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THAT'S SO ME!

Condo Party Guide

A little party space never hurt nobody

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You might be expecting that the next few pages will be filled with furniture or design trends that resonate with you—it's not. We decided to commit to this month's entertaining theme and provide a guide for you condo dwellers. We love entertaining ourselves and we know a lot of you do too, for those who don't, that's fine. That's why we're here. The next few pages have our tried-and-tested party tips that will wow your guests.

If you're thinking that entertaining in your 24 square meter unit is impossible, it's not. Of course you can't call everyone on your phone book, just keep the invite list intimate. That's the main difference to eating out and throwing a party in your place, entertaining in your home should be something special and personal.

The next few pages is a guide to our four favorite party themes. We'll tell you what to serve, what drinks or desserts match, and we even threw in our personal playlist to help you set the mood. In true condo fashion, we made sure that everything is easy to prepare that you can still do these settings over a lazy weekend morning. Here's a secret: entertaining is knowing where to get the best take out and knowing simple dishes you can cook up in your tiny kitchen. As for the set-ups, simple plates and cutlery, table cloths, and fresh flowers go a long way. And the background music really matters, trust us. You don't want to be sipping a glass of chardonnay while listening to Drake, through that doesn't really sound that bad now. ☺





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Vintage Breakfast

There are a lot of ways to incorporate local design into your space and it doesn't involve switching to capiz windows or adding your grandma's butaka in your living room. More and more local craftsmen are creating pieces with modern designs that still has that homey Filipino touch. Layering browns, locally-made wooden furniture, hand-woven accessories artists with ethnic patterns, and purchasing art from local is a sure way to add that Pinoy Pride into your space.

WHAT TO SERVE

- Fry some bacon, eggs, and hashbrowns
Layered over some greens
- Your choice of coffee or tea
- Croissants, cookies, and other sweet pastries
from your baker (we suggest getting these
amazing fluffy and delish ones from Dolce Latte)

DESSERT OPTIONS

Sinful Option: Butterscotch Ala Mode

- Crush some butterscotch in a glass, we got ours from Dolce Latte
- Add a scoop of ice cream
- Top off with a drizzle of milk

Healthier option: Yoghurt oats

- Layer almonds or walnuts in a glass
- Add a layer of oatmeal and a scoop of flavored yoghurt for some flavor
- Top with more nuts
- Optional: A slice (or two) of extremely chocolatey cake from Dolce Latte

PLAYLIST SUGGESTIONS

There is a Light That Never Goes Out by The Smiths

Fidelity by Regina Spektor

Ophelia by The Lumineers

Sway by Bic Runga

I Say a Little Prayer by My best Friend's Wedding Cast

What the World Needs Now by Jackie DeShannon

Here Comes the Sun by The Beatles

Piano Man by Billy Joel

Come and Get Your Love by redbone

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Dancing in the Moonlight by Toplaoder



Available at DolceLatte, 5/F, SM Mega Fashion Hall, SM Megamall

Minimalist Brunch

There are days when you just want to relax and not think about work or stress. Highly recommended for the morning after or before busy week at work, this guide is the ultimate chill “party”.

WHAT TO SERVE

- Pancakes with the fruit in season
- Coffee or tea
- A side of granola bars and nuts
- A good conversation

WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?

Affogato

A scoop of Vanilla ice cream plus a fresh hot shot of coffee. (Seriously, how easy was that?)

PLAYLIST SUGGESTIONS

Water Flow by Kylne

Somewhere Only We Know by Lily Allen

Hero by Family of the Year

Sunday Morning by Maroon 5

Julian by Say Lou Lou

Someone that Loves You by HONNE & Izzy Bizu

Lights Out, Words Gone by Bombay Bicycle Club

Angels by The xx

Drive by Oh Wonder

Mannequin by Yuna

current location by LANY





THAT'S SO ME!



Game Night

Ditch the China, forget the fancy cooking, and bring out the disposable cups, this night is all about easy, sinful, comfort food. For those days when you just want to pig-out with your best friends, stay in your sweatpants, have a good pint, while binge-watching the squad's favorite series. This is perhaps the easiest party any lazy soul can throw.

WHAT TO SERVE

- Your favorite pizza
- Take-out, take-out, more take-out.
- Microwavable popcorn
- Candy or chocolate niblets
- A variety of chips
- Sausages, a variety of flavors are available from Frönen
- Bottles of your preferred beer
- A black garbage bag to stuff in all the trash

WHAT TO DRINK?

