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Restored period detailing fuses with ultra-contemporary furniture in this luxurious Parisian flat

Decor: Nihal Ogden Photography: Barbara Tenny



Previous page (p115): A fusion of classic French-shaped furniture with a modern feel and unusual shapes gives this bathroom the feel of a living room.

Below: Wall-hung hardware module units form a practical vanity and are finished in sleek black. With composite surfaces with bevelled edges and a flush-mounted basin give a crisp monochrome look to the unit.

Right: Proving that even the practical can be pretty a host of paper butterflies decorates the entrance to the WC. It is adjacent to a shower/bath room, which comes complete with a marble seat.



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ith its gilt-edged mouldings and lavish furnishings throughout, it's only fitting that this opulent apartment is situated in the 'golden triangle' of Paris – an area bounded by the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, Avenue George V and Avenue Montaigne. Recently refurbished by the owner, interior designer Gérard Faton, after being abandoned for around 15 years, the renovation project was a huge undertaking, starting with the Hungarian wooden floors and working upwards to the period detailed ceilings.

Situated on the fourth floor of a typical 19th-century seven-story building by renowned civic planner Baron Haussmann, and with views of the American Cathedral, the 270sq m apartment was ripe for transformation. First, Gérard knocked down and rebuilt some of the walls so that the four bedrooms would all be ensuite. Then, while the interior was being renovated, which took about four months, he turned his attention to the facade, visiting showrooms and stores on the lookout for interesting and unusual pieces. This meant that once the apartment was ready to be decorated, he was able to do so in just a few days, with the neutral walls

and simple marble and wooden floors providing the perfect backdrop for a host of eclectic pieces. Then, Gérard tells us more about the project.

What look were you trying to create in the master bedroom and bathroom, and how have you achieved this?

For the style of the master bedroom and bathroom, I wanted to recreate the ambience of a Parisian palace, combining traditional features with more contemporary furniture. The result is the level of comfort and luxury one would expect to find in a five-star hotel. I often collaborate with luxury Italian brands, such as Poltronova, Fendi, Cappellini and Boffi, as their designs fit this aesthetic perfectly. The bedroom and dressing room adjoin a bathroom, so there had to be harmony between them and I have tried to maintain that with the fireplace, mirrors and mouldings. The bathroom, especially, has a luxurious bathroom feel with a steam bath – essential for coping with the hectic Parisian lifestyle – and has been designed as a place of relaxation and rest.



What prompted you to place a circular bed in the center of this bedroom?

A round bed is novel yet majestic. It gives the bedroom a unique look and all the other furniture in the room continues beautifully with its flowing curves. I chose a lot of products for their innovative looks and originality.

What materials have you used in the bathroom and why?

I used marble from Italy for the floor and shower wall, which both echo the period detailing in the room and gives an authentic feel, but also creates a blank canvas for the beautiful Boffi furniture, curved bath and sanitaryware.

How did you design the kitchen in terms of finishes and layout, and what dictated these choices?

For the kitchen, I wanted something easy but also well equipped. Boffi made the furniture and there are plenty of appliances – an oven, wine storage unit,

fridge, freezer and induction hob. For the working area splashback, I wanted to be innovative and do something that no-one else would have done. So I chose concrete with the texture of crocodile leather that would go well with the Boffi cabinets.

Finally, what inspired your overall design approach – did the architectural features play a large role?

My work is a combination of the authentic and the contemporary. So here, to preserve the building's authenticity, I enlisted artists to rework all the moldings with gold and silver leaf. Then I restored the old flooring with Hungarian parquet and the original marble fireplaces. The contemporary style, meanwhile, is achieved by using pieces from the great names in the world of design, such as Patricia Urquiola and Marcel Wanders. Also, the overall layout of the apartment is in keeping with the 19th-century Italian style often found in study houses and master houses, incorporating a grand entrance and three interconnecting rooms.

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Below: Made from chunky white concrete, the work surfaces and splashbacks have the texture of crocodile skin leather. Their subtle glossy finish is highlighted by under-cabinet lighting.

Right: A wide flush-mounted stainless-steel sink and tap with a pull-out spray create a versatile wet area that's purpose-built for washing fruit and vegetables, with a generous prep space next to it. Sited opposite an induction hob, its central location makes cooking quick meals easy.

Opposite page: Simply laid out, the wide double galley is home to handleless cabinetry by Boff and a host of built-in appliances. It leads down to a pair of French doors that open out onto a balcony – perfect for al fresco dining during the summer months.





Below: A crocodile brown fur throw on the bed underlines the coziness of the circular centerpiece and round rug underneath. Behind the door to the adjoining dressing room is clad in concrete with a culled texture.

Right: Scale plays a large part in the ambiance of the bedroom. An oversized floor-standing lamp designed by Marcel Wanders dwarfs a SmooonCage lamp on the mantelpiece that has been created in the shape of a package with a lid on top.





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Below: The bedrooms in the rest of the apartment are no less luxurious than the master bedroom. This guest room boasts a bed with a built-in side table, elegant recessed shelving and a lamp made from the unprocessed cocoon of silkworms attached to wire.



