natural materials, simplicity, craftsmanship and a “less is more” ethos. Japandi draws on the Japanese wabi sabi philosophy of embracing imperfection as well as hygge, a Scandinavian term that refers to the feeling of comfort and contentment.

This is exactly aligned with Tree's green credentials. In the Japandi spirit, the local eco-store's spring collection is made up of home furnishings that are warm and calming – while remaining highly functional.

Recycled and sustainable wood forms the backbone of the brand.

This season, the material is used for the recycled teak and boat wood stools (from HK\$1,250). Embodying the wabi sabi appreciation for all things weathered and natural, the boat wood stools are made from salvaged southeast Asian fishing vessels. The colorful chipped paint, dents and bolts are all kept to tell the story of their unique past.

Also maintaining the integrity of the material are the lava coffee and side tables. Drawing inspiration from the molten rock, they are handcrafted from natural mineral powder and color pigments blended together along with metal detailing. Each piece features hand-etched patterns reminiscent of cracks in dried lava.

Curio home decorations, designed by Ethnicraft, are hand carved by Javanese artisans using natural materials such as upcycled black-tinted mahogany and pine wood. Again, the wabi sabi principle can be seen in the way the naturally occurring cracks in the pine wood bowls are mended with butterfly joints.



■ Lava coffee table and side tables



■ Recycled wood stools



Get some hotel-quality sleep



You know that amazing sleep you get while staying at five-star hotels? Now, you can duplicate that experience at home. Sealy, used by luxury hotels such as the Ritz-Carlton, Marriott, InterContinental, The Venetian Macao and Wynn Palace, has introduced Heritage by Sealy mattresses for residential use.

Its mattresses are codeveloped by an orthopedic advisory board to ensure a great sleep experience while also protecting your back.

A mattress is only as good as its core. For the Heritage line, Sealy has developed RestSupport coils made of high-tech titanium. Combined with the new SynerFlex surface of free-floating micro-coils which adjusts to the sleeper's position and the patented Align Support Coil, it simulates the feeling of weightlessness so you can enter a state of deep sleep more quickly.

Supplementing the springs is the ComfortBridge fine-tuning pressure-relieving cushion. Embedded with hundreds of micro coils to support the lumbar spine, it helps reduce pressure by 23 percent and makes the mattress surface hug the curve of the body.

And then there is the surface, which is what most of us use to judge quality.

The Heritage collection uses silk and Australian wool for its inner layer. Thanks to a process which removes smell often associated with sheep wool, the natural material is odorless, breathable, non-irritating and non-allergenic – making it ideal for people with sensitive skin.



■ At the world's first Heritage by Sealy store at HomeSquare, customers are treated to bedtime sound baths.



■ Handcrafted in Australia, the Heritage collection mattresses are made with high-tech titanium coils with silk and Australian wool for the inner layer.

Some mattresses in the collection are made with soft gold alpaca and rare cashmere. Soft as cotton and smooth as silk, alpaca has a hollow structure that makes it both soft and elastic. This structure, rare among natural fibers, ensures that the mattress is comfortable and wear-resistant.

Cashmere fibers, with their fine and irregularly curled texture, have a diameter five times smaller than human hair. Their softness and elasticity allow them to easily return to their original shape after being pulled.

Heritage-collection mattresses are the only Sealy ones hand-tufted by craftsmen who draw on the company's century of rich history. Handcrafted in Australia, all materials and cushioning are manually sewn together.

Of course, the proof of the mattress is in the testing. You can bounce to your heart's content at the world's first Heritage by Sealy store at HomeSquare in Sha Tin or Sealy mattress stores in Wan Chai and Mong Kok. All four mattresses in the collection are available for trial.

