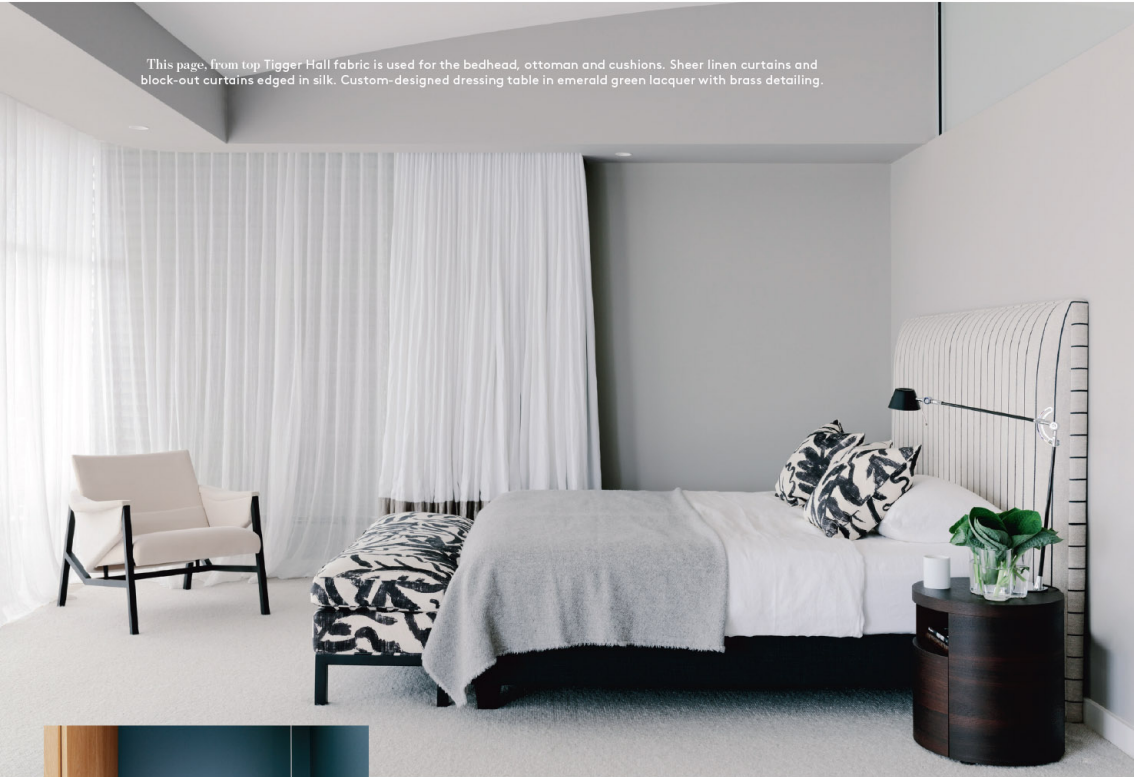*Photographs*
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This page The apartment has spectacular views over Sydney Harbour from both levels. Dining table is a custom extension 'Atticus' table from Hub. Thonet 'Hoffmann' dining chairs.

"THE DINING NOOK MAKES THE PERFECT SPOT FOR MORNING COFFEES AND CASUAL CATCH-UPS WITH FRIENDS."

This page, clockwise from top left Custom shelving in black stained oak and brass in the living room. Bar is accessible from the living and dining areas. Minotti 'Seymour' sofa from De De Ce and Classicon 'Bell' tables from Anibou. Fireplace is plastered in stucco and has a silver travertine plinth. Sculpture is from Becker Minty. Opposite page The dining nook has custom-designed shelves and a bench seat upholstered in navy linen. Eero Saarinen table with marble top and walnut Cherner chairs, all from De De Ce. Cushion is covered in Hermès silk.

This page, from top Tigger Hall fabric is used for the bedhead, ottoman and cushions. Sheer linen curtains and block-out curtains edged in silk. Custom-designed dressing table in emerald green lacquer with brass detailing.

HAVING BOUGHT this two-storey penthouse apartment on Sydney Harbour, the owners contacted Arent&Pyke to give the home an upgrade. *arentpyke.com*
What was the brief? It was to give the entire home an update, with a new kitchen, bathroom upgrades, new floors, lighting, and furnishings to complete the spaces. Rather than compete with the view, we developed a strategy of tonal variation through the introduction of natural oak parquetry floors as the foundation for the soft, yet sculptural shapes of the furnishings and built elements. *What were the challenges of the space?* The apartment has an unusual tapered shape, which opens out towards Sydney Harbour. We designed the living area to take full advantage of the spectacular views, but also to have an internal focus, anchored by the new stucco-plastered fireplace. *How would you describe the completed interior?* The organic shape of the sofa creates a beautiful fluid connection within the living room. The custom-designed bookcase acts as a spine for the room, drawing you towards the view, and links to the bar which wraps around into the dining space. *What are some of your favourite design elements?* We love to gather in a kitchen space, so we look for opportunities to create special seating. The dining nook is nestled into the kitchen area, with its own stunning view, and makes the perfect spot for morning coffees and casual catch-ups with friends. *Were the owners happy with the execution? How do they use the space?* Our clients are always welcoming family and friends into their home, and the living spaces work so well for entertaining. The dining table extends to seat 18, with easy access to the bar for convivial dinners! We maintained a natural connection with the large outdoor space so that groups spill out easily onto the terrace to enjoy the view.