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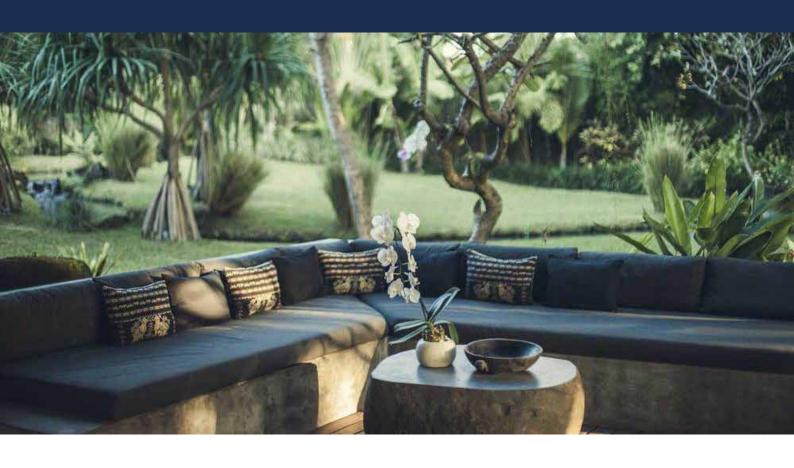
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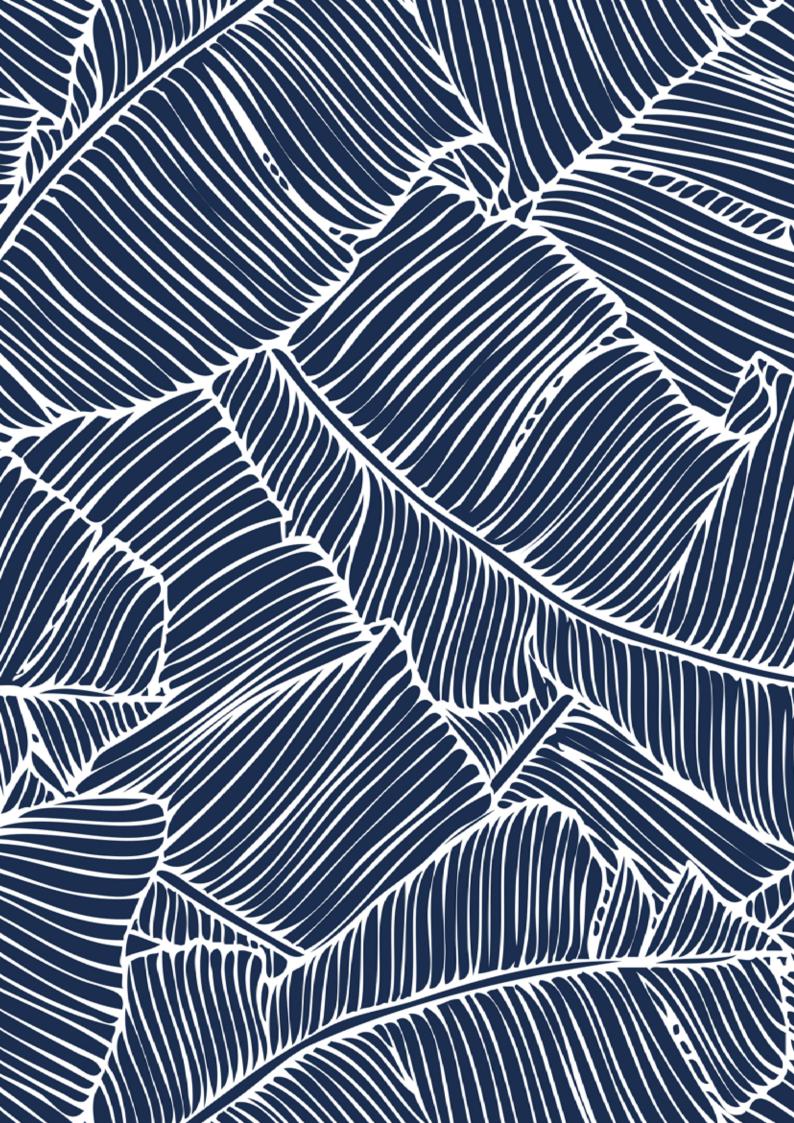
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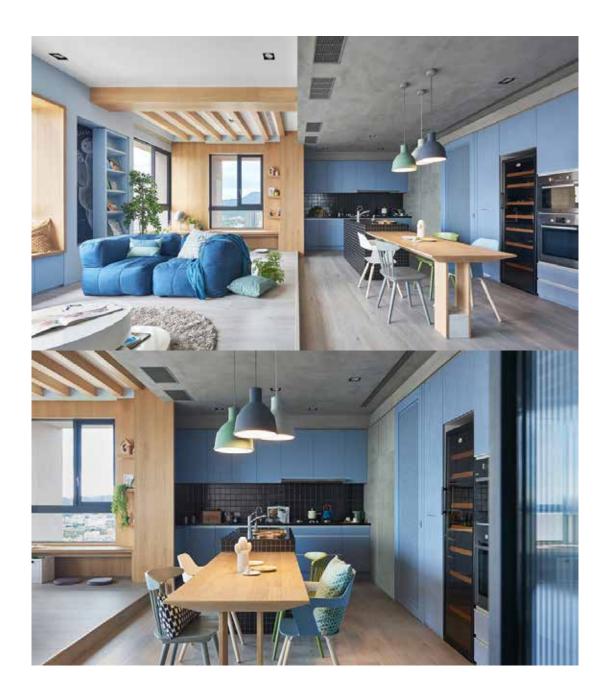


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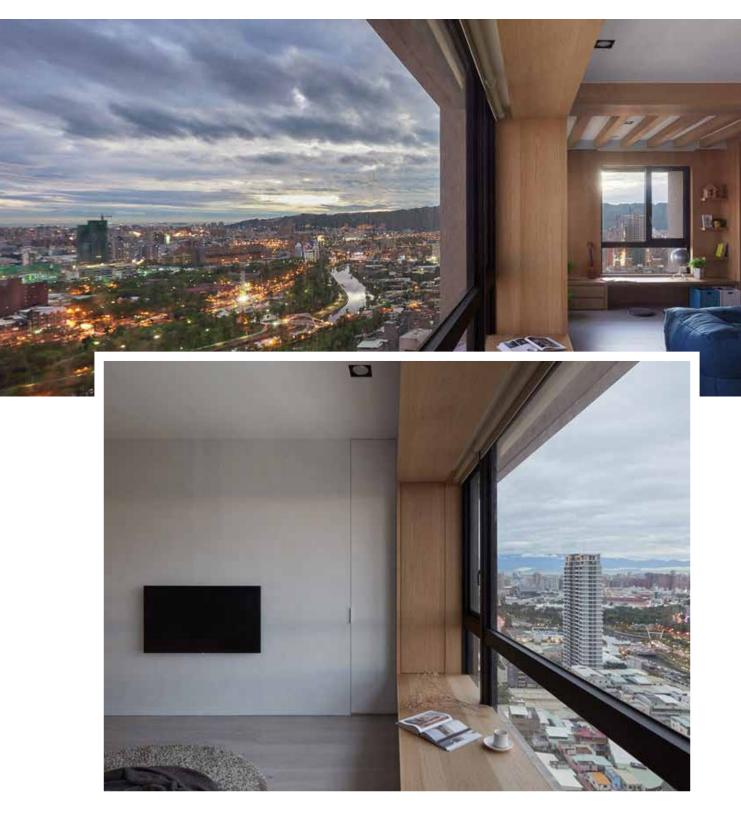
young married couple looking to find a balance between life as parents and their desire for an active social lifestyle chose to settle down in Kaohsiung, Taiwan in a high rise apartment overlooking the city. They hired HAO Design to create the interior to reflect their fun spirit, along with making it a colorful place for their two young children to play and grow up.



