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Penthouse living is made all the more special with an artfully curated interior and enviable ocean views

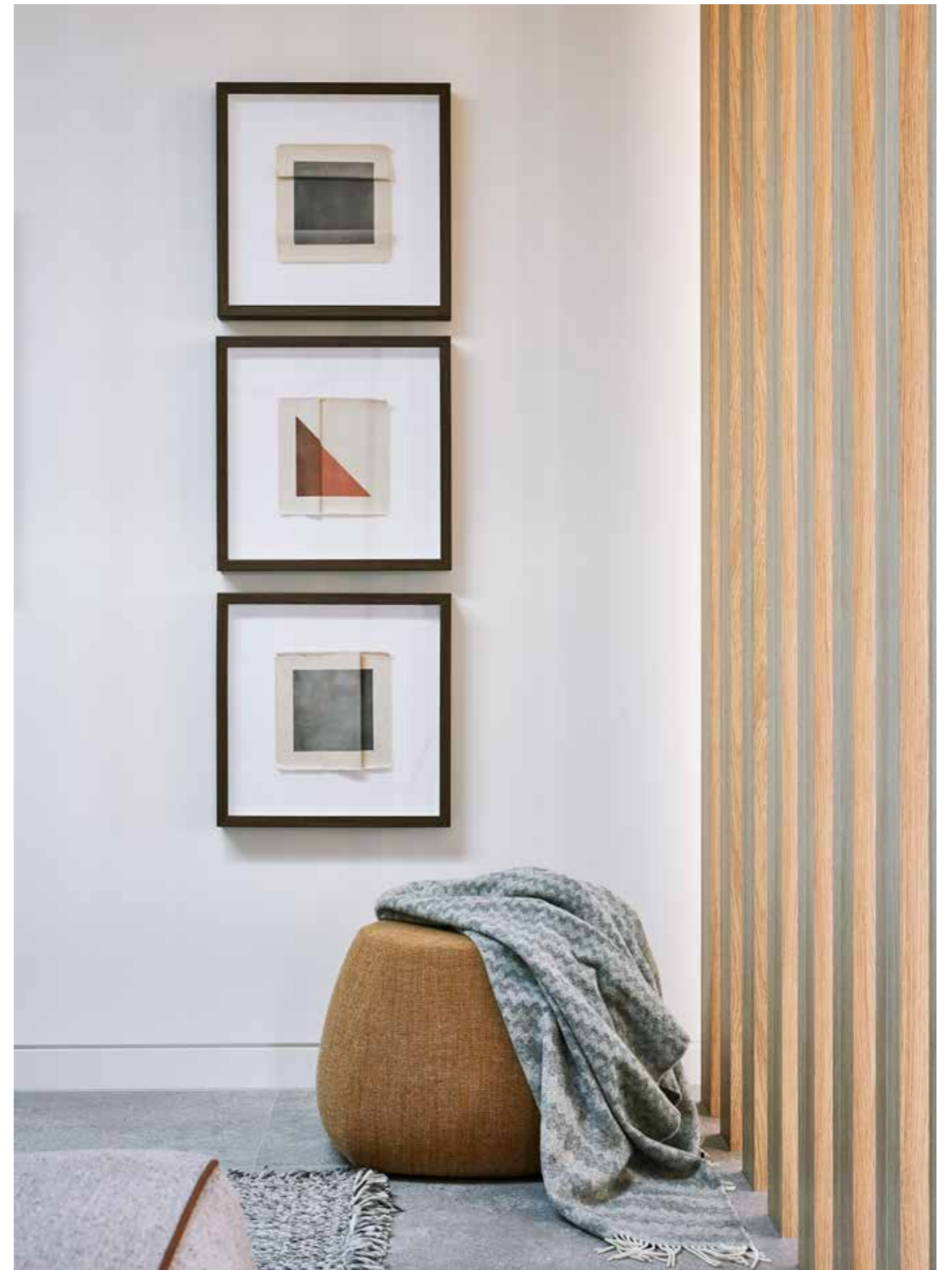
BREATHING IN THE SEA AIR from its prime position overlooking the main beach, cafes and restaurants of Terrigal on the NSW Central Coast, this penthouse apartment serves as the perfect weekend getaway for its Sydney-based owners and their two children. “You cannot resist walking out onto the balcony and taking in those breathtaking ocean views,” says Michelle Sukari of Sukari Interior Design, who was entrusted with crafting a uniquely luxurious yet comfortable interior scheme for the holiday pad. “The owners love to entertain and wanted to use the home with family and friends regularly, so I had to be conscious of maximising space, flow and flexibility,” she says. It began with a B&B Italia lounge and chaise in beige with a charcoal hem, which the couple had already purchased. Along with the porcelain tiled floors and walls in Dulux Natural White, it provided the neutral base to which Michelle added shades of blue and tan in cushions, artworks and furniture. Textural leather, linen, stone, rattan and brass bring layers of depth and interest to the scheme, while organic shapes and coastal accents reference the oceanic surrounds. Michelle lists the light-filled dining space as one of her many favourites in the home: “You can’t go past the tan leather dining chairs – a favourite of mine and the owners – the stunning ‘Myriad’ pendant light that was almost made for this space, and the totem sculpture with its simple imperfections.”