While we did thought of recommending a milkshake because it pairs perfectly with all the salty food, we realized that not everyone has a blender in their unit. If you do, opt to make the milkshake. It's just scoops of thick ice cream with a spike of milk. For those who don't, a cola float should do. One scoop of ice cream over your favourite soft drink and top off with a fancy straw, serve.

PLAYLIST SUGGESTIONS

Que Sera by Wax Taylor
One by U2
Ain't No Rest for the Wicked by Cage the Elephant
Smells Like Teen Spirit by Nirvana
Fluorescent Adolescent by Arctic Monkeys
Toothbrush by DNCE
Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen
(The Panic! At The Disco version is nice too!)
Seven Nation Army by The White Spaces
Elephant by Tame Impala
This Love by Maroon 5
Take Over the Break's Over by Fall Out Boy



Available at Frönen, 1616 South Triangle, Quezon Avenue

Wine and Cheese Night

How can we forget our favorite pairing: wine and cheese. The charm of this type of party lies in its casual set-up, just place the food on chopping boards, leave some toothpicks, and the rest is basically finger food. Wine & Cheese night is very classy and sophisticated but we couldn't help but feel like a #TitasOfManila #TitaHits

WHAT TO SERVE

- Your favorite bottle of wine
- Cheese. A lot of cheese.
- Nuts and dried fruits.
- Wheat thins, crackers and a hummus
- Cold cuts and sausages from Frönen
- Festive loaf from Dolce Latte

WHAT TO DRINK?

Apple Pie Sangria

Mix all of the in a carafe:

- 1 Bottle of white wine
- 2 1/2 cup of Apple Cider
- Half cup ginger ale
- 1 cup caramel vodka
- sliced apples
- a couple of pinches of cinnamon



Available at Frönen, 1616 South Triangle, Quezon Avenue

PLAYLIST SUGGESTIONS

- That Old Feeling* by Chet Baker
Blue in Green by Miles Davis
Cheek to Cheek by Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga
It's Only A Paper Moon by Ella Fitzgerald & The Delta Rhythm Boys
Fly Me to the Moon by Frank Sinatra & Count Basie
Take Me Away by John Legend
There Will Never be Another You by Lester Young & The Oscar Trio
My Baby Just Cares for Me by Nina Simone
All of Me - Take 2 by Billie Holiday, Eddie Heywood
My Little Brown Book by Duke Ellington & John Coltrane



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DOUBLE TAP

This is one of our favorite condos ever



Produced by Patricia Herbolario
Photographed by Floyd Jhocson of Studio 100
and Greg Mayo

DESIGN STYLE: Industrial
LOCATION: Bonifacio Global City
INTERIOR DESIGNER: Jesy Cruz
ARCHITECT: Jaemi Cruz



The design mixes contrasting textures yet still looks harmonious and put-together

If you follow Jesy Cruz on Instagram, you'll always end up wondering if his photos are digital perspectives or real spaces. However, despite this we can all agree that the spaces he designs always look amazing. Usually industrial and post-modern in nature, Jesy's signature design style is with sharp lines and is topped off with an unexpected print though an artwork, carpet, wallpaper, and so on. For this project, he worked with his sister, Architect Jaemi Cruz. While Jesy takes care of the design, his sister spearheads the construction and the feasibility of Jesy's ideas. The siblings are creating a firm together so you can expect more projects from these two soon. One of the projects is this breath-taking industrial high-ceiling unit. Their client is a young and adventurous soul with a chill personality. She met the designer and the architect because the two are currently working on the client's sister's house. Originally from the north, the client decided to get the space because of its accessibility to Manila's hotspots. "I'll be staying here," she shares when asked if the unit will just be a halfway home or not. "*Oo, maraming Pokémon dito eh,*" laughs Jesy.

Jesy accentuates the high ceiling by adding his signature light lines. The dining table is the middle of the kitchen and the living space





Not only is the wall maximized by having hanging hooks, it also showcases the owners' caps and other accessories

This is the owner's second condo but this was the first one that has been designed. When asked on why she contacted the Cruz siblings for the design the owner jokingly replies, "*Pinilit niya [Jesy] ako eh... But really, magaling naman sila.*"

The high-ceiling unit was a playground for Jesy and Jaemi, the only request of the client was to make it industrial. After one month of designing and construction, the unit is a looker from top to bottom. Soho and New York are two places that inspired the design. Cement and brick walls, statement furniture and a blend of the right colors make this unit one of our personal favorites. The contrast of textures, color and other elements in the unit makes it so perfect we actually wish we were the ones living here.