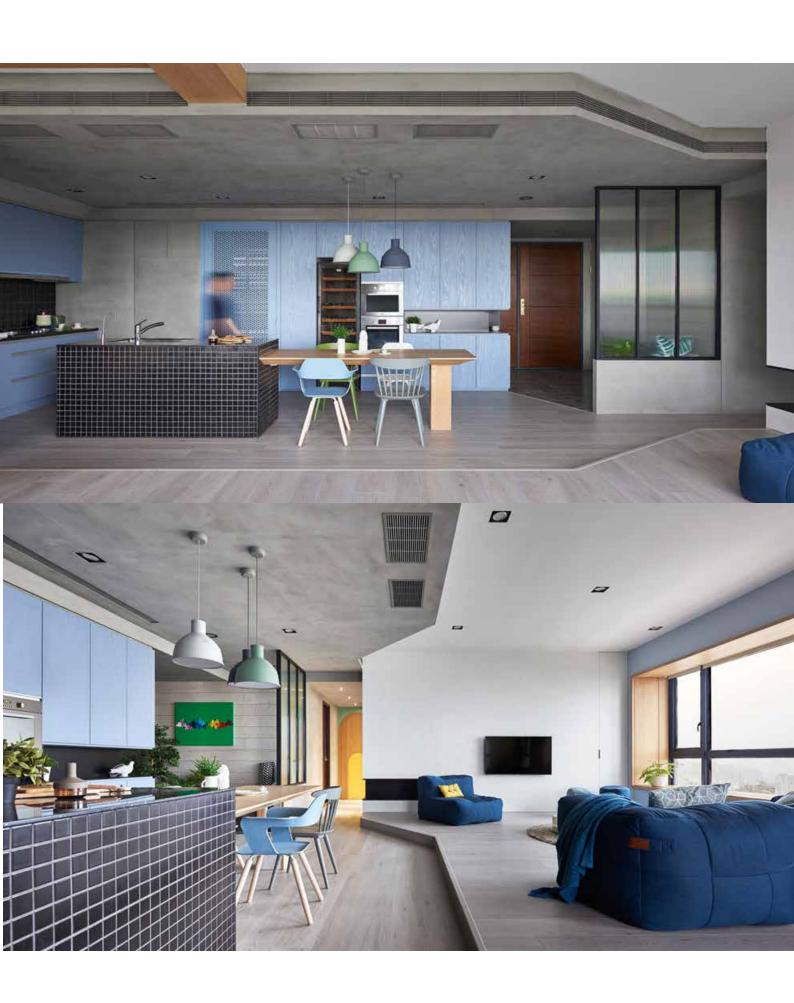


The living room is furnished with an overstuffed sofa and chair, along with a coffee table at low height making it even more kid-friendly. The low furniture also keeps the views from being obstructed.

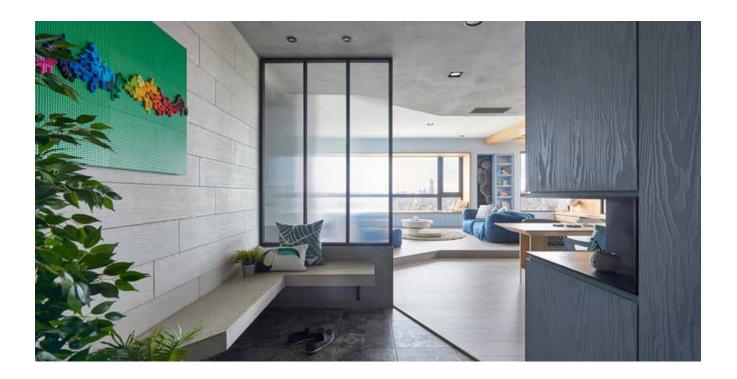




The massive windows were built with a window seat to help take in the view.







Adding to the playfulness is the LEGO collage hanging on the wall near the entrance.

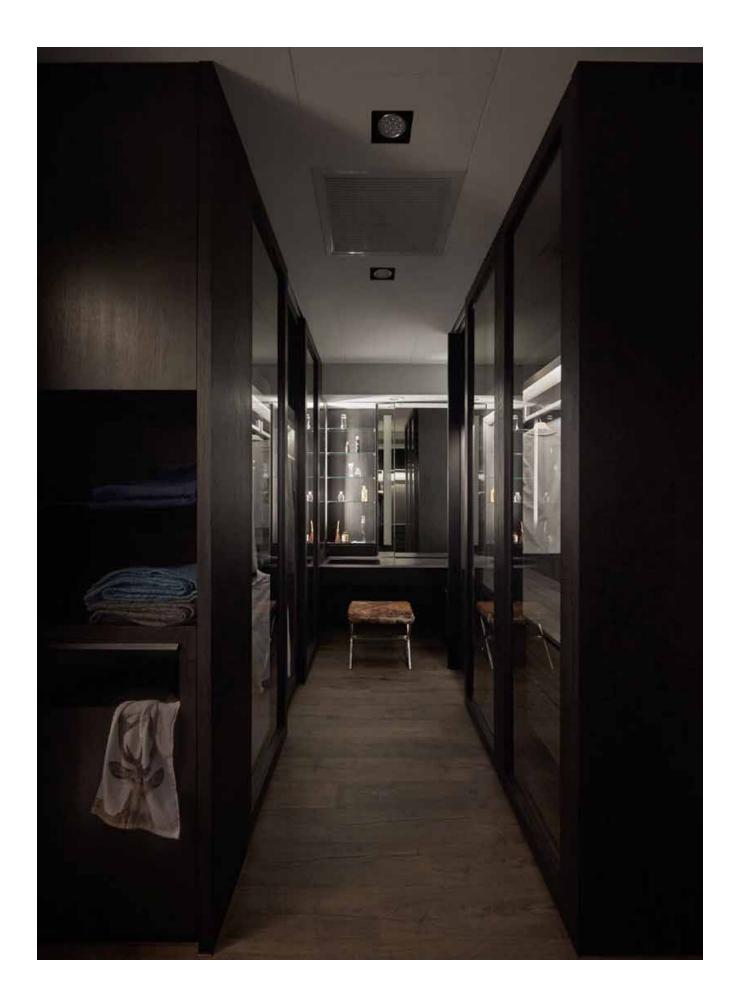


The children's room is decked out in fun colors, like blue, green, and yellow instead of the typical pink, along with a soothing grey to balance it out.



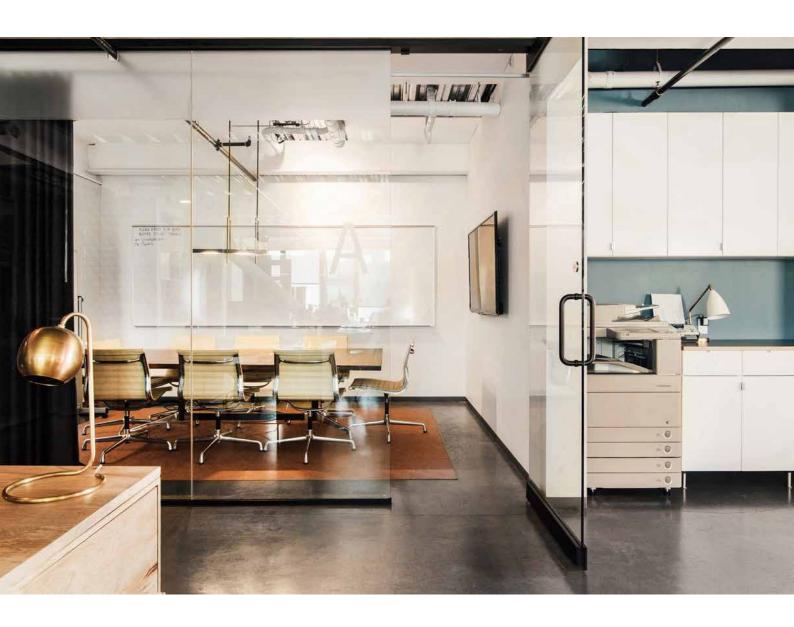














Cloud Room is a private, member's only, shared working environment in Seattle that's the product of a joint collaboration between Graham Baba Architects and Brian Paquette Interiors who oversaw the design of the co-working space. While it's an office for people to work in, it doesn't feel boring or sterile like many workspaces do, especially some of the co-working concepts that have popped up.



