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TOWNHOUSE

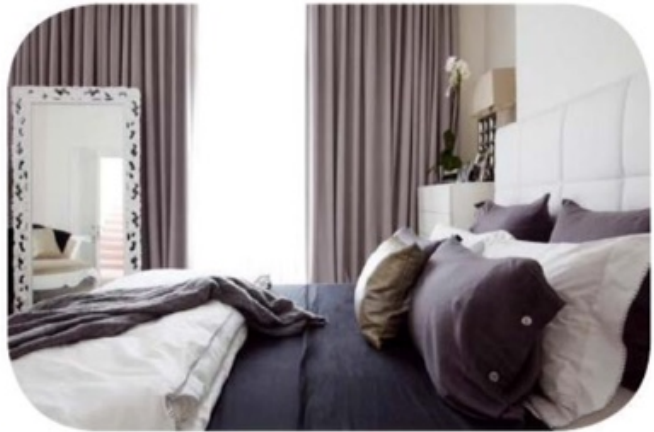
This townhouse in Chelsea was designed for a celebrity couple who wanted a calm and understated home. Maurizio opted for dark wood furniture, a soft colour scheme and luxury finishes such as cashmeres and silks. MPD London created many bespoke pieces of furniture for the house, including the headboard in the master bedroom and the desk in the bay window that complements the iconic Ralph Lauren Duke Bar. One-off pieces were paired with antiques, among them the 1960s chandelier in the living room. With accessorising kept to a minimum in the garden, hallway and bathrooms, the overall effect is one of uncluttered luxury.

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BRIEF

The client's brief was to re-create the Ralph Lauren lifestyle as seen in the Mayfair collection (Spring 2007). The couple was moving out of a contemporary flat which was too cold and impersonal for their tastes and they wanted a more mature look in their first marital home. The brief was to create something classic and stylish modeled on the Ralph Lauren look that was also glamorous and feminine. The client requested a fast turn-around and minimum disruption.



DESIGN

Two sitting areas were incorporated into the living area, one in front of the fireplace for drinks above which is hung a beautiful and glamorous antique chandelier from circa 1960, and the second in front of the TV. An Art Deco styled mahogany bar in the corner conceals a collection of cocktail accessories and spirits for mixing drinks. Although the furniture is dark and substantial the colour scheme is soft and a careful assortment of accessories lighten the overall impact of the room. The walls are Skimming Stone by Farrow and Ball and the antique blue and white oriental pots are imported from New York. The Venetian mirror and chandelier bring a feminine touch to the design. The desk in the bay window is designed by MPD to compliment the iconic Ralph Lauren Duke Bar. The room has a colonial feel to it, with stained floorboards, plantation shutters and campaign-style chairs.

The master bedroom has a glamorous silver black colour scheme and generous silk curtains. The distressed finish on the wardrobe and the striking headboard are both custom designs. The white leather Poliform bed was a starting point for the guest bedroom design. MPD matched this with soft grey furnishings, cashmere curtains from De Le Cuona and a silk and wool mix carpet that make the room a tranquil haven in which to pamper and unwind. The bedroom is clutter-free to create a feeling of space and calm. New cabinetry provides ample space for storage. The third bedroom was converted into a nursery for their new baby girl.

Through areas such as the hallway and staircase were minimally styled and bathrooms were kept simple and fresh.

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