While the architect and the designer did try to maximize the height of the unit by adding a loft, the unit's eight is two times higher from regular condos, they couldn't due to the property's rules. In terms of function, the open floor plan is perfect for when the owner has guests over. A lot of storage was placed in the unit, especially for the owner's scuba and wakeboard gear. The bedroom is kept separate from the entertaining space but is a tease with the window that gives guests a chance to peek inside.

The client shares that she is really happy with the space. "*Ang ganda kasi talaga eh,*" she says, almost being speechless by what Jesy and Jaemi created in her unit. It is eclectic and industrial but it's not stiff. You can almost hear the design asking to take a seat, feel at home, and just be chill. Indeed, the space speaks for itself. **CL**

Usually industrial and post-modern in nature, Jesy's signature style is always edgy with sharp lines and is topped off with an unexpected printed element.





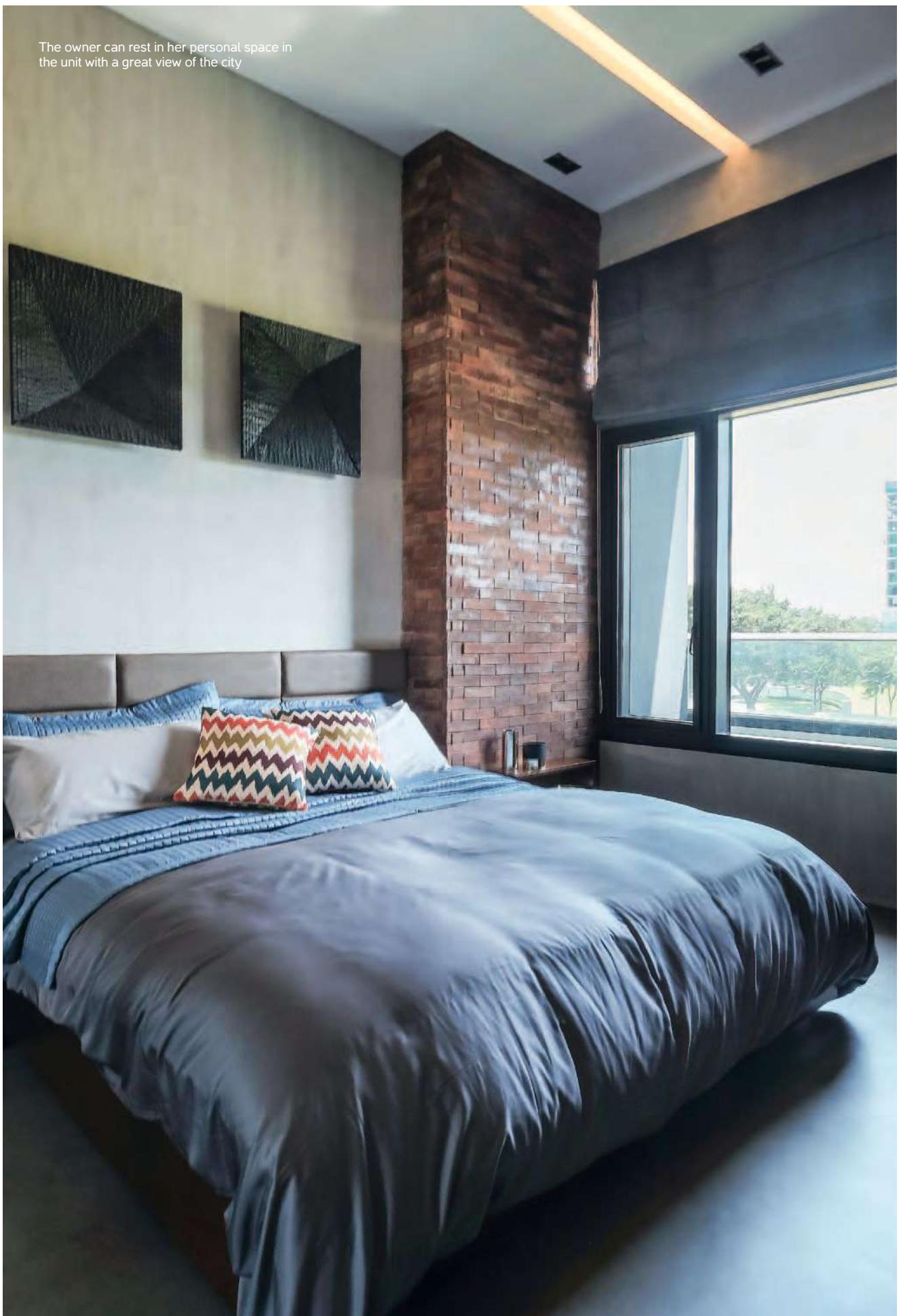
In the veranda, the space is a refreshing sight. Accessorising your veranda is something to consider if you plan to have guests who often smoke. **Right** "She asked for the cement finish flooring but we recommended *hindi na kasi* over time the floor cracks so *mas mahirap irepair*," shares Jesy