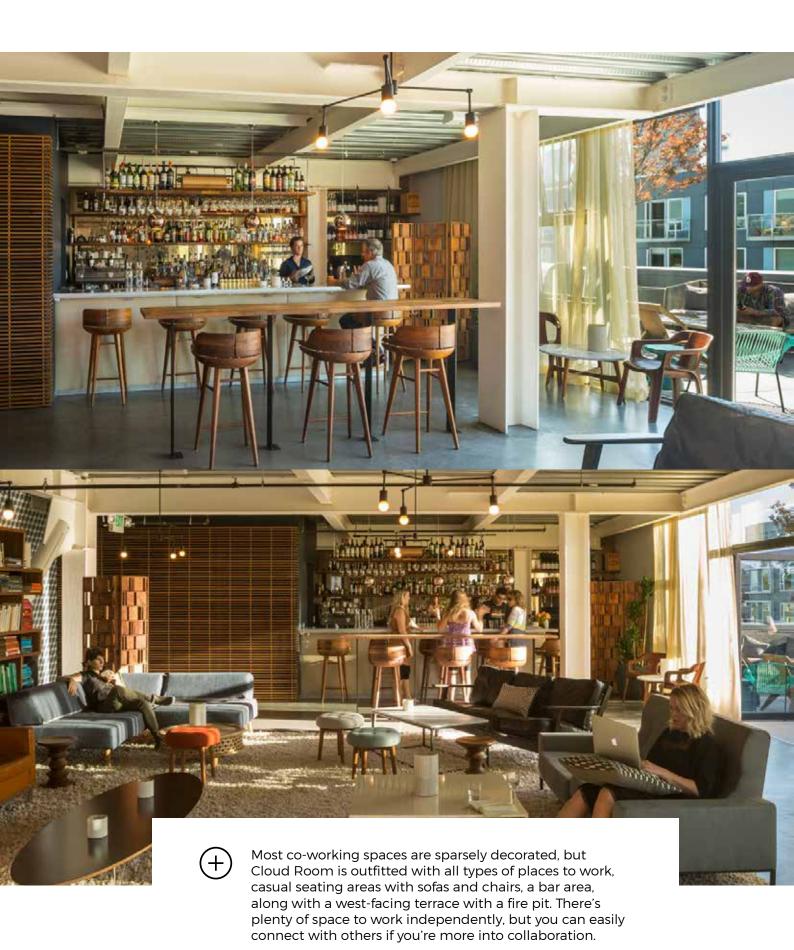
Light floods the office, which is located on the 6th floor of a mixed-use building called Chophouse Row. With over 5,000 square feet of space, Cloud Room houses a large, co-working area filled with rows of tables and chairs, as well as a lounge, a glass-fronted conference room, and phone rooms.

