



Pied-à-Terre Perfection

A Gold Coast high-rise condo becomes a dream second home for a family of three thanks to interior designer Lauren Coburn.

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In the living room, a custom sectional, ottoman and side tables designed by Lauren Coburn and fabricated by Cisneros Custom Furniture strike a cozy contrast to sweeping skyline views; elsewhere in the room, artwork by artist Elizabeth Parker lends drama, while an Ursa lounge chair from Holly Hunt sits beside O'Hara Studio's Anemone Dia table.

THE CLIENTS

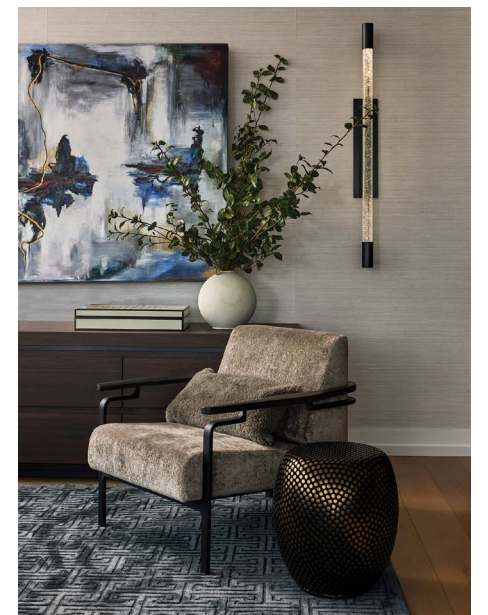
When a Dallas-based family first stepped inside an expansive condo with stunning city and lake views in a highly desirable Gold Coast high-rise, they saw its potential as a second home that could seamlessly support both work and leisure. Introduced to interior designer Lauren Coburn by their real estate broker, Carrie McCormick, the clients enlisted Coburn to transform the space into a move-in-ready residence tailored for both productivity and extended stays in the city.

THE PRIORITY

"These clients had exceptional taste and a clear goal: to create a seamless, relaxing oasis where they could unwind and enjoy family time," says Coburn. Central to that vision was a desire to incorporate rich, decadent colors like inky blues, sepia and deep plum mixed with bronze, establishing a layered, sophisticated foundation for the home.

THE CHALLENGE

Given the client's out-of-state home base, the project required a largely remote approach from the early stages. "We met with them two times in person at the beginning of the project to understand their tastes and vision, and how their family lives," explains Coburn. "From there we worked through the





entire project long distance and virtually with them, and our team created a fully turnkey home for their move-in. They did not need to purchase anything except for groceries.”

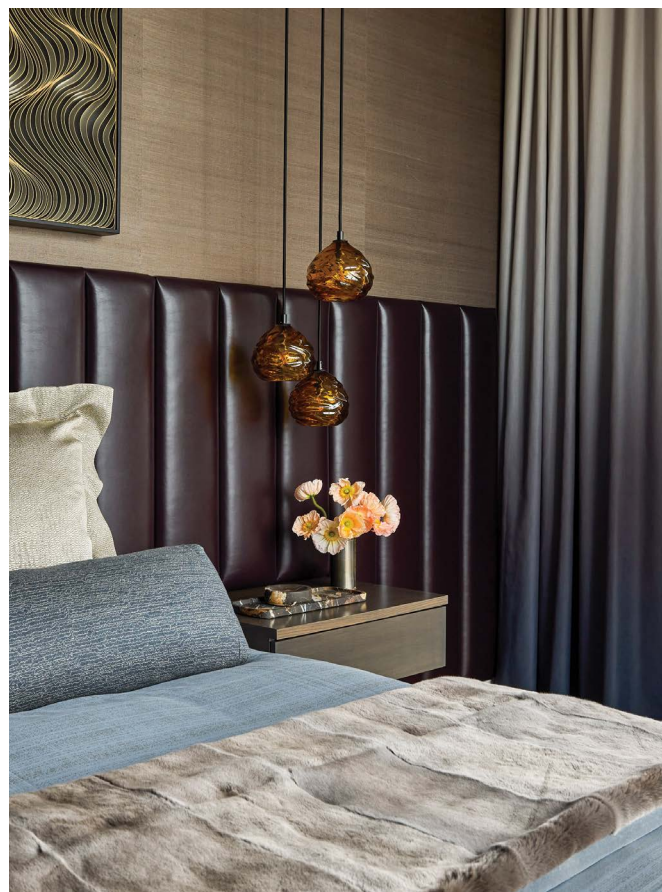
THE DETAILS

“Our job was to create effortless luxury in their home, while creating a warm environment,” notes Coburn. In the primary suite, bronze grasscloth wraps the walls, while custom-designed, fully operable ombré draperies introduce a soft dark-to-light gradient. To keep the room grounded without competing with the skyline views, a low-profile custom headboard in deep plum leather anchors the space, allowing the skyline to remain the focal point.

THE OUTCOME

Thanks to strategic planning and a carefully curated design approach, notes Coburn, the space was transformed into a stylish second home that satisfies the family’s needs for work and play. Simply put, says the designer, “They love their home and enjoy their time in Chicago.”

From top: The client’s existing tub stands out against dramatic stone surfaces in the primary bath, where a sculptural Tell coffee table from Jesse Chicago adds a sleek finishing touch; in the primary bedroom, A. Rudin’s Happy Aubergine pendants hang beside a custom bed and channel-tufted headboard designed by Lauren Coburn and fabricated by Cisneros Custom Furniture.



Beneath CAI Designs’ Luna Twisted Branch chandelier, a custom dining table with a Caesarstone Pietra Gray top by Standard Marble & Granite pairs with dining chairs fabricated by Cisneros Custom Furniture, while artwork by artist Barbara Coburn hangs above a N.O.W. sideboard from Jesse Chicago.

Design Details

Type

High-rise condo

Location

Gold Coast

Interiors

Lauren Coburn, LLC
laurencoburn.com

Millwork

Vas Design Inc.
vasdesign.com

RESOURCES

A. Rudin

Various lighting and furniture throughout
arudin.com

Assembled Works

Sconces in living room
assembledworks.com

Bedside Manor

Bedding in primary bedroom
shopbedside.com

C-A-I Designs

Lighting fixture in dining room
caidesigns.net

Carousel Fine Art

Art in foyer
carouselartgroup.com

Cisneros Custom Furniture

Various custom furniture throughout
cisneroscustomfurniture.com

Gruen Galleries

Various art throughout
gruengalleries.com

Holly Hunt

Chair in living room
hollyhunt.com

Jayson Home

Various accessories throughout
jaysonhome.com

Lightology

Lighting in dining room
lightology.com

Oscar Isberian

Rug in primary bedroom
isberian.com

Perennials

Various wallcoverings throughout
perennialsfabrics.com

Stark

Rug in living room
starkcarpet.com

Zirlin Interiors

Window coverings in primary bedroom
zirlininteriorsinc.com