

homage to art deco in the heart of london

The interior is a homage, in a 21st-century rendering, to the Art Deco period. Here, in the heart of the London district, Chelsea, an SHH design team headed by René Dekker has created an oasis of opulence spread over three floors. Craftsmen from varying disciplines were drummed up to put the designers' wide-ranging ideas into effect. A relief depicting an olive tree forms an absolute masterpiece – it graces the wall behind the stairwell, occupying the full height of the building. "Many of the design ideas stem from plants and organic forms", as Dekker explains. "They are the thread that pulls through the apartment's design."

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Right: the London based design team SHH with, front left, chief designer and associate René Dekker. They transformed a house in London's Chelsea district into a homage to the Art Deco period. Every detail has been lovingly created in the Art Deco spirit by the best British and international craftsmen.

Below: the living space is an expansive 120 square metres and is divided into four 'zones'. The form of the ceiling combined with the lighting accentuates the four areas, each having its own, comfortable, intimate ambience. The fireplace is hewn from a single slab of Rosso Veneziano onyx, sourced from Stone Studia. Sofas and chairs are from J. Robert Scott.

Overleaf

The grand reception lobby of the triplex, and beyond it the lobby accessing the two master bedrooms. On the right, the imposing staircase with the subtly illuminated relief. This olive tree decoration occupies the full height of the house – from lower floor to the uppermost ceiling. In fact, the staircase had to be shifted from its original position to accommodate the relief and now 'floats' in the space.

The console in the entrance hall is from Ecco Trading; the floor on which it stands is Gris Pulpis combined with Cioccolato Bronzino. Both flooring components were sourced from Mega Marble.

Right: detail of the stairs and olive-tree relief; this twelve-metre high feature was made by DKT Artworks.