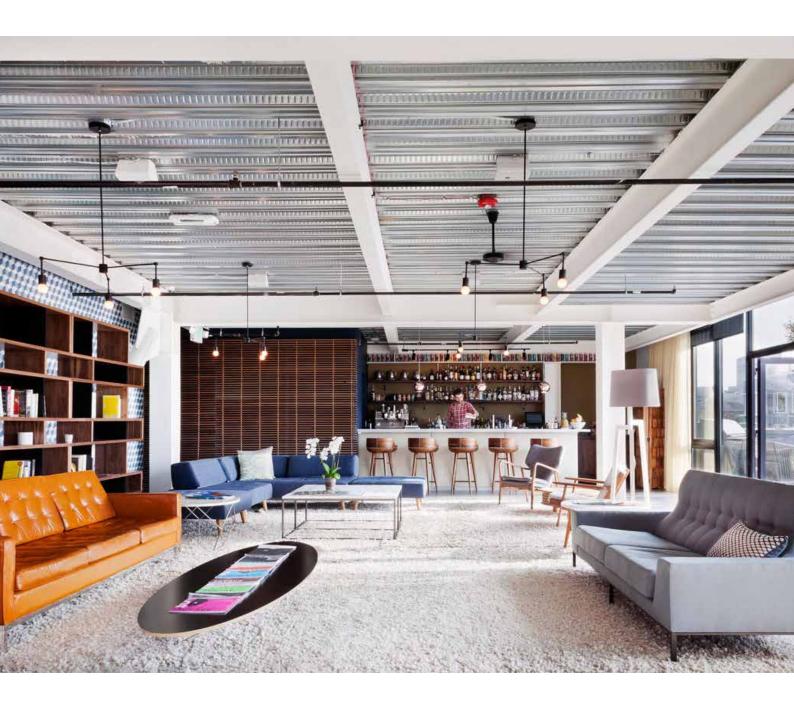


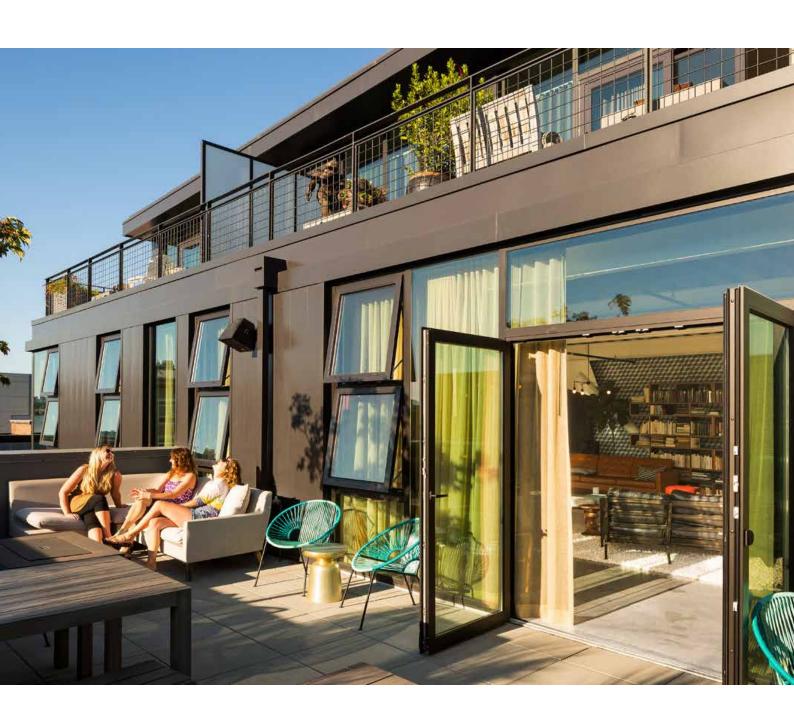






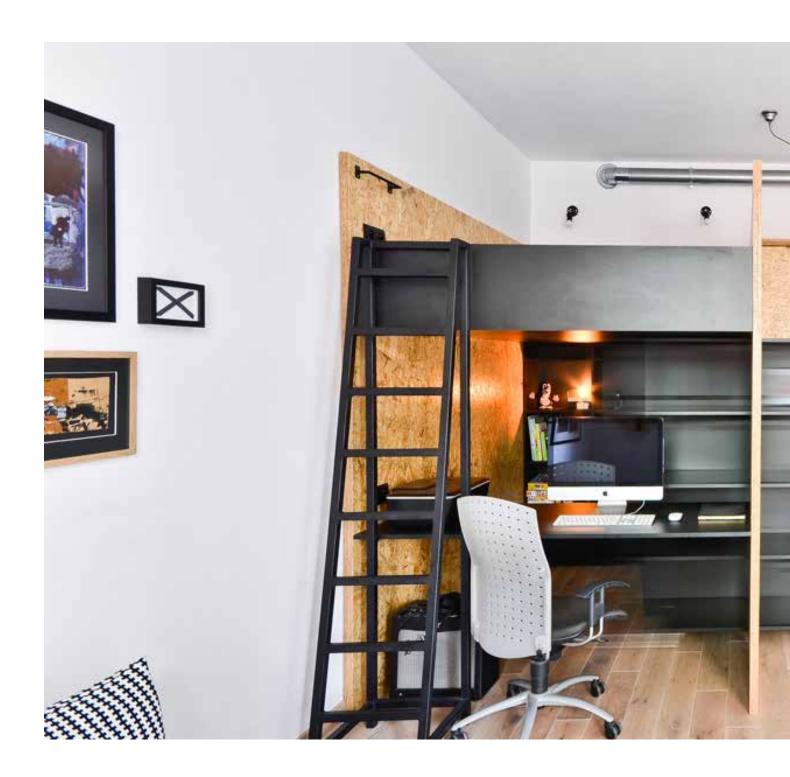


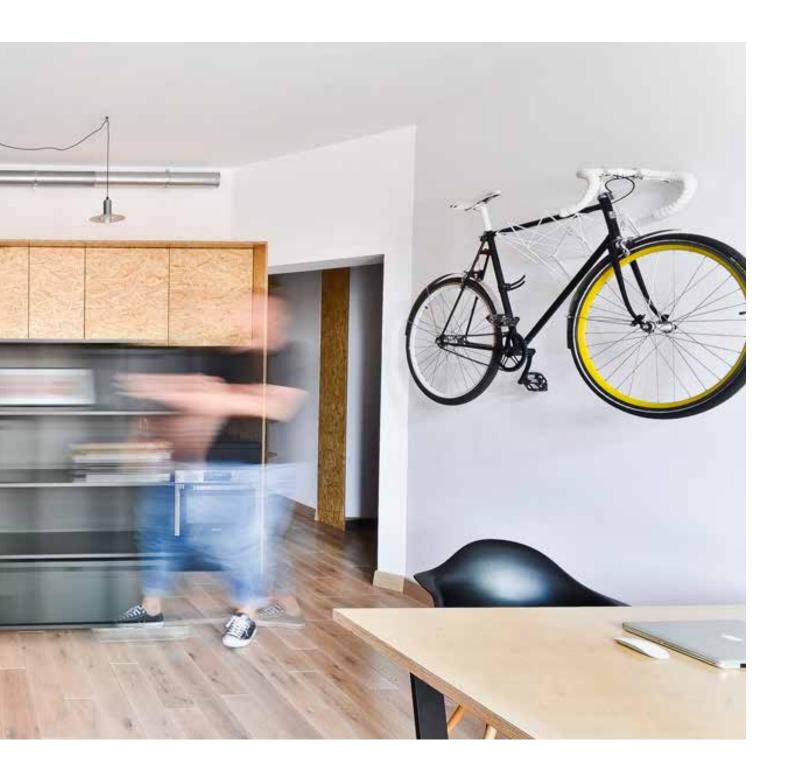




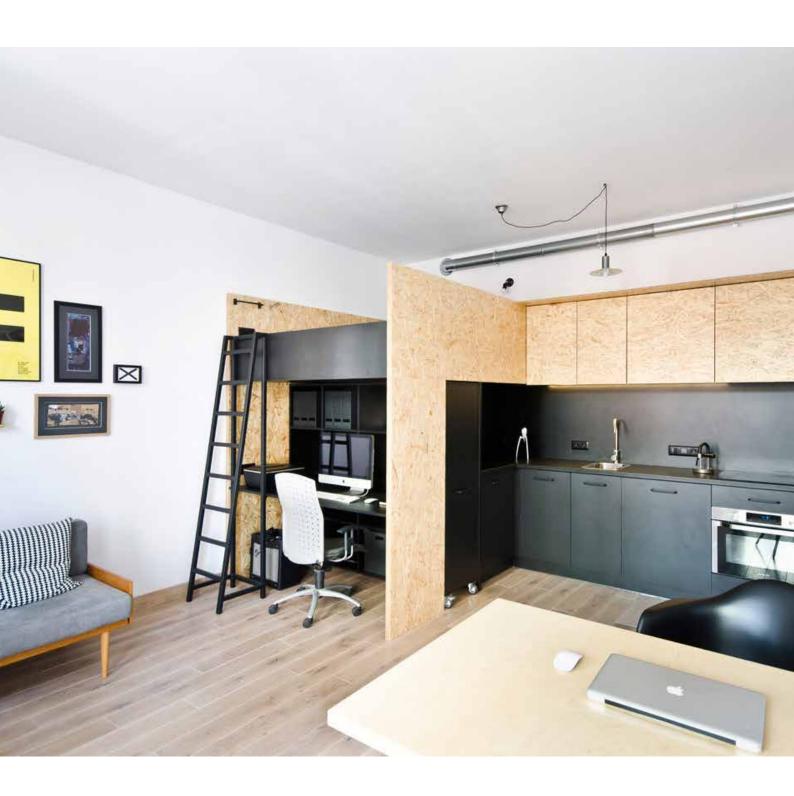


A Modest, Modern Apartment for Living & Working

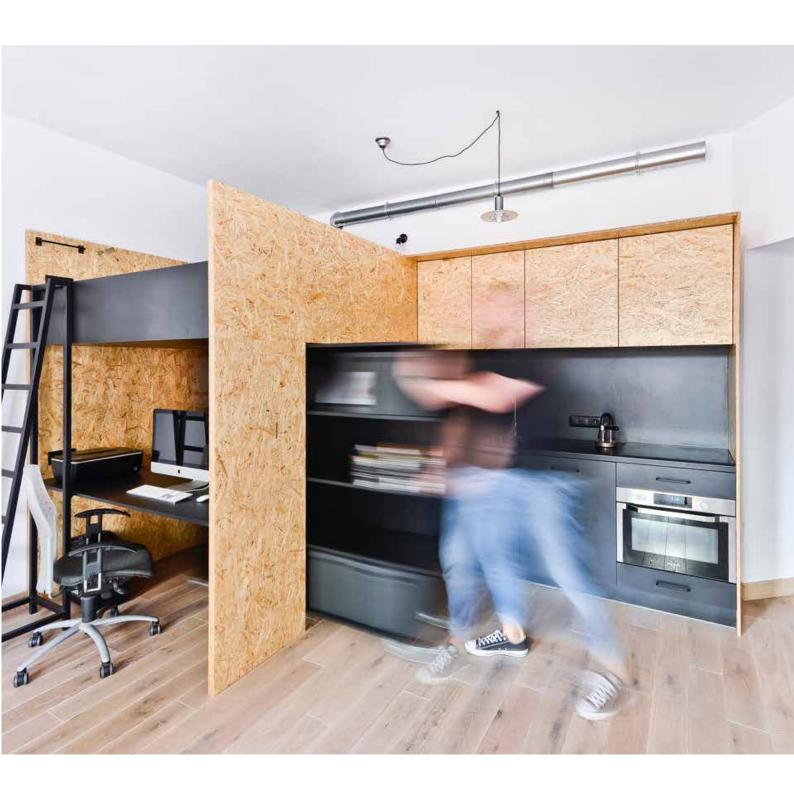




Maciej Kawecki, owner of Brandburg Studio, hired mode:lina™ after finding the perfect apartment in Poznań, Poland to become his new place to both live and work. With just 38 square meters (approx. 398 square feet) to work with, every component had to serve many functions for his office and life, along with incorporating a "hiding room" for the owner's six-year-old son.



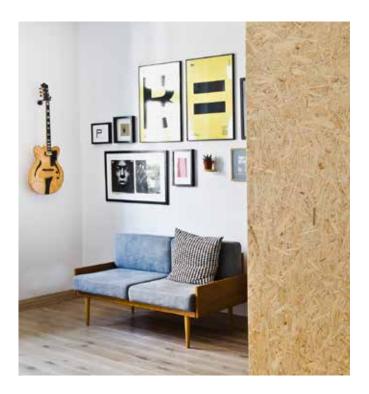
Besides offering the function that he needed, Kawecki wanted a space that looked professional enough to host business meetings, while being safe and comfortable for him and his son.



