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Como Como serviced apartments, designed by APAC Workshop Limited, demonstrate how three different styles and spatial arrangements can be executed for near infinite flexibility

伯一建築設計最新作品Como Como服務式住宅，示範如何在3個相同大小、間隔的單位，創造出3種不同風格和空間處理





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Como Como Serviced Apartments, 350 sq-ft

Imagine you are 20 and you live alone in a flat that has a net area of barely 350 sq-ft. This may seem pretty normal in our city, but the cramped size of our flats should never be an excuse for an uncomfortable environment. So if you are looking to make the most of a tiny space then Como Como serviced apartments — which opened earlier this year in Sheung Wan — is a book which small-flat residents should take a leaf from.

Como Como has 22 storeys, housing 21 flats in total. With the exception of a duplex rooftop flat on the top floor, and a flat plus outdoor area on the ground floor, the remaining 19 are all of the same size of 350 sq-ft, with the same partitioning. Como Como carries itself with a basic style of simplicity and a bit of refreshing vogue. Ken Fung of APAC Workshop Limited, who was responsible for this assignment, notes, "The client wanted to cater for the different tastes of tenants, so three different styles and spatial arrangements were created."

'Home' is the concept for the first apartment style — meaning chiefly wooden floor tiles and leather were used to give out a natural and warm atmosphere, and the colour theme is a cosy off-white, brown, and white. The second is a cool and calm home, fittingly dubbed 'Cool Life' where black, white, and grey form the basic palette. Light grey tiles offer an industrial touch of cement, while stainless and aluminium furnishings and finishes increase the level of chill. The clean lines of the entire space are simultaneously sleek and straightforward; and grey mirrors and glossy wardrobes further accentuate the ambience. Finally, the third apartment type gives a playful twist to life. A flaming red entrance door appears immediately as the lift opens; and red sofa, red finish, and other red trinkets inject a sense of dynamic vitality into the space. Yet thankfully, this overabundance of red still feels airy and surprisingly relaxing. The designer remarks, "It is because red only occupies 20 per cent of the colours, the remaining 80 per cent is white tempering its strong impact."

01 | Located in Sheung Wan, Como Como serviced apartments offer three different designs for the interiors.

Tenants who are willing to endure the hassle can be rewarded with a new home each month

02 | Going into the 'Playful Life' flat, you immediately feel the vitality the flaming red as soon as you step out of the lift



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- 03 | In the same 350 sq-ft room, this chilly design of 'Cool Life' offers the greatest sense of space. But it comes with a price — the storage cabinet on the right of the bed is smaller than those in the other two designs
- 04 | The flat is set in tones of black, white, and grey. Stainless steel and aluminium furnishings and finishes enhance the chill. Grey mirrors and glossy wardrobes further accentuate the ambience
- 05 | In a rather small bathroom, glass and mirrors are used to expand the visual sense of space

In terms of spatial arrangement, as the positions of bathroom and kitchen are fixed in all three flats, they all stick with the original design. As for the arrangement of the other spaces, that is more up for grabs and depends on, "the primary concern of what kinds of activities are to be carried out in the house", notes Fung. At Como Como, the period of stay is at least one month, so storage space and bedding must be adequate.

'Home' and 'Playful Life' contain the largest storage space. Since a customised storage cabinet/wardrobe takes up the entire wall, a revolving

storage rack was chosen to hold the TV set, which also serves as a screen to block visitors' view. 'Cool Life' comes with the greatest sense of space, as the TV is hung on the wall, but room for storage is less than the other two designs. As a final touch in each, considering that tenants would not be keen on eating at home, only a basic cooking area is reserved in the kitchen.

All in APAC's clever design demonstrate how different styles and arrangements can be utilised for great flexibility proving great things can come deceptively wrapped in small packages.



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20多歲獨居的你，家中實用面積只有350多平方呎，是平常不過的事。然而，地方細不是把家中弄得像狗窩的藉口。位於上環、剛於今年年初啟業的服務式住宅Como Como，可說是細單位室內設計的偷師首選。

樓高22層的Como Como共有21個單位，除了頂樓的複式天台單位和地下連戶外空間的單位外，其餘19個單位都是面積350呎、間隔也完全相同。Como Como的基本風格是簡單清新的時尚型格，伯一建築設計有限公司的馮健文被委任為設計師，他說：「由於客人希望迎合不同住客的品味，三個不同風格和空間處理的設計由此而生。」

第一個的設計概念是「家」，主要以木板和皮革散發自然、溫暖的感覺，顏色以舒適的米色、啡色和白色為基調。第二個設計概念是「冷峻生活」，顏色以黑白灰作基調。淡灰色的地磚模仿混凝土的工業味道，不銹鋼、鋁質的傢具和飾面加添了冰冷的感覺，灰鏡、光面衣櫥再一步加強了氣氛，空間的整體線

條簡潔俐落。最後的設計概念是「玩味人生」，甫踏出電梯已看見火紅的大門，紅色的梳化、飾面和其他小飾物為空間注入跳躍的生命力，然而，又不至於熱鬧得令人無法休息的程度，設計師指出：「這是由於紅色只佔顏色比例約兩成，其餘八成的白色沖淡了它的能量。」

在空間處理方面，由於三個單位的浴室和廚房的位置早已固定，因此都處於同一位置。至於其他的空間設計，馮健文說：「首要考慮的是住客的活動。」由於這是服務式住宅，住客住宿的時間最少一個月，因此要有足夠的儲物空間。

「家」和「玩味人生」的儲物空間最大，訂造的儲物櫃／衣櫥佔據了整面牆，因此設計師使用可旋轉的儲物架作為電視機架，同時也可作屏風之用，阻隔門外訪客的視線。而「冷峻生活」的空間感最強，電視安裝於牆上，不過儲物空間比其餘兩個設計為小。最後，了解到住客自己煮食的機會不多，因此設計師在廚房只預留最基本的煮食空間。+



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INTERIOR DESIGN BEGINS WITH UNDERSTANDING
TENANTS' DAILY ACTIVITIES AT HOME, AND THEIR
RESPECTIVE IMPORTANCE

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06 | This flat is created on a 'Home' concept. Wooden floor tiles and leather give out a natural and warm atmosphere, and the colour theme is a cosy off-white, brown, and white

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