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