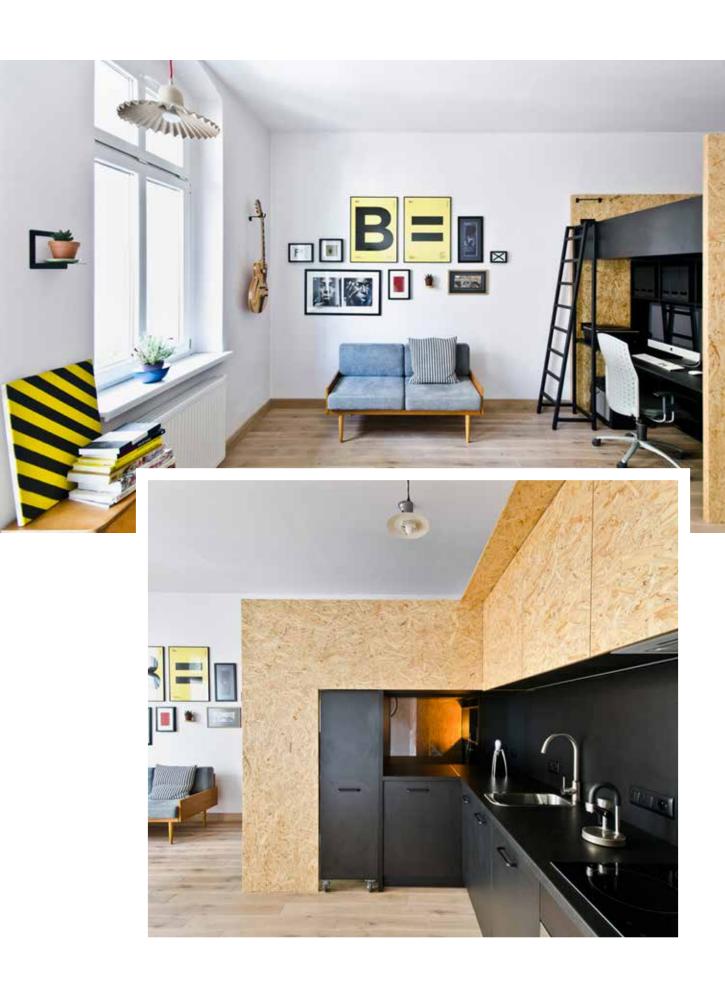
They used OSB (oriented strand board) to create a box that would serve multiple functions - a kitchen, bedroom, office, and hidden kid's room. While some of the boards are left in their natural, unfinished state, some was painted black for a modern contrast.

Hidden behind the moving shelf is a "secret" spot for toys and treasures to remain when not in use. When the child is there, the shelf can be moved to give the kid his own place to play.





A simple ladder hangs over the desk and gives access to the loft bed. A long white wall opposite the box becomes a place to store the owner's beloved bicycle.

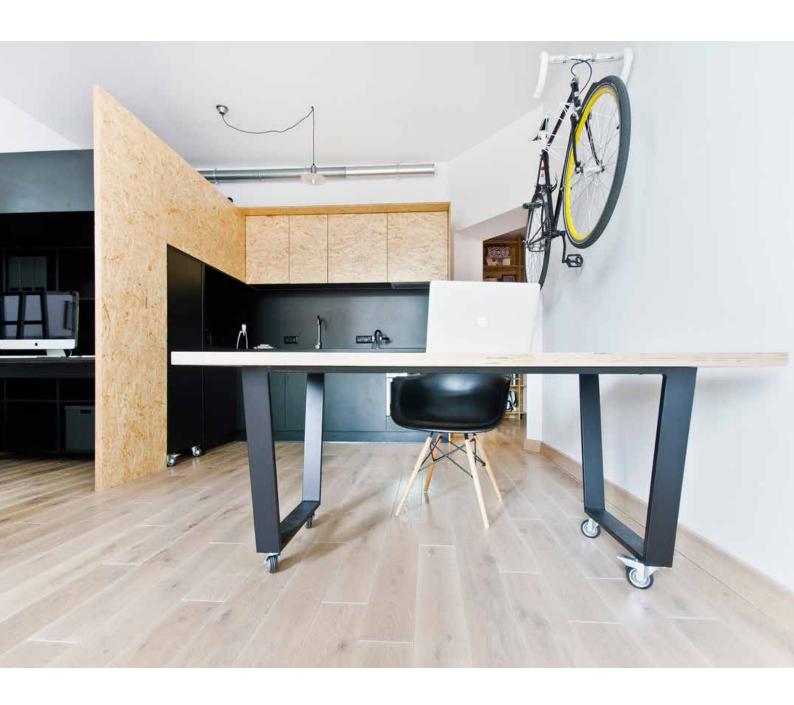


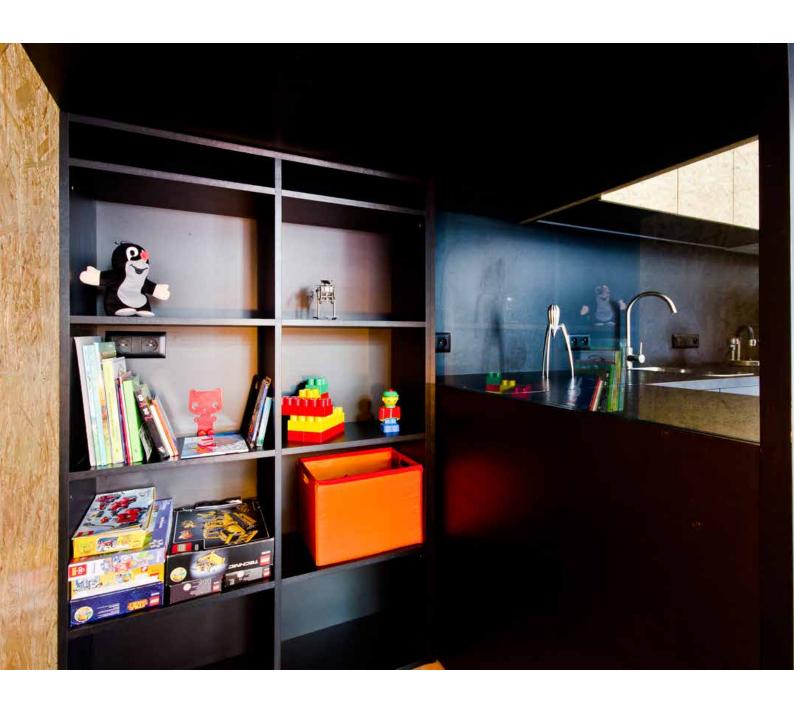






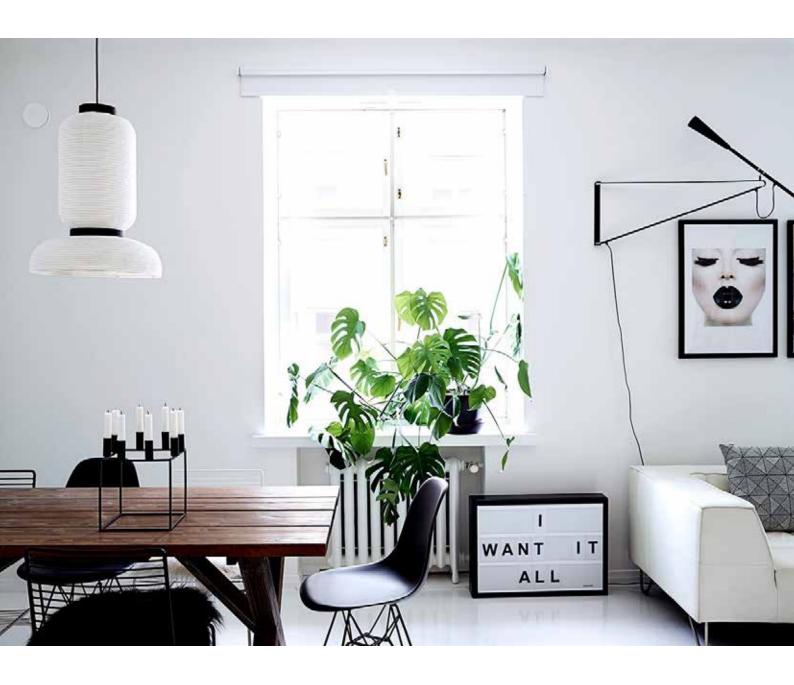












Laura Seppänen Design Agency was hired to design the new, two-room residence of Stina Mäntyniemi, the head of Cosmopolitan Finland. The Helsinki-based interior designer and stylist created an all-white space that was clean and monochromatic, but at the same time, cozy and comfortable. With Scandinavian vibes, this minimalist apartment looks magazine worthy while also being livable.