MATTE-RIALS
Consider gray matte tiles if you want a concrete-finished flooring. As the designer shares, cement finish floorings will crack and cost more upon repairing

You can almost hear the design asking to take a seat, feel at home, and just be chill. Indeed, the space speaks for itself

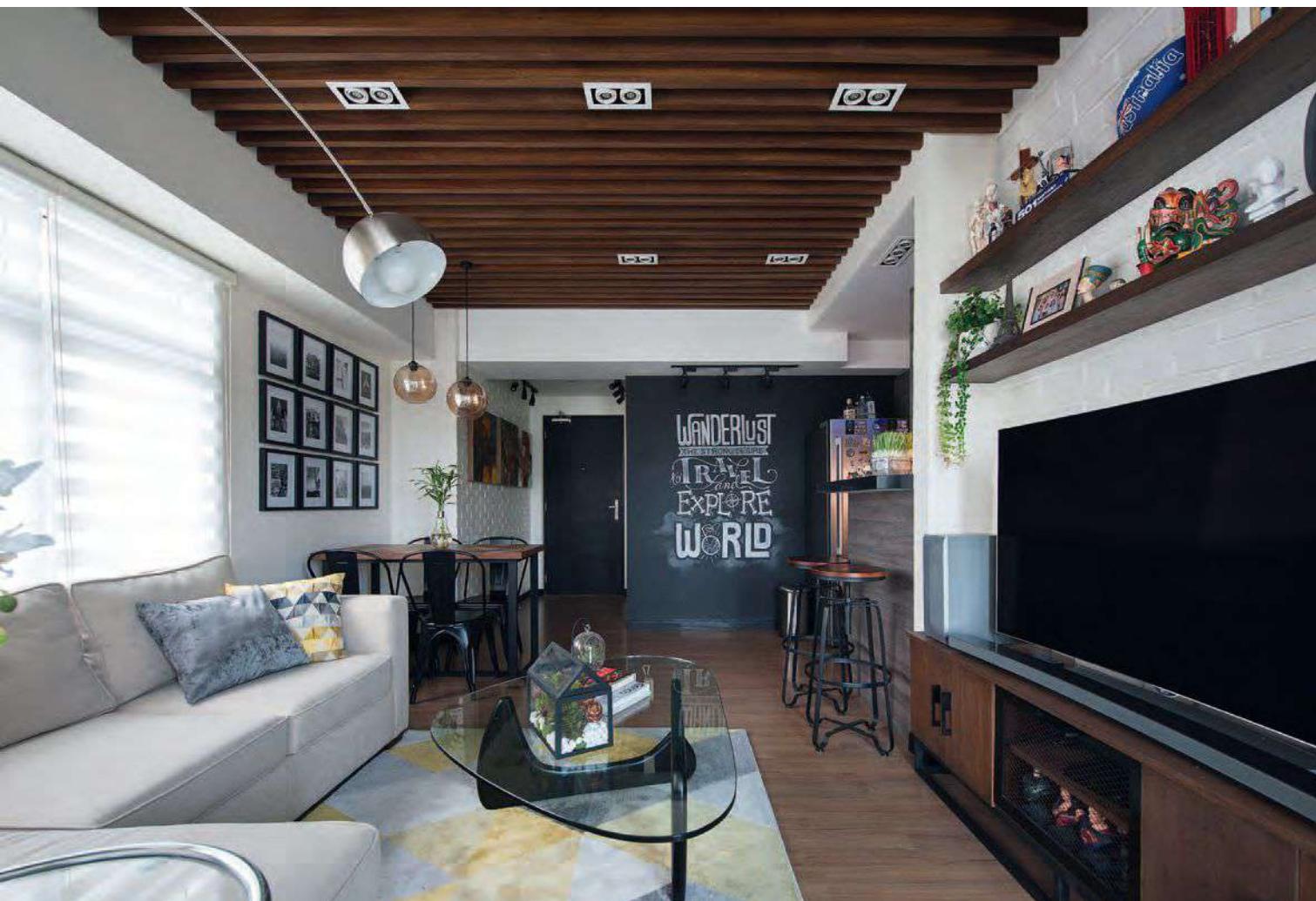


The owner can rest in her personal space in the unit with a great view of the city





