



Room of the Week: Bathroom Serenity in the Sky

This high-rise home was designed to feel as if there is no boundary between the home and the sky – including the bathroom



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Taking off from its sky-high location – and corresponding views over Ardmore Park – this three-bedroom apartment was designed “to immerse the homeowner in a soothing holiday mood during her every stay,” says its designer, Robert Cheng, Principal of Brewin Design Office. With a design scheme “built around a story of coastal rock formations”, marble was the material of choice, from the living room to the bathrooms. Of special note is the master bathroom – a space for the owner to take in the skyline and, literally, bathe in sunlight.



Room at a Glance: Master bathroom

Who lives here: A business person based overseas, who uses this apartment as a holiday home

Location: Le Nouvel Ardmore condominium

Size of the room: 10.24 square metres (110 square feet)

Designer: Robert Cheng of Brewin Design Office

Because of the coastal rock formations design concept, Cheng used “a serene palette influenced by coastal nature”: rich marble with distinct veining, and a light birch wood with beautiful grains.

“The master bathroom was to be clad in blue stone, like the main hall of the house, to match the colour of the sky and create a seamless transition between the home interiors and expansive sky,” says Cheng. He used Brazilian blue marble to translate this idea – to great effect. Its natural appearance enhances the impact of the shadows cast by the sun shading screens of the building’s architecture (designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel), and the rectangles of natural light streaming in.

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“The rectilinear design is inspired by the aftermath of rock excavation, with vivid grains and distinct natural striations of the stone,” Cheng says.

This rectilinear design is most evident in the floating, figured birch timber veneer-clad vanity, with the slab-like solid surface top projecting towards the bay window. The vanity’s curved corners and warmer finish act as a counterpoint to the streamlined top and cool marble. The vanity mirrors conceal additional storage, allowing the homeowner to maintain a clean, minimalist look in her bathroom.

Brewin Design Office



The freestanding bathtub echoes the sleek, curved-rectilinear design, while frosted-glass cubicles compartmentalise the toilet (next to the bathtub) and the shower (next to the vanity).

Cheng used high-end designer fixtures from German brand Dornbracht to complete the luxurious design. Adding the luxe icing on this holiday home's pampering bath space – it's air-conditioned, just like a five-star hotel's bathroom would be.



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