Crisp white walls, floors, and ceilings set the tone of the apartment and keep things fresh looking. Layered in are elements of black, the occasional grey, and a few green plants. The client didn't want any rugs or curtains, which tend to soften a space, but other textures were incorporated to help with that.



Besides having no curtains or rugs, the only other wish the client had was to buy a Bertoia Diamond Chair, which is prominently featured in the living room with a black cushion.





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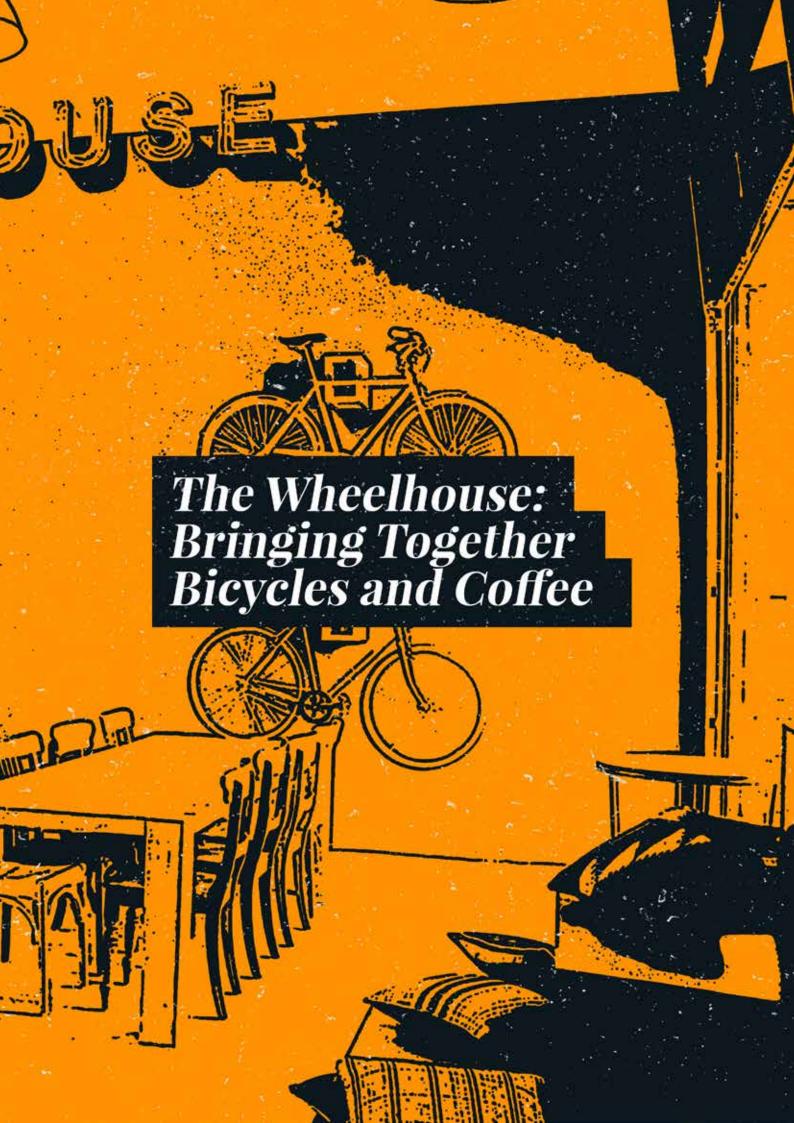


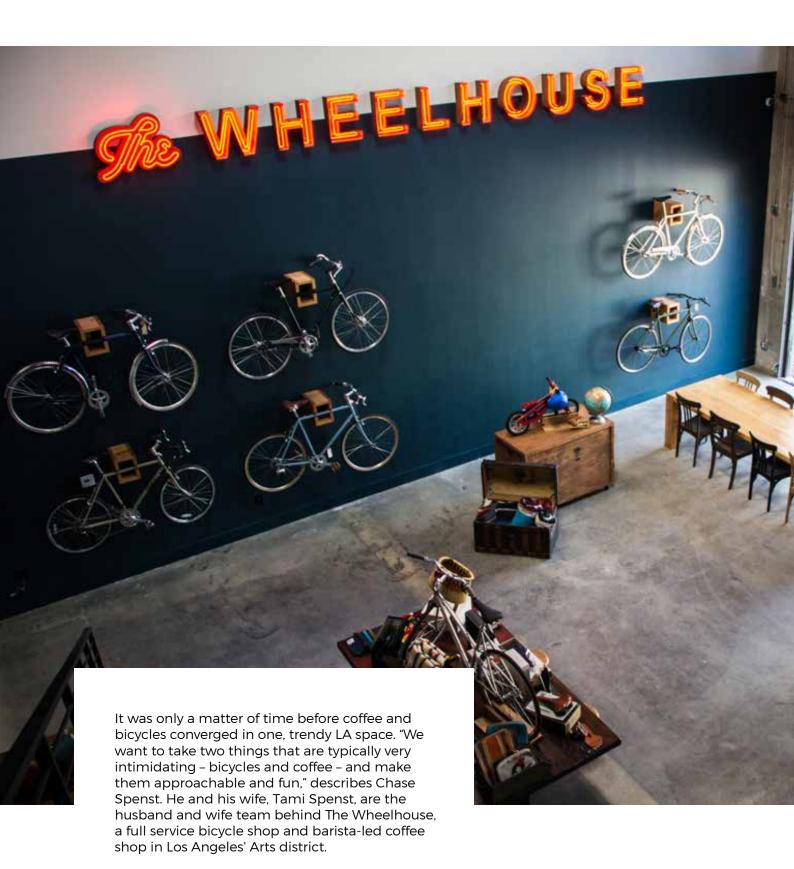
The original kitchen was given a minor update with a new faucet, sink, and cabinet doors, as well as painting the hardware a matte black. They also brought in a Carrara marble countertop to round it out.





