

CHIMINH CITY



class **charm**

Clad in the colours of Coco Chanel,
abode offers a cache of timeless



Going classic with Coco Chanel is the theme of this elegant unit in The Ascent, a collection of apartments nestled among the landed houses of District 2 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Decked in the famous designer's signature colours of white, black and brown, this 1,200-sq-ft home oozes a chic charm that promises to withstand the test of time.

"This unit was inspired by fashion designer Coco Chanel, so we adopted her classic neutral colour palette throughout the entire apartment," says Su Misura's design director, Angela Lim. In line with the classic theme, artworks that feature beautifully dressed British women in the 1930s – clad in big hats, seated in vintage cars – can be seen adorning the walls throughout the two-bedroom unit, which also comes with a small study room.

MAKING A GRAND ENTRANCE

The first thing that greets the eye when entering the apartment is a gorgeous white spray-painted console table in the foyer where keys and letters can be tucked away. A grand mirror framed by a beautiful shell set on the wall above enhances the illusion of space and lets the owners check out their looks just before leaving the home.

In the dining area, one cannot miss the signature high-back bench designed by Su Misura. With a seating capacity for six persons, its tall back covers a substantial portion of the wall and can be admired at eye level, making it a talking point for guests. Its luxurious satin finish also reflects light, making the bench "glow" at a distance.

To complement the rectangular dining set, a circular chandelier with six lampshades is chosen to add a touch of contemporary to the classic-themed decor.



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SLEEK STYLE IN THE LIVING ROOM

Opposite the dining area is a six-seater L-shaped sofa, a perfect arrangement to host guests. To maintain a sense of continuity, the Su Misura team custom-designed the area rug – made of 100 per cent wool – to draw the two spaces together.

"In the spirit of Chanel's elegant style, we created some of our own pieces, such as the rug and throw, using black and white colours and the interwined checkered patterns," explains Lim.

Sleek marble is laid across the floors of both the living and dining areas. To keep with the classic theme, the tall white book shelf and black dining table were spray-painted in their respective colours for a clean, chic finish.

BEAUTY IN THE BEDROOM

To spruce things up in the master bedroom, the designers at Su Misura chose bedside lamps that featured unique bubble stands.





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The piece de resistance must surely be the gorgeous dressing area flanked with floor-to-ceiling mirrors, a decadent space to beautify oneself that is specially created for the lady of the house.

"We wanted to make the dressing area look more elegant than a normal dresser, and more importantly, we wanted it to be different from just a straight mirror hanging on the wall," explains Lim. "Flanking the mirrors not only creates visual interest, but on a practical note, the mirrors are angled in such a way that it allows one to stand sideways and see how buttons at the back need to be attached, for example."

TIMELESS BEAUTY

Just like the Chanel-inspired checkered patterns littered throughout the apartment, Su Misura has interwoven creativity with classic charm to deliver a unique yet classic home that will surely withstand the winds of time.

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DESIGNER TIP

You can connect two spaces together to create an illusion of unity by overlaying a common material to join them visually, such as the strategic placement of a large area rug.

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