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The balcony is a much-loved and used area for the family, who escape to this beachside apartment each weekend. A Patricia Urquiola ‘Anatra’ outdoor sofa, ‘Grotto’ birch coffee table and coral centrepiece, all from Janus et Cie, set a relaxed pace from the outset. >



The formal lounge area feels cosy and luxurious with a B&B Italia 'Ray' custom sofa from Space, 'Le Club' armchair in Graphite Leather from Poliform and an Arteriors 'Gregor' marble-topped coffee table from Boyd Blue. Also from Boyd Blue, 'Bloquer VI and VII' artworks bring drama with their lashings of blue and gold. Oak-veneer blades separate the lounge and family room (opposite), where a 'So' ottoman from Fanuli and origami fold artworks from Boyd Blue bring a casual change of pace. >



Natural light washes through sheer curtains into the dining room, where a Gabriel Scott 'Myriad' chandelier from Est Lighting is suspended within a four-metre void above the Boyd Blue 'Adela' dining table. "The extended arms resemble the branches of a tree," says Michelle. Baxter 'Gemma' tan leather and brass chairs and a totem sculpture from The Visuals are the other noteworthy mentions in this space. >

A spacious, light-filled dining zone is a must for beachside entertaining



"We could not resist these chairs," says Michelle of the dining seating. Mixed materials make a statement in the kitchen, from the Polytec 'Natural Oak Ravine' veneer joinery by TTK Kitchens & Joinery, to the Calacutta Vagli honed marble benchtops by Stoneworks Marble & Granite and the mirrored splashback that reflects the coastal views. Counter stools with a woven cane seat from Space lend a relaxed nautical feel to the space. >



A wall of Polytec 'Natural Oak Ravine' joinery provides extra storage in the owners' son's bedroom, with an artwork from Flower Power displayed on the handy shelf. The Fanuli 'Cliff' bed is made with an 'Opus' quilt cover and sheets from Sheridan.



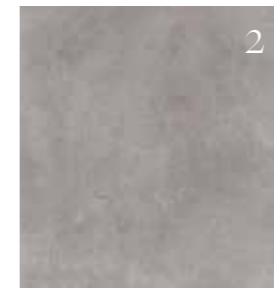
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the finer details

MAIN BEDROOM (top left) Sweet dreams are made of a Poliform 'Gentleman' bed and bedside, with a 'Barbary' rug in Clay from The Rug Establishment. **BALCONY** (top right) Woven lounges and timber tables from Janus et Cie are ideal choices in this alfresco spot. **POWDER ROOM** (bottom) A wall of white marble greets guests, along with a pedestal basin from Paco Jaanson and Hay 'Bowler' side table from Cult. **COLOUR PALETTE** Get the look with Dulux Natural White paint (1), concrete-look Grigio porcelain tiles (2) and white Volakas honed marble (3) from Stoneworx Marble & Granite.



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