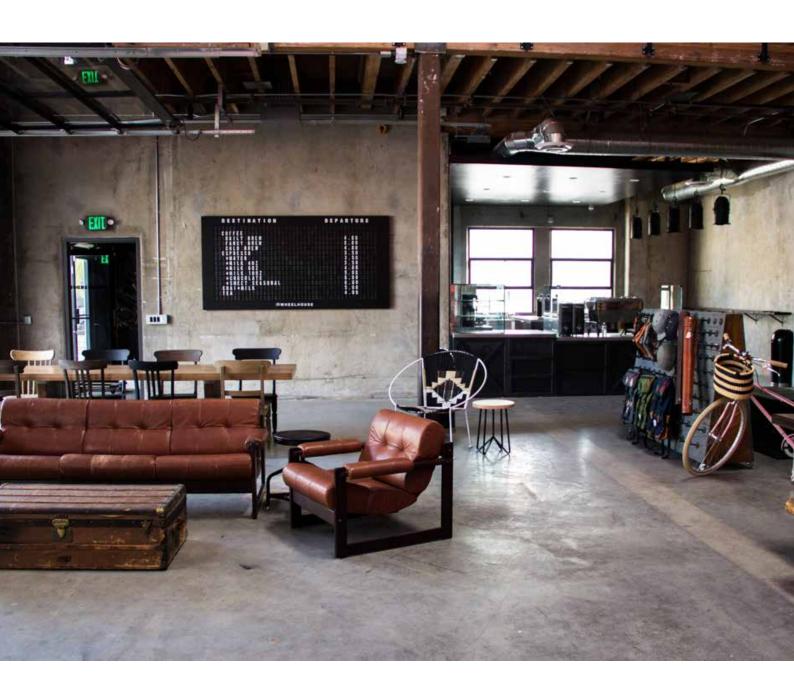








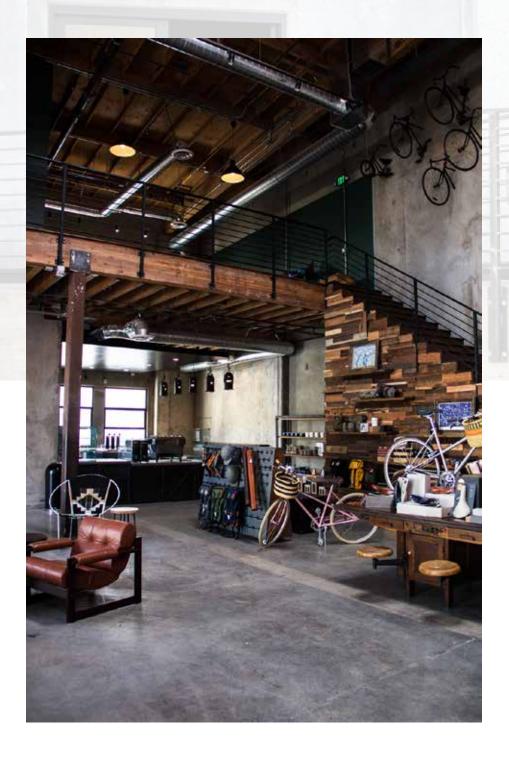
Design was at the forefront of this space. With the aim to bring people together, The Wheelhouse built a coffee bar that was completely customized, with sleek black facades and steel countertops. The coffee part of the shop features top-ofthe-line equipment and includes a food program during weekend and evening hours.



The design also centers around preserving the original, industrial space. The exposed beam and concrete are warmed up with rich leathers and vintage elements, creating a layered, textural experience.



Roll-up garage doors open up to the outdoor patio, where there's ample seating for patrons to enjoy the sunny California weather.





The open mezzanine offers a bird'seye view of the space, and is also where the full service department is.



Found furniture sits side-by-side with new furniture, imbibing the space with a storied atmosphere.



The rest of the space is meant to feel like a second home – a space where people can gather and spend time together. It acts as a modern day respite in the middle of a bustling city.



The Wheelhouse's mission is to create an accessible, everyday bicycle experience that caters to individuals' needs. Not only do they have bicycles from Handsome Cycles, Heritage Bicycles, and Rivendell, they also have an assortment of accessories like baskets, bags, and helmets.







Snøhetta takes vacationing in the woods to higher heights (pun intended) with an additional cabin to their Treehotel, a collection of seven guest suites nestled high up in the pine forest of Northern Sweden. Their latest addition, conveniently entitled The 7th Room, is a two-bedroom, 55-square-meter cabin that blurs the line between indoor and outdoor living.

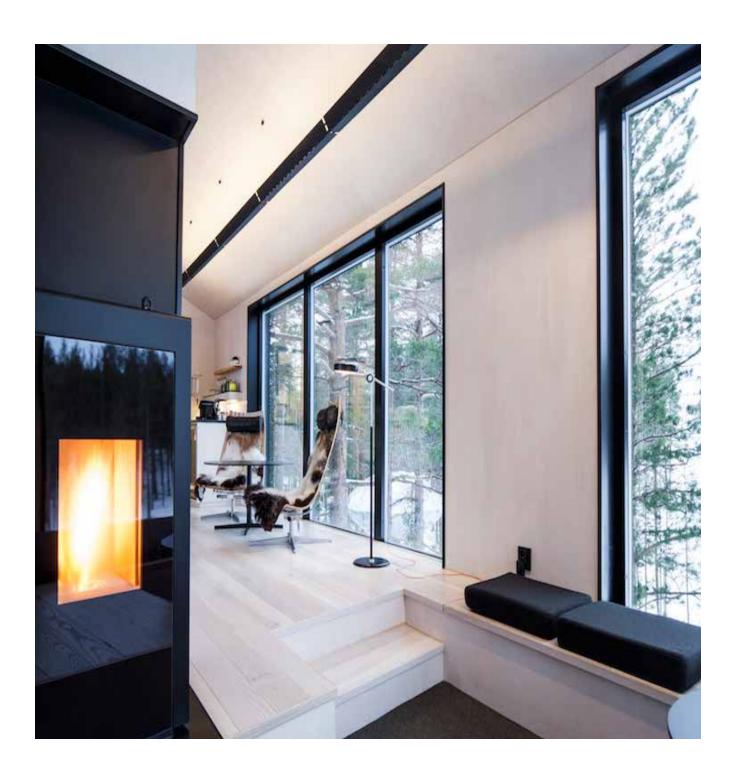




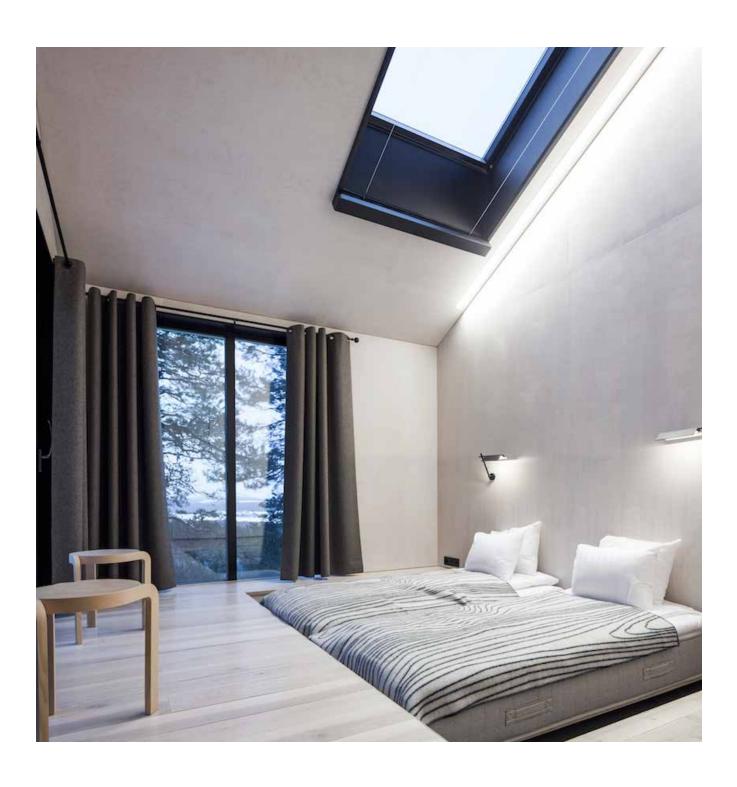
The cabin is located ten meters above ground and features large windows, a netted terrace (perfect stargazing location for hardcore campers who can brave the cold with just a sleeping bag), and a tree stretching through the cabin. You'll find yourself doing a double take when you stand under the cabin as it disappears into its surroundings. That's because the the bottom of the cabin is covered with a large black and white print of trees reaching into the sky.







Designed and built like a traditional Nordic cabin, the interior of the cabin is clad with blond ash wood flooring and blond birch plywood walls to complement the dark, burnt wood exteriors.



The 7th Room is complete with two separate bedrooms, a social area named the Northern Light lounge (for the perfect view to see the Aurora Borealis), a bathroom,

and a terrace. Similar to a two-story house, the cabin is also laid out on two levels but with only 30cm difference in height, which is enough to effectively differentiate

the different living areas. The bedrooms are located on the upper level while the lounge area is on the lower level.





The bedrooms feature beds embedded right in the floor, floor-to-ceiling windows for expansive views of the Lapland treetops and the Lule River, and openable skylights for late night stargazing.



Snøhetta collaborated with with lighting company Ateljé Lyktan to create two types of custom lamps: a bed lamp mounted to the bedroom walls and a suspended light for the lounge area. You can also find minimalistic Nordic furniture like the Scandia Chair by furniture designer Hans Brattrud.