GET THE LOOK

Right: Artisan Stand Mixer in Apple Cider from KitchenAid, priced £429 (0800 988 1266 or www.kitchenaid.co.uk)



Above: Gatsby Armchair in yellow from Anthropologie, priced £296 (020 2119 2927 or www.anthropologie.co.uk)



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DESIGN

Interior design Gerald Falvey (+32 20403800 or www.geraldfalvey.com)

KITCHEN

Cabinetry Xas 09 Furniture by Bob (020 7029 0056 or www.bobfuk.com)

Worktops and splashback Textured white concrete, LCCO (www.lcco.co.uk). Fridge, freezer and wine storage unit, Gaggina (0144 860 8980 or www.gaggina.com; Coffee machine, island mixer and toaster, KitchenAid (0800 988 1266 or www.kitchenaid.co.uk)

Appliances Induction hob, dishwasher and oven, Miele (0845 365 8000 or www.miele.co.uk); Fridge, freezer and wine storage unit, Gaggina (0144 860 8980 or www.gaggina.com; Coffee machine, island mixer and toaster, KitchenAid (0800 988 1266 or www.kitchenaid.co.uk)

Tap For similar try the X-Brand with pull-out spray, Hansgrohe (www.hansgrohe.it)

Sink For similar try the BlancoAndano 510-U flush-mounted sink in stainless steel (0844 912 0700 or www.blanco.co.uk)

Table and chair Top table with round black table by Pirella Göttsche and Comback Chair with Geo Rope in yellow by Patricia Urquiola, both for Kartell and available from Next (0114 243 3000 or www.next.co.uk)

Fitted bench For similar try bespoke seating from Russell Upholstery (020 8650 6347 or www.russell.co.uk)

Blind Precision blind by Boffal (www.boffal.it). For similar try English Birds (0121 707 3508 or www.englishbirds.co.uk)

Cushion For similar try Furlish (www.furlish.co.uk)

Flooring For similar chevron parquet flooring by Drummonds Flooring (01798 800100 or www.drummondsflooring.co.uk)

MASTER BEDROOM

Bed Lulaby Day bed by Luigi Messori for Patricia Pavi, available from Acris Furniture (020 7721 7014 or www.acrisfurniture.co.uk)

Bed linen, sheets and pillowcases By Vero Redelli, available from Interiors Plus (01484 711788 or www.inplus.co.uk)

Rug Bespoke. For similar try Rug Couture (0845 071 9000 or www.rugcouture.com)

Throw and cushions For similar try Nest (0844 844 8000 or www.nest.co.uk)

Chest of drawers Pyramid by Shiro Kuramata for Cappellini (www.cappellini.it, available from Ufby (0151 738 4192 or www.ufbydesign.co.uk)

Lamp Big Shadow by Marcel Wanders for Cappellini, as before, available from Atomic Interiors (0115 965 7200 or www.atomicinteriors.co.uk)

Console Luxor by Cappellini, as before. For similar try Pink Apple (01201 515456 or www.pinkapple.co.uk)

Lamp (on market) GroenCign precision lamp by Boffal/Item. For similar try Amazon (www.amazon.com)

Mirror For similar try antique mirrors from The Mint List (020 8816 9192 or www.themintlist.com)

Below: An elegant top bath from Vitro Plumb, priced £200 (currently on sale at £150) (0344 834 4040 or www.vitroplumb.com)



Right: SuperSoft Down Duvet from Cox & Cox, priced £199 (0844 898 0734 or www.coxandcox.co.uk)



Left: Round Superbed from Hatters, priced £20,000 (020 7498 0640 or www.hatters.co.uk)



Left: Gold over mirror from Laura Ashley, priced £325 (0871 953 9966 or www.laurenashley.com)

Armchair: Archibald in Percepsin by Jean-Marie Messou for Patricia Prou, available from Atomic Interiors, as before
Curtains: For similar try The Natural Curtain Company (0845 5000 400 or www.naturalcurtaincompany.co.uk)

MASTER BATHROOM

Bath: Saggio by Boffi, as before
Bath tap: Minimal by Boffi, as before
Shower hand spray: Minimal by Boffi, as before
WC: NY by Boffi, as before
Armchair: Proud by Alessandro Mendini for Cappellini, as before, available from Apple Furniture, as before
Chair: Bertola Side Chair by Hans Bertola for Vitrol, available from Atomic Interiors, as before
Small table: (next to bed): New Antiques by Marcel Wanders for Cippolini, available from Pink Apple, as before
Lamp: Rubble in copper by Jaime Hayon for Bosa, by Wainwale (+31 621890005 or www.wainwale.com)
Storage stand: Sojine by Boffi, as before
Vanity unit: B14 by Norbert Wengen for Boffi, as before
Sculpture: (next to bath): Dragon Dress by Ravi Varadar (Stiggle) (+35 000000007 or www.raviandrade.com)
Radiator: For similar try the Go towel radiator by Sigeer (020 7328 2205 or www.sigeer.co.uk)
Curtains: For similar try The Natural Curtain Company, as before
Mirror: For similar try The Mint List, as before

Wall panels: Outset Pantalon concrete, L'ÉCLAIR (www.lclair-kids.com)
 For similar try Concoctions, as before

GUEST BEDROOM

Bed: Jack with side tables, Patricia Prou, available from Chapters, as before
Bed linen, sheets and pillowcases: By Hero Fiddell, available from Interiors Plus, as before
Lamp: My Chrysalis by Angus Hutcheson for Angworld (www.angworld.com). For similar try Design+Light.com (0131 567 9120 or www.design+light.com)
Throw: For similar try Next, as before
Mirror: For similar try The Mint List, as before
Rug: (beside bed). For similar try Rug Culture, as before
Armchair: Hug by Jean-Marie Gody for Percou (+33 290740400 or www.percou.com)
Chair: Kago by Jean-Marie Gody for Percou, as before
Console tables: Ocul by Nicola L. for Cal Bero Galini (+39 343255810 or www.calbero.it). For similar try the Nade Console by Catherine Ball, available from Chapters, as before
Curtains: For similar try The Natural Curtain Company, as before

COST

A similar kitchen would cost £85,000, a similar master bedroom would cost £70,000, a similar master bathroom would cost £45,000 and a similar guest bedroom would cost £45,000.