

One Rincon Hill

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES **Carver + Schicketanz Architects**

This San Francisco high-rise apartment was designed for a retired couple who wished to downsize from a large home. The original three-bedroom, two-bathroom layout had a poor sense of entry, nowhere to retreat to, small bedrooms and several narrow hallways.

The couple's world-class photography collection became the inspiration for the interior design of their new home. The wall colour and fabric palette were chosen to both complement and provide a backdrop for the art.

The new master suite was finished in a romantic style, with pastel lacquers and traditional furnishings. In the living and dining room, a built-in banquette makes best use of the small space, while providing the ability to host up to 12 guests. The ceilings were finished in a high gloss to create the illusion of additional height.

It was the design team's goal to balance the stark architecture of floor-to-ceiling exterior glass walls with warmth and texture. Silk and wool rugs, rich woods and a large custom Mica light fixture all contribute to the sense of comfort in the client's new home, without compromising the modern architecture.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Robert Canfield

Credits: Mary Ann Gabriele Schicketanz and Carissa Duncan (design team)

Floor area: 176 square metres / 1900 square feet

Program: Remodel of an existing apartment and accommodation for an extensive photography collection

Ceiling height/s: 3 metres / 10 feet

Rooms: Master suite (including a spacious sitting room, bathroom and walk-in closet), guest bedroom with bathroom and walk in closet, kitchen, living room, dining room, entry, balcony and bathroom

Ventilation: Individually controlled heating and cooling on demand

Green features: Floor-to-ceiling insulated glass window walls and an artificial intelligence control system for the building elevators



