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# Suite Sanctuary

IN THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF KL'S FAST-PACED SOPHISTICATED LIFESTYLE, A VERY PROMINENT AND HIGHLY RESPECTED INDIVIDUAL REVEALS HIS PLACE OF RESPIRE AND RECUPERATION

WORDS MICHELE THESEIRA

## SEVENTH HEAVEN

For one so distinguished, leading a demanding lifestyle, this is one sanctuary to simply take pleasure in



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**L**IVING IN THIS ERA WHEN FAST IS never fast enough and anything slower than fast-paced triggers stress, it's not quite uncommon when a person needs a place other than the sanctioned family home to relax and unwind in. For some, this may be their place of solitude, a personal sanctum to think thoughts through or make major decisions that require much attention and reflection. For others, it may be their crash pad or private den, a confidential confine where they can let their hair down and lose themselves in indulgence of whatever pleases – from hobbies, to music, to convening of close friends over exclusive parties or perhaps simply to take relief in a calm and quiet retreat.

The personage who wishes to remain anonymous introduces his spectacular find – a quiet, serene and peaceful address with an unblocked view of the greenery of the nearby KLCC Park against

a breathtaking backdrop of the faraway hills and mountain range. "I am very happy with the outcome, especially since I am meticulous about the fine details like workmanship. From my unit, I can unwind and enjoy the spectacular view that extends miles and miles away, as though never ending. This allows me to get carried away, lost in my thoughts without barriers. It's totally relaxing," shares the contented owner, while doing just that, with his favourite music from his iPod playing in the background.

The impressive address we're talking about is ONE KL, ironically located within the heart of Kuala Lumpur's bustling city centre at KLCC, amidst a framework of reputed structures like the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Suria KLCC as well as the globally renowned Petronas Twin Towers. ONE KL is a powerful address, one that has been keeping both property owners as well as property developers a little anxious, though in a different way from the other – one on its completion and the other on market influence.





Says Executive Director Carmen Chua representing the property developer ONE KLCC Sdn Bhd, "The tagline of '94 Apartments, 95 Swimming Pools' has become synonymous with the development. There are 94 units of three-bedroom duplexes averaging 3,500 sq ft each, with its own private pool. The 95th pool is the communal one located on the facilities floor that also accommodates a fully equipped gym and two spacious function rooms." Carmen then highlights the many outstanding characteristic features of ONE KL including its vast double-volume ceilings, 21 feet in height. She informs, "Do you know that in Malaysia, unlike in New York, London and Hong Kong, we sell space based on the nett floor area basis which excludes void areas and spaces?"

While standard units come with appliances, fittings, security features and comprehensive workmanship where quality is not compromised, the owner of this particular unit naturally had wons of his own, with distinct taste to ensure his space featured his pendants.



**CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT** Shadows, silhouettes and clever play with nature's light enhances the arty interiors; A picture of cool and calm exudes an uninterrupted harmony within; The Napoleonic Eagle suspends high and carries much history with it



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The private cigar cum television room has an inconspicuous entrance; There's always room for artistic creations in wood, black or silver; Classic movie posters evoke memories from yesteryear

Having worked on a couple of projects of the owner's prior to this, London based interior designer Timothy Ryan of Timothy A Ryan Associates was commissioned to design the apartment, working closely with the owner, in line with the building's stunning architecture. Interior design details – and by details, we really mean details – from the aesthetics to the creating and the styling, all these were taken into account. “Colour schemes, material choices and final selections of objects and art were made by my team, drawing in the client's existing collection apart from acquiring new pieces. Every





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piece of furniture was handmade in London by craftsmen,” informs Timothy. From the double-stone vanity in the master bedroom that took 20 men to lift, to the bespoke bathtub – leather clad and in black lacquer – not to forget the master bathroom finished in black stained ebony wood panels – a process specially developed by Timothy’s team of craftsmen for his client – all these and more were created to minute detail.

