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CRISTINA JORGE DE CARVALHO

Cristina Jorge de Carvalho founded her eponymous atelier and currently resides in the city of her choice, Lisbon. The Mozambique-born designer has since won the coveted Best Hotel Interior for Europe and Best Hotel Interior for Portugal by the European Hotel Awards. Although her projects vary from private homes, to spas and hotels; her signature contemporary, stylish and understated aesthetics are present in every project.



GÉRARD FAIVRE

The man and the brains behind the world's high-end real estate Gérard Faivre Paris, French-born Gérard Faivre has been nominated as the top sixth interior designer of the world. Creating beautiful homes and exclusive furniture for brands like Poltrona Frau, his inexhaustible source of inspiration often comes from Paris. His remarkable prowess illustrates history housed with stylistic values and contemporary design; creating unique interiors that are to-die-for.



TURN DESIGN INTERIOR

Founded by Jeff Lee and Christopher Chan in 1998, Turn Design Interior is familiar with transforming dreams into reality on a regular basis. Backed by strong corporate forces and armed with a wealth of resources and combined expertise, the firm specialises in residential interior design and take on some commercial projects too.



BRENDAN WONG

Australian designer Brendan Wong founded his own design studio in 2005 after working in London and Paris. Awarded a fellowship by the Design Institute of Australia for advancing the design industry, he has an affinity for establishing visual tension within a space by creating moments of strengths and quietness.



PTANG STUDIO

Founded by Philip Tang and Brian Ip in 1997, PTang Studio Ltd engages in diverse scope of projects ranging from small scale residential, show flat design to large scale commercial works like corporate headquarters and movie launching functions. The Hong Kong-based studio has engaged a wide range of projects in Hong Kong, China, Japan and United Kingdom.

QUIET LUXURY

Cristina Jorge de Carvalho conjures a perfect holiday retreat with the right amount of comfort, luxury and modernity.

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THE INTERIOR DESIGN IS CONTEMPORARY, WITH COMFORT AND UNDERSTATED LUXURY AS ITS MAIN CHARACTERISTIC.

If one were to ask what a modern, understated luxury look like, it would be this. A 170-square-metre apartment flooded with light and complete openness, and kitted out with modern art, minimal furniture, luxurious finishes and classic design pieces by Harry Bertoia, Flos and Hans Wegner; it wasn't always this polished - not until Portuguese interior designer Cristina Jorge de Carvalho lent her design prowess.

Home to a successful Brazilian couple, this spacious apartment boasts endless ocean views that completely spells out as the perfect holiday retreat with a 55-square-metre terrace to boot. Since the apartment already had great bones, Cristina was to

create a timeless and contemporary interior that the couple desired with some minor alterations to the interior architecture for that luxe appeal.

At the entrance hall, the wall and door that gave access to the living room were replaced in favour of a highly stylised rotating structure designed by the Mozambique-born designer herself. Aside from adding a design element to the space, the structure functions like window shutters - separating the two spaces when closed and floods the space with light whilst establishing visual connection when open. Made from brass and stainless steel, this decorative element is further highlighted by a limited edition chest of drawers from Cristina's furniture collection.



With a statement making entrance like this, the rest of the apartment space is an extension of the design language. The turquoise from the chest of drawer became a recurring colour in the kitchen, as seen in the backsplash and the bar cabinet. With the impressive ocean views in mind, Cristina added a mirror wall to the bar area, which opens up the kitchen and bar area while reflecting the light and view of the apartment.



THE LIVING ROOM IS DIVIDED TO TWO AREAS - A SITTING AREA AND A DINING AREA, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE A PHYSICAL AND AESTHETIC CONNECTION.

THE MASTER SUITE FOLLOWS THE CONTEMPORARY AND COMFORTABLE INTERIOR STYLE OF THE APARTMENT, DECORATED WITH NATURAL FABRICS THAT HIGHLIGHT THE LUXURIOUS COMFORT.



Mindful that it's a holiday home, the colour palette is by and large calm and comfortable like that of a beach resort. Other occasional touches of colour are provided by the impressive works of art - personally selected by Cristina - featured throughout the apartment. Pops of black then reinforce the modernity of the apartment's interior style, evident through the black iron bookshelves, chaise longue and contemporary artwork in the sitting area. On the other hand, the natural fabrics such as the two area rugs that separate the sitting area from the dining area within one big, open space highlight the luxurious comfort intended by the owners.

Yet nothing compares to the master suite when it comes to comfort. The walls are lined in linen-like textured wallpaper that matches beautifully with the leather headboard, the special bed stands were designed by Cristina with the personality of the owners in mind and the cosy reading area is framed by the full height windows that overlook the ocean. Now this is what all luxury holiday home should be. ❖

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