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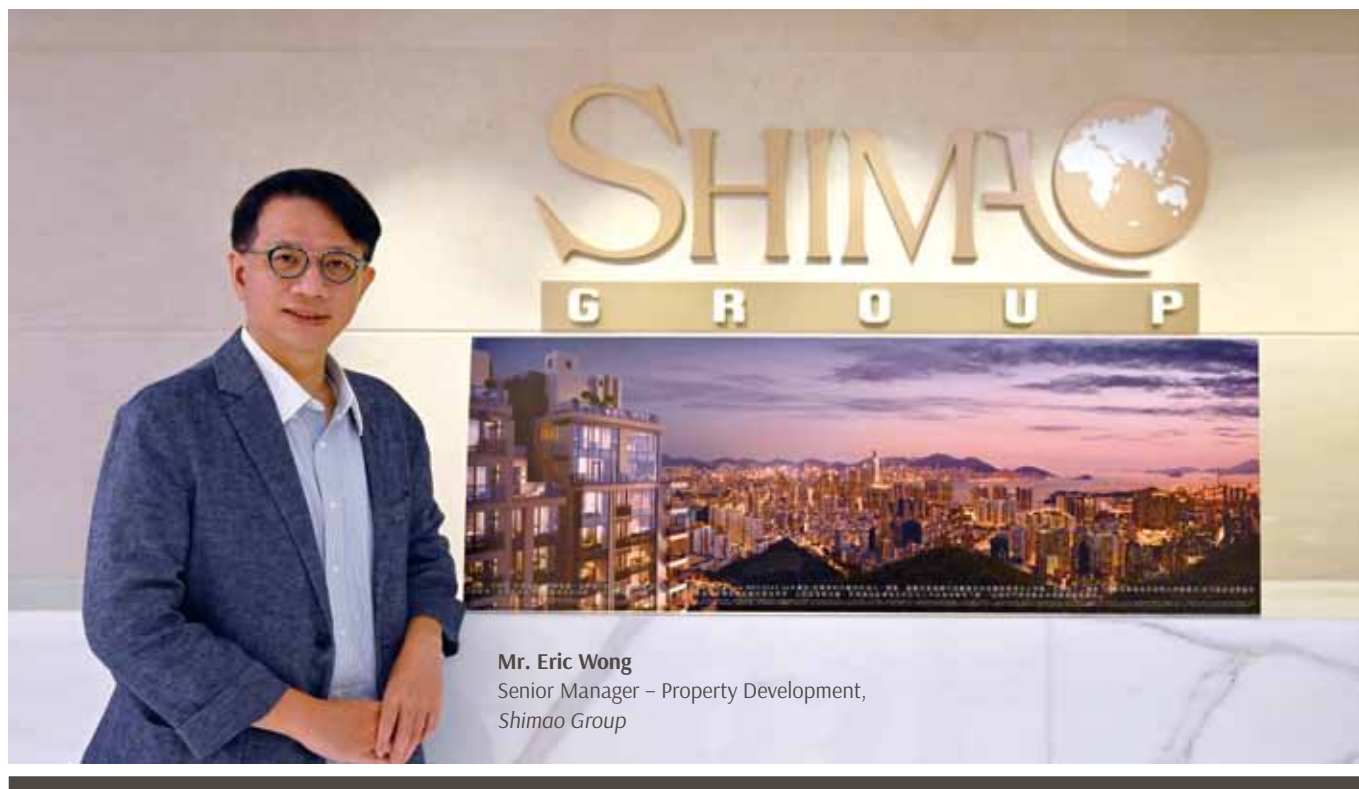
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Luxe Home

For centuries, designers have devoted their heart and soul to creating the ultimate luxury abodes, marking their inimitable styles with the innovative use of color, texture, space and more. For a glimpse of the latest offerings, read on and be fascinated.





Mr. Eric Wong
Senior Manager – Property Development,
Shimao Group

The accent is always on quality

“Every food connoisseur knows that with the Tuber magnatum Pico, the all-important factor for enjoyment is the quality of the taste and smell itself, because if it’s not up to the mark, there is nowhere to hide,” says Wong, drawing an interesting comparison with property. “By the same token, what makes an idyllic home is, first and foremost, the quality of the site and its environs, all other extraneous factors are mere trimmings and distractions.”



Wong points out that, at Shimao, quality is the over-riding factor in any business proposition. As far as property development is concerned, they would first undertake a comprehensive environmental feasibility study before partaking in any land auctions. “It is only after a careful analysis that convinces us it’s a prime and environs supreme site before we would consider making a bid,” he notes.

Citing a superior site at Beacon Hill that Shimao won in a public auction, Wong explains that the elevated site overlooks its prestigious immediate neighbourhood of Kowloon Tong, with an unobstructed 270-degree view stretching from Lyemun Pass in the east to Stonecutters

Bridge in the west. “It’s an unparalleled vista with excellent Feng Shui,” he enthuses.

Shimao also took the trouble of checking on scientific data related to the Beacon Hill site. In terms of both the air composition and the noise level, the site scores well. “It’s a salubrious site that is a rarity in the market, and one that would be of special appeal to residents who prioritise on health and wellness in their choice of abode,” Wong adds.

As a matter of fact, the importance Shimao attaches to the choice of sites is also reflected in the many iconic landmarks the group has built in major cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Xiamen, and more, says Wong.

In optimising the superiority of their sites,

Shimao focuses on creating people-centric homes, and maximising their connection with nature.

“There is a lot of attention to details in such simple matters as designing more enlarged spacious balconies and more expansive windows to capture the home’s surrounding greenery,” Wong explains. “The same concept extends to facilities like indoor swimming pools and gyms where residents can tone up their physique as well as immerse in the natural ambience at the same time.”

Wong applauds the government’s plans as outlined in the Chief Executive’s 2021 Policy Address on making more land available, and on further streamlining land development



Photo By CP Lau



processes. “To make bread, we first need flour. Therefore, the more land is on offer, the better we can flex our muscles in serving the needs of the community,” he remarks. “As a well-established developer, we do not fear competition, as we believe each company has its own niche in the market.”

It has been a difficult year for most businesses, but Shimao has done well. Amongst the wide range of its business portfolio, its hotel chains of Sheraton and Four Points have enjoyed high occupancy rates, and it has made some sound property investments in the CBD. Looking ahead, the Group will be keen to seize opportunities that arise in the market.

Wong underscores his confidence in property as a safe and secure investment. In this day and age of rapid changes in the market, investors have to ride out violent fluctuations in stocks and shares, but property has remained attractive because of its steadfast performance. “Whether for investment or for self-occupancy, property is hard to beat as a safe and sound option,” he notes.

