

Clean slate



Interior designers Eric McClelland and Peter Lunney of Fleur-de-lis Interior Design were able to start with a clean slate when a client asked them to create the mood of “a boutique hotel” in her spacious 3,500 square foot condominium suite. The fact that Tridel had not yet started construction on the building made it easy to create a unique personal living space in the downtown condo tower. The result is a design that won a coveted Merit Award from the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO). The ARIDO Awards are sponsored by *Condo Life Magazine* and other magazines from HOMES Publishing Group.

The suite’s original floor plan was set aside as the design team created new spaces according to the client’s preferences. “We changed the layout entirely,” says McClelland. Bedrooms were made compact and efficient, while social areas were expanded. The only rooms that had to remain in place were washrooms and the kitchen. Great attention was paid to lighting; rooms and hallways are illuminated with an array of precisely placed pot lights and lamp fixtures.

Working closely with the developer, McClelland and Lunney were able to design rooms that take full advantage of the suite’s stunning views. The original open-concept plan for the kitchen and living room was discarded; instead, the kitchen is hidden behind a flush-mounted door on a dramatic wood-paneled hallway wall, which also conceals a bank of storage closets.

The clean-lined minimalism was used consistently in all rooms, with a controlled range of colours and materials. Jatopa wood — “a Brazilian cherry,” explains McClelland — was used for flooring, while walls and cabinets are made of cherry wood. A Benjamin Moore

paint perfectly matches the pale off-white wallpaper. “It’s white,” says McClelland, “but it’s not really white. It’s a creamy white, a warm white.” Panels of stainless steel and pillars of exposed concrete present bold contrasting details. “They’re extremes,” says McClelland, “they make a balance of extremes.”

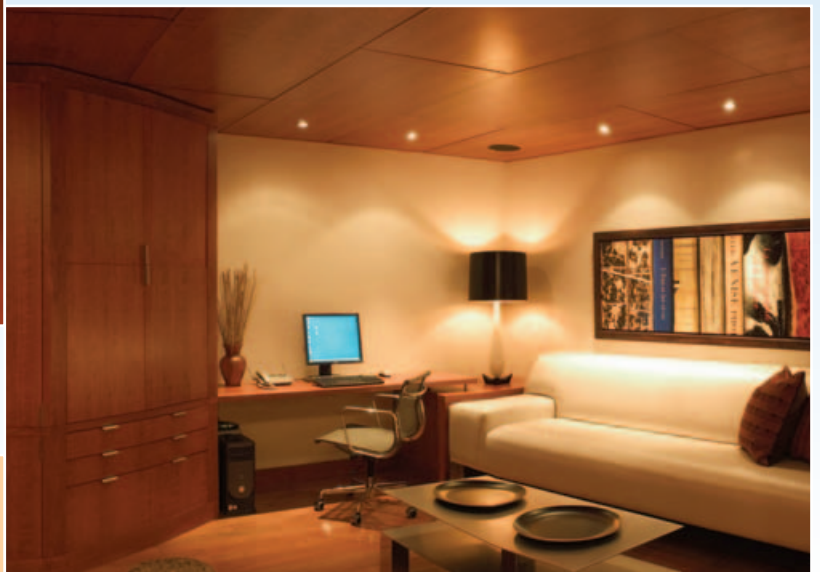
Completing the design was a selection of International-style furnishings, some of which were custom built, including the dramatic bar which glows with neon lighting.

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Eric McClelland and
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