What: The 7th Room at the Treehotel

Where: Treehotel/Brittas Pensionat, Edeforsväg 2 A, 960 24 Harads, Sverige

How much? The 7th Room starts at approximately \$1340 per night; other cabins start at approximately \$547 per night

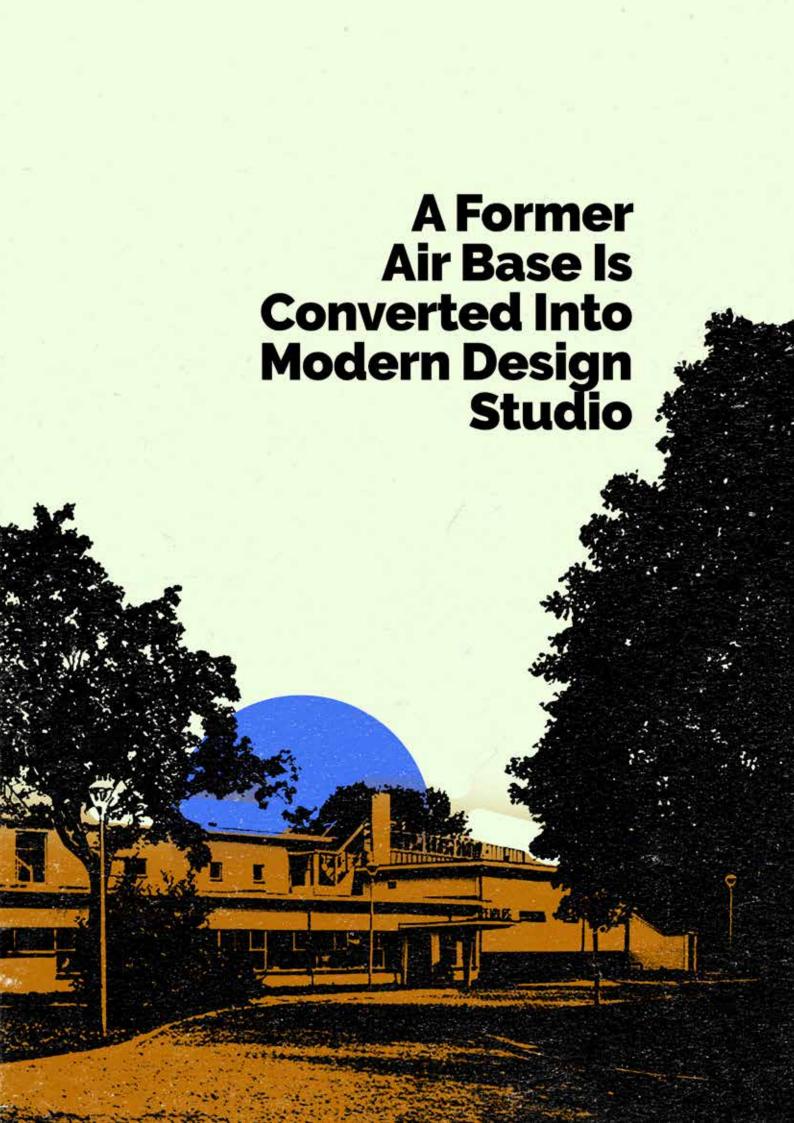
Highlights: What's the best way to enjoy the outdoors of Northern Sweden? From high up in the treetops in this modern treehouse that blurs the line between indoor and outdoor living.

Design draw: Designed like a traditional Nordic cabin, every corner of The 7th Room promotes hygge living (you know, that Scandinavian feeling of minimalistic coziness). From the simple bedrooms to a lounge that promotes togetherness, we're positive you'd have no trouble unplugging and settling in for the night.

Book it: Visit the Treehotel.

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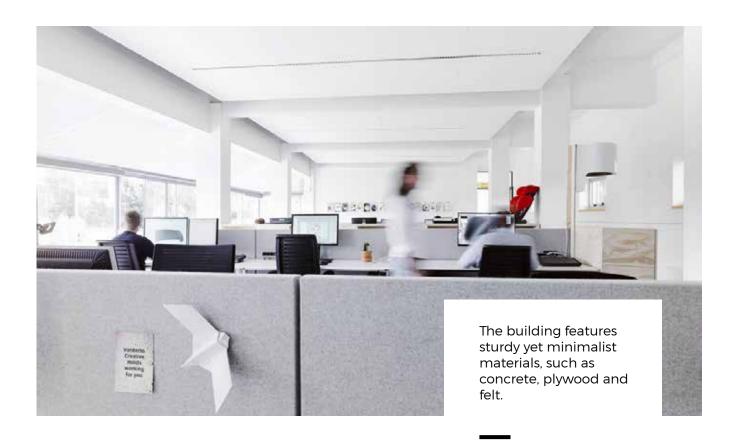
Though it was built in the 1930s, the Ypenburg Air Base in the Netherlands was way ahead of its time. Designed by famous Dutch architects Jan Brinkman and Leendert van der Vlugt, the air base was recently renovated to become a studio for design brand, VanBerlo.

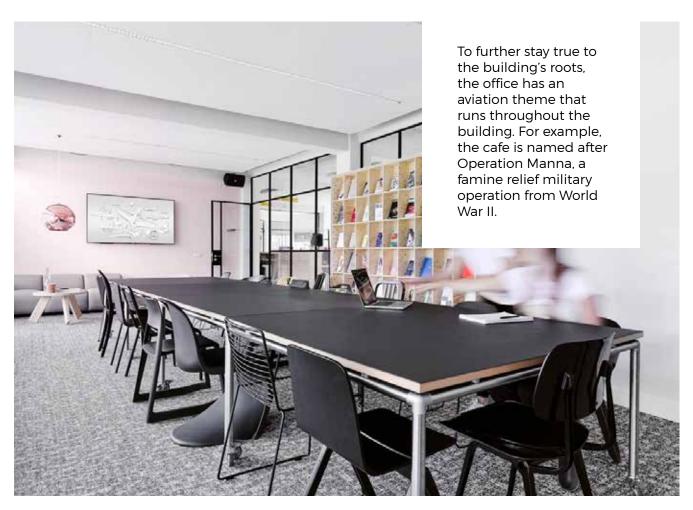


VanBerlo worked with Remko Verhaagen and Ad van Berlo to create a functional workspace that stayed true to the building's original historic style. The result is an airy, open space that has historic details, while also keeping up with modern day comforts.





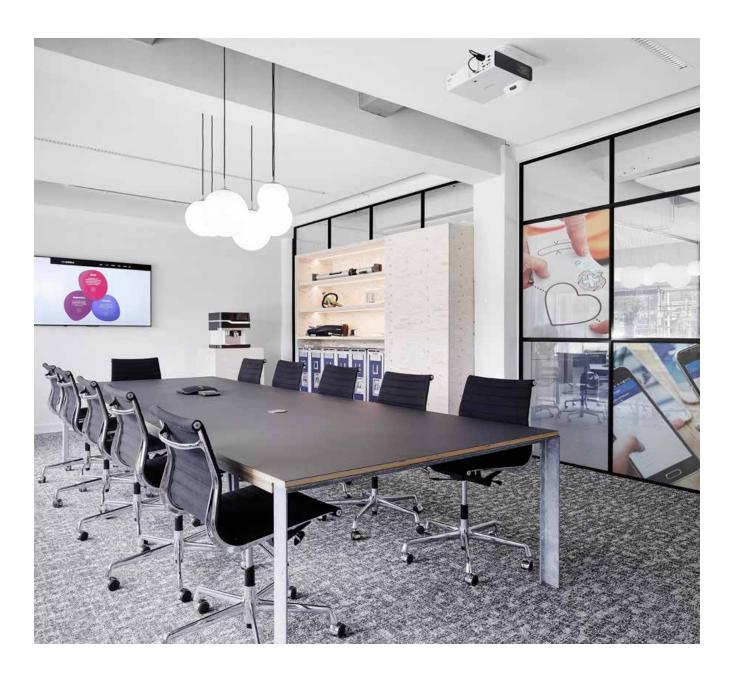






The meeting room is named after Frits Diepen, a famous Dutch aviation expert. The whole office maintains an open workspace that encourages collaboration and innovation. When designing the space, VanBerlo involved the whole team to brainstorm what kind

of spaces would be best for innovation. As a result, they created the Experience Lab and a wall of Magic Class, an interactive glass wall that can become opaque with a simple button. Furthermore, the wall and projected content has a motion sensor and responds to movement.





The overall space is meant for different types of personalities and learning styles. The designers aimed to create a space that would not only be comfortable, but also spark creativity, while supporting collaborative work.



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