Martin was able to find pillows to match his carpet. The cool neutral tones is accentuated by the bright pops of yellow



The living area is maximized to give Martin a lot of space to entertain his friends and family, he throws movie night once a week. The living room is his favorite space in the unit

GEOTAGGED

A home filled with wander

Produced by Patricia Herbolario
Photographed by Greg Mayo

UNIT SIZE: 60 sqm

DESIGN STYLE: Industrial

INTERIOR DESIGNER: Primea Design Group

OWNER: IT Associate Manager

For those who travel often, the idea of home is not at the top of their heads. Another city, another place, another time is usually their definition of home. Their minds are always wandering around and their passports are running out of space for more stamps. However, no matter how much drawn you are to adventure or how much lust you have for wandering, all roads will always lead back home—wherever or however home is defined. For Martin, a travel bug and IT specialist in a BPO, home is his one-bedroom condo unit in BGC. He chose the development because of its green-lifestyle environment and its prime location.

Upon purchasing the unit, Martin already knew how he wanted the design to be. "I had so many pegs already," he shares. As the pegs piled up, it was harder and harder for him to decide on the unit's final look. Remember, it is always nice to know what you want for your unit however falling into the rabbit hole of pegs is not something you'd want to do, it will just make your unit look *chop suey*, uncoordinated, and confused.



When stuck in the situation of having too many ideas, Gen shares that it is always nice to think about what you really need



The design highlights a mixture of warm woods, sharp blacks, and cool whites. In the dining area, photos of places Martin has been to are framed and hanged. He cites Rome as his favorite destination. **Right** Despite being on-the-go, Martin still asked for a complete kitchen with an oven. "Para sa future, when someone will bake for me," he smiles. "Madalas microwave lang or steak because you just have to flip over the steak," he jokes when asked about what he cooks up in kitchen for the meantime.

Primea Design Group helped Martin sift through the pegs and had the best ones implemented. When stuck in the situation of having too many ideas, Gen shares that it is always nice to think about what you really need. "The priority is function, we retained whatever we needed to retain in terms of functionality... There were non-negotiables that we had to let go of because the design would look too *kalat*," shares Gen Alfaro. One of the firm's priorities was to provide enough storage for the trinkets Martin will pick up from his travels.

"Most of the inspiration came from him because he already had something mind," says Gen. She shares that while Martin did give the idea for the space, he still gave the firm enough avenues to freely design the unit. They decided to make it industrial but still have a casual and cozy vibe. Some of the main features of the unit is a fully functioning kitchen, a large living area, a cozy veranda, all three spaces is where Martin could entertain.





"He told me that he wanted this world map, so *umikot diyan lahat*. It's from abroad," shares Gen. Martin placed some photos of the destinations that are still on his bucketlist against the back of the walk-in



The walk-in closet was one of Martin's non-negotiables. While the space was tight, the design firm still made sure that Martin got what he wanted

Often sent abroad for work, Martin was hands-on with the unit's design process, he even documented it on his Instagram

Primea Design Group also added a "freedom wall" for Martin. Martin shares that his friends were able to write personal notes on it but when he had his sister and a cleaner over to tidy up the space, they wiped the entire chalkboard wall clean! Martin just got a graphic artist to write nice quote—which will hopefully not be wiped out the next time. The other part of the unit is his personal space with his bedroom, walk-in closet, and personal bath.