In anticipation of relaxation in cross-border traffic, and the continuance of a low-interest environment and strong market demands, Wong foresees a strong year ahead, especially in the luxury and ultra-luxury segment of the market which has recorded good prices due to the shortage of supply. He predicts a healthy growth of about 10% in the new year.

A privileged peek

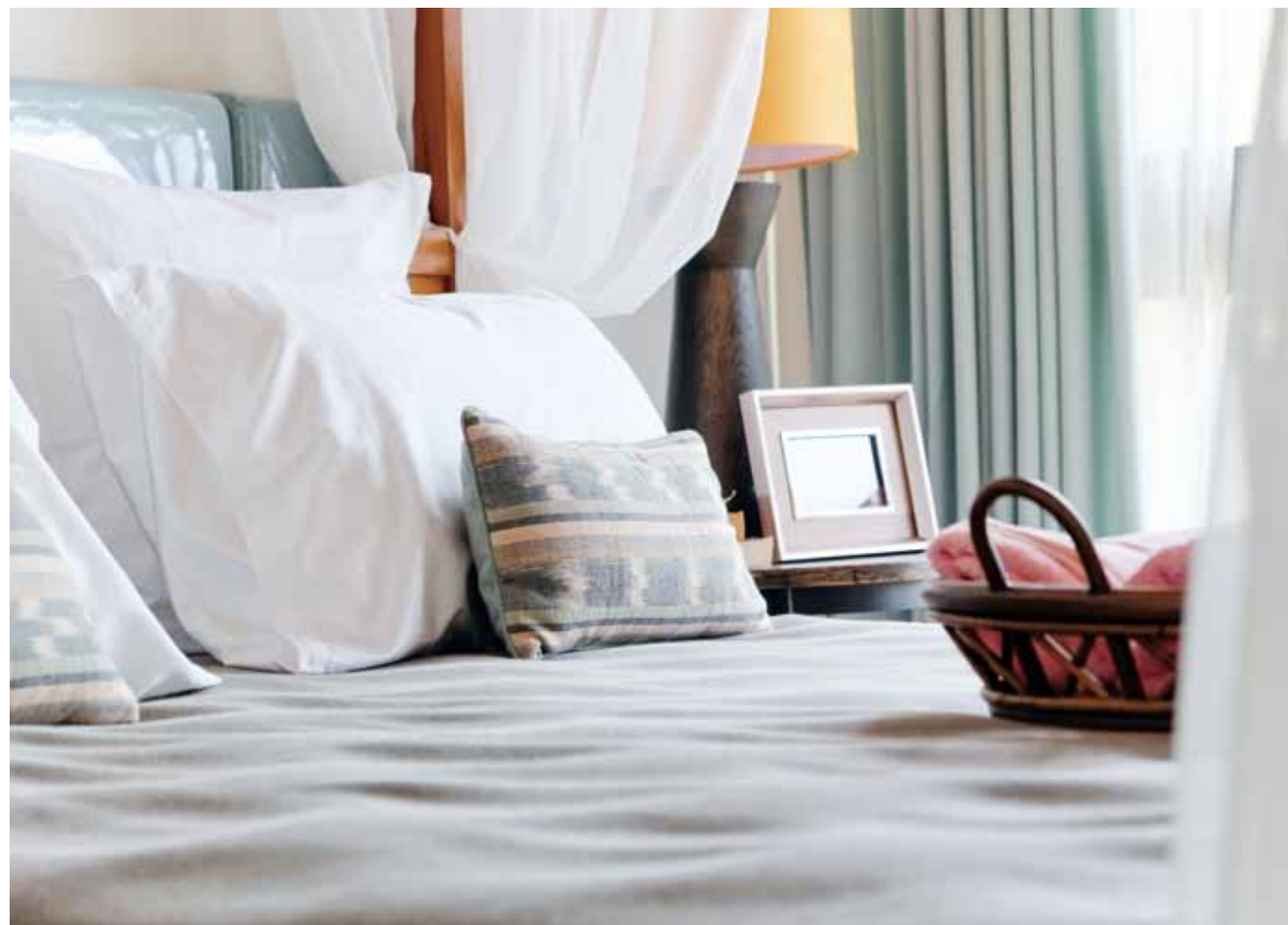
Meanwhile, just to whet your appetite before the official launch, Shimao’s prestigious development at Beacon Hill will comprise only 332 apartments in phase one, mostly of 3 to

4-bedroom configurations each in excess of 1,300 sq.ft., with some boasting ultra-wide balconies, and some with L-shaped balconies, to take in the unrivalled view.

Residents can also look forward to the comprehensive facilities of a 5-star clubhouse designed on the concept of ‘Nature & Cloud’. Here you can do your laps in the pool or flex your muscles in the gym in full view of the surrounding greenery. Entertain friends in style at the Banquet Room with your premium collection from the Wine Cellar, while the children have a ball in the indoor and outdoor Child’s World. For added health protection, the clubhouse has installed an NCCO air purification system based on a new Nano Oxygen Polymerization technology.



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