Although all the furniture was designed by the English ID, including the dining table and the kitchen sink, the artwork and sculptures, including the *Napoleon Eagle* which carries much

### CLOCKWISE

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Proof where minute detail design exudes arty flavour of its own; The master bathroom with the leather clad bath tub; A collector of sorts, this is only a fraction from the collection of Las Vegas tokens and chips

history with it, came from the owner’s extensive collection of Asian and European art. The Arco lamp was a rare find, a limited edition Timothy managed to acquire for the owner, complete with signature and serial number.

The owner’s love for wood and natural materials including a liking for leather and hues of black and silver is noticeable within his bedroom walls. “There was no room for error where measurements were concerned. It was most challenging to manufacture and install the entire room – wall to wall and floor to ceiling in panelling – especially when the room was in





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*“Every piece of furniture was handmade in London by craftsmen”*

Kuala Lumpur and the panelling done in London. The whole process of measurement was critical but worked out beautifully in the end. It looks as though it has always been here. The concealed door to the master bathroom works so well and the individually made skirting curves all fit perfectly with no breaks or cuts,” shares Timothy on the bespoke design. Owner, designer and developer are obviously on the same wavelength as all see beauty in the details. It was inspiring to see the owner’s delight, especially when he ran his fingers along the furniture and furnishings, speaking admirably of the skill of the artisans to come up with such flawless finish.

From being referred to as the triangular doughnut to the trapezium-shaped building it actually is, one can rest assured that every bit of the ONE KL design, from its spacious and well planned individual units to its artistically inspired exterior façade and interior lobby, right down to its sports-car friendly car park including materials, workmanship and the finest details – everything has been looked into and cleverly

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In the master bedroom, one can sleep enveloped in luxury; Bespoke drawers feature intricate design inside out

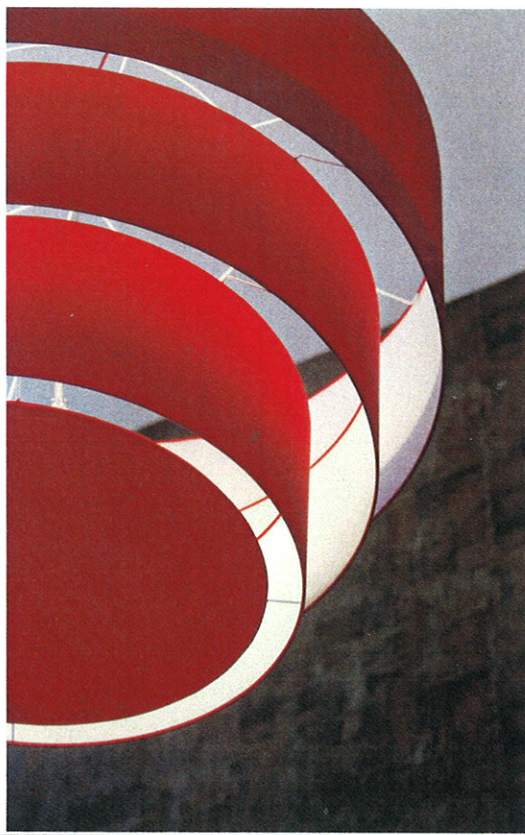




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Every piece of  
decoration is  
carefully selected,  
including lighting;  
The owner's son's  
bedroom

designed to host its purpose of form, function and design.

At ONE KL, it's one of a kind indeed, the first property development in Malaysia to use upmarket German brand Miele kitchen appliances; fully imported sanitaryware Duravit and Zazzeri fittings; plus the first residential development in Malaysia to employ an international team of building experts, including plasterers and carpenters from Japan, Singapore and Australia. With everything well thought of in addition to excellent security features and maintenance plus upgrading plans and schedules, it wasn't surprising to hear of the management's initiative to work with Mandarin Oriental on catering, laundry and limousine services. It's really a sweet sanctuary at ONE KL, an escape that encapsulates a suited lifestyle that sees to all one's needs, and much more. **21**