Often sent abroad for work, Martin was hands-on with the unit's design process, he even documented it on his Instagram. The result of his numerous pegs and collaboration with Primea Design Group is a unit this traveler can call home. **CL**



"He doesn't want people to use his bathroom so we turned the utility area into a powder room," shares Gen

Change of Pace

Written by Miguel R. Llona | Photographed by William Ong

Fast-paced lifestyles are becoming the norm for millennials. It can't be helped, with all this technology speeding up our way of life. It's only natural for our living spaces to adapt and keep up, and at the same time provide respite from life's hassles. If some of the booths in the PSID exhibit "Evolution" are any indication, the future abodes of millennials will be in good hands. ■



► Hans Wegner

The client for the Hans Wegner bedroom is as creative as they come—a fashion editor who loves books, music and travel. The design team painted the space with bubbly pastel colors to suit this personality, and peppered it with accessories that serve as conversation pieces such as the neon light on top of the bed framed by greenery. The customized headboard for the bed, where small tables are built-in on the sides, is a shoutout to Wegner's beds. A curious decision by the design team is to use the *Elbow* dining chair for the client's work desk, a quirk that fits the creative personality of the client.

◀ Warren Platner

"Vibrant" is the word conjured by the Warren Platner dining area. A combination of salmon, mint and flame colors brighten up the space, going well with the DIY furniture the team designed for a well-traveled blogger and entrepreneur. These pieces include a dining table with a pinball machine inside, and suitcase shelves that can function as storage or conceal breakers. To top it off, Platner's *Wire* chair blends right in with the fun, colorful setup.



◀ Modern Victorian

Designed for a fashion design student, the Modern Victorian study is an exercise in restraint. While the Victorian period is known for its exuberant and cluttered aesthetics, the designers took a minimal approach for this booth while still peppering it with Victorian elements. These include the checkered flooring, tufted furniture and damask wall patterns in the seating area, and the curved desk for the study area. But while the study is as sleek and streamlined as they come, it isn't all about work—fun features are provided for, such as the selfie wall (composed of beveled mirrors) and the mood boards by the desk where the student can post or sketch her inspirations.



► Funk Art

Designing a bedroom for a DJ and partyophile presents a number of challenges. The nocturnal lifestyle of the subject necessitates a different approach to design, as the bedroom needs to be more than just a place to sleep in. By combining the industrial New York aesthetic and club culture, the team created a Funk Art style for this DJ—a primarily dark color scheme with pops of neon color and lighting. The space is divided into a bed, entertainment and work area, where the DJ can create new mixes and bring friends over. With how flashy this place looks at night, it might be pointless to even go to a club!





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Each Cafe is designed differently but our favorite from the two has to be BGC!

Sunnies Side Up

They had us at all-day Brunch
and that Skinny Bitch Sangria

Written by Patricia Hebolario

When we heard that Sunnies Studios was opening a café, we couldn't help but raise an eyebrow. What was this eyewear brand doing? But still, we did get a bit excited. Knowing how Sunnies does their branding, there were high expectations in terms of Café's design, food, and overall feel.

After being inspired by the different places they've been to, from LA, Melbourne and Tokyo, the Sunnies team realized that it was time to give Manila a neighbourhood hang-out where they can just chill. May they be having a friendly first date, a family brunch, or a catch-up session with the squad, Sunnies Café is the place to be.

Sunnies Café is the ultimate experience of the Sunnies label. It's a space where you can experience everything the Sunnies Studios team likes—dishes they like to eat, cocktails they love, interiors that speak to them, and a playlist that was personally curated by their team. When it comes to the food preparation and overall dining experience, Sunnies Studios collaborated with Foodee Global Concepts; the same people who run Pound, Todd English, Tim Ho Wan, and other famous restaurants.

What's on our recommendation list? Have the Fried Goat Cheese Squares (P280) or Crispy Tacos (P270) for your starters. The secret to their tacos is the parmesan shells. Yes, you read that right: parmesan taco shells. What a time to be alive! For your main, consider the Pan-Seared Miso Salmon (P470), the Baked Squid Ink Lasagna (P360), the Chicken and Pancake (P260), or the Brunch Platter (P310). For your drinks, get a milkshake (P190). The Salted Caramelsutra and the Kimye (cookies and cream) are two of our favorites. Close your meal with the Lemon Curd Blondie (P380) or the Sunnies Funfetti (P290). If you're still up for it, get one of their quirky cocktails, they even named one Regina George. ☺

Visit Sunnies Café at Bonifacio High Street and SM Megamall.
Visit sunniescafe.com or like Sunnies Café on Facebook and follow @sunniescafe on Instagram

Savory options: Spicy Pomodoro, Roasted Bone Marrow Rice Bowl, Prosciutto Burrata



Sweet tooth? Try the Kimye Milkshake, the Sunnies Funfetti, and the Chocohoe



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