

The owners of the apartment personally sourced this chain mail chandelier from Gabriel Scott in New York.

Pied a terre perfection

A London-based family gets its groove on in this Sydney pad, writes Catherine Nikas-Boulos

With a home in London and extended family in Sydney, one family of four decided to set up a permanent “holiday home” in Potts Point. The apartment in a 1940s building underwent a stylish renovation at the hands of Utz Sanby Architects, taking it from bland to beautiful, without losing the elegance and detail of its original architecture. The new palette of materials includes natural stone in the kitchen and bathrooms, stained oak parquet floors, inlaid carpets in the three bedrooms with linen and velvet for soft furnishings.

Utz Sanby Architects director, Kristin Utz, says her clients wanted to open the rooms to the views and breezes of Sydney Harbour and the Opera House, while the selected furnishings and fittings are pure European luxury. The owners, who had renovated several properties in

London, were involved in the direction of the renovation, sourcing the chain mail chandelier in the living room and pendants in the Boffi kitchen from Gabriel Scott in New York and sconces in the entrance foyer from CTO Lighting in London.

“The family spend a lot of time in Sydney and they wanted something that would lure them back as often as possible. They do love it here,” Kristin says.

“They’ll live here semi-permanently eventually.”

Working with an old post-war apartment building and upgrading to meet existing building codes was a key challenge for builder, FS Hough.

“We also had a great project manager who kept lines of communication open with the neighbours, was quick to remediate anything, and made sure communal areas were always kept tidy after the trades had gone through,” Kristin says.

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Mirrored cabinets reflect the light from the windows opposite.



Floor length curtains in soft grey tones add a little drama to the bedroom while giving the impression of a larger window.

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