

Argentona apartment by YLAB Arquitectos

Datos

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Project:	Interior renovation of an apartment in Barcelona
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YLAB Arquitectos Barcelona is a Spanish-German architectural design firm formed by Tobias Laarmann and Yolanda Yuste. From their studio in Barcelona, YLAB works on the design, management and construction of architecture and interior design projects. YLAB is specialized in residential, commercial and corporate design.

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This Project was open to the public during the last Barcelona Design Week 2018. The event was presented thank to the collaboration of prestigious international design companies such as **Gira, Neolith, Blum, Levantina, Novy by Veravent, Gardena y Gunni & Trentino.**

Description

The project consist of the remodel of an apartment located in an old building in Barcelona's Gracia district. The former 90 m2 apartment, was heavily partitioned with up to 6 rooms and gave off a dark appearance with almost no connection with the outdoor space.

The new owners, a Norwegian couple in love with design and with the city of Barcelona, had understood the potential of its sunny inner courtyard covered with ivy vines, and chose to buy it as their holiday residence. They wanted to transform it in a bright and open space and create a semi-exterior garden to overcome the lack of an outdoor space.

YLAB Arquitectos proposed a concept that frees up the space through important structural changes, opening the façade to the inner courtyard and recovering the historical gallery to revamp it as a **gallery-garden.**

The new layout revolves around a **central open L-shaped space**, connected to the gallery-garden and the inner courtyard. The **couple's suite**, equipped with large natural wood cabinetry, which integrates a folding table dresser, is placed in the inner area. The suite has its own bathroom that can be accessed as well through a second door from the communal area, serving as guest bath.

The layout concept is developed from the **segregation of the classical functions into different sub-zones**, more aligned to the owners' particular way of living.

Thereby, the **kitchen-dining** is disintegrated into four sub-zones: the cooking and the washing zones, both in contiguous spaces inside a cabinetry at the front of the communal space; the breakfast zone, in a second angled cabinetry, with hidden space for little kitchen appliances and a removable worktop; and the winery/bar zone, in a third cabinetry closer to the living room. All these zones revolve around this central space, furnished with **flexible furniture islands**, such as the dining table and the lounge chairs, that compliment each other.

The kitchen spaces are integrated into a perimeter cabinetry in natural light oak wood and provided with sophisticated fittings by Blum. Large concealed doors hide the open kitchen workspaces, finished in white Neolith and natural wood. and the large kitchen appliances such as the Novy hood, chosen because of its integration capacity.

The **living room** is also divided into an inner zone, furnished with Carl Hansen lounge chairs and table, and a semi-exterior zone in the gallery-garden, furnished with Butterfly chairs and Kettal table. All were delivered by Gunni Trentino and decorated with Serax and Materia Barcelona pieces.

In the same way, the **office space** is divided into a desk area with a computer within the living room shelf system, and a movable desk with storage inside the vestibule area cabinetry.

The **gallery**, featuring double windows both to the exterior and the interior, is also an open use space that can be used in different ways. Two large facing custom built planters, in the same natural sand stone as the floor, contain a lush garden that can be taken care of at a distance thanks to the Gardena Smart watering technology, totally concealed inside the planters.

The apartment achieves maximum storage due to the large floor-to-ceiling cabinetry at the perimeter and in substitution of the partition walls. The oak wood cabinets alternate with white lacquer wall clads, that allow for a flush installation of the swinging doors or hide the sliding doors, and indeed separate the different ambients in a subtle way. Both materials, wood and lacquer, combine to perfection with the protected natural Capri sandstone by Levantina that reflects the natural light and adds a warm cream tone.

The project features minimalistic designed E22 electrical accessories by Gira that enable an easy control of the lighting system.

Products and brands

Flooring	Sealant protected Capri natural limestone by Levantina
Wall finishings	Valentine white paint Ral 9010 Porcelanic Artic White satin finished by Neolith wall cladding
Bespoke wooden furniture	

and claddings	Finishings in white lacquered wood Ral 9010 and light natural oak wood veneer. All fittings by Blum
Bespoke windows	Custom-made solid wood windows white lacquered finished Custom-made iron window Oxiron black painted
Lighting	Spy On white and black by Deltalight Imax adjustable white downlight by Deltalight Planters Kix Pin by Deltalight Wally wall lamp by Santa & Cole Cesta lamp by Santa & Cole TMM lamp by Santa & Cole
Bath accessories and sanitary ware	Mini-Link suspended WC by Flaminia Tatami shower by Flaminia Inox steel faucets and accessories by Vola
Bespoke kitchen furniture and kitchen appliances	Custom-made kitchen finished in white lacquered wood ral 9010, light natural oak wood veneer and Artic White satin worktop by Neolith . All fittings by Blum Inox steel and black glass Crystal Line CLV sink and accessories by Franke Mixer tap Linus-S by Blanco 811 Mini Pure Line white extractor hood by Novy , delivered by Veravent Flex induction cooker, Vario serie 200 fridge and Serie 200 DF dishwasher by Gaggenau G6461 oven, M6030 SC microwave, washing machine and dryer by Miele EWTGW wine fridge by Liebherr
Terrace bespoke planters	Sealant protected Capri natural limestone by Levantina Watering system Smartkit by Gardena , delivered by Husqvarna Group
Electrical accessories	White and inox steel E22 system by Gira
Commercial furniture	Sofa Bitta sofa with Terrain fabric by Kettal, delivered by Gunni Trentino Zigzag table by Kettal, delivered by Gunni Trentino Lounge chairs CH25 by Carl Hansen Table CH417 by Carl Hansen
Blinds and curtains	Automatic screens by Silentgliss Perfect Wave linen curtains and rail system by Silentgliss
Décor	Bed linen, pillows, blankets and bath towels by Materia Barcelona Tableware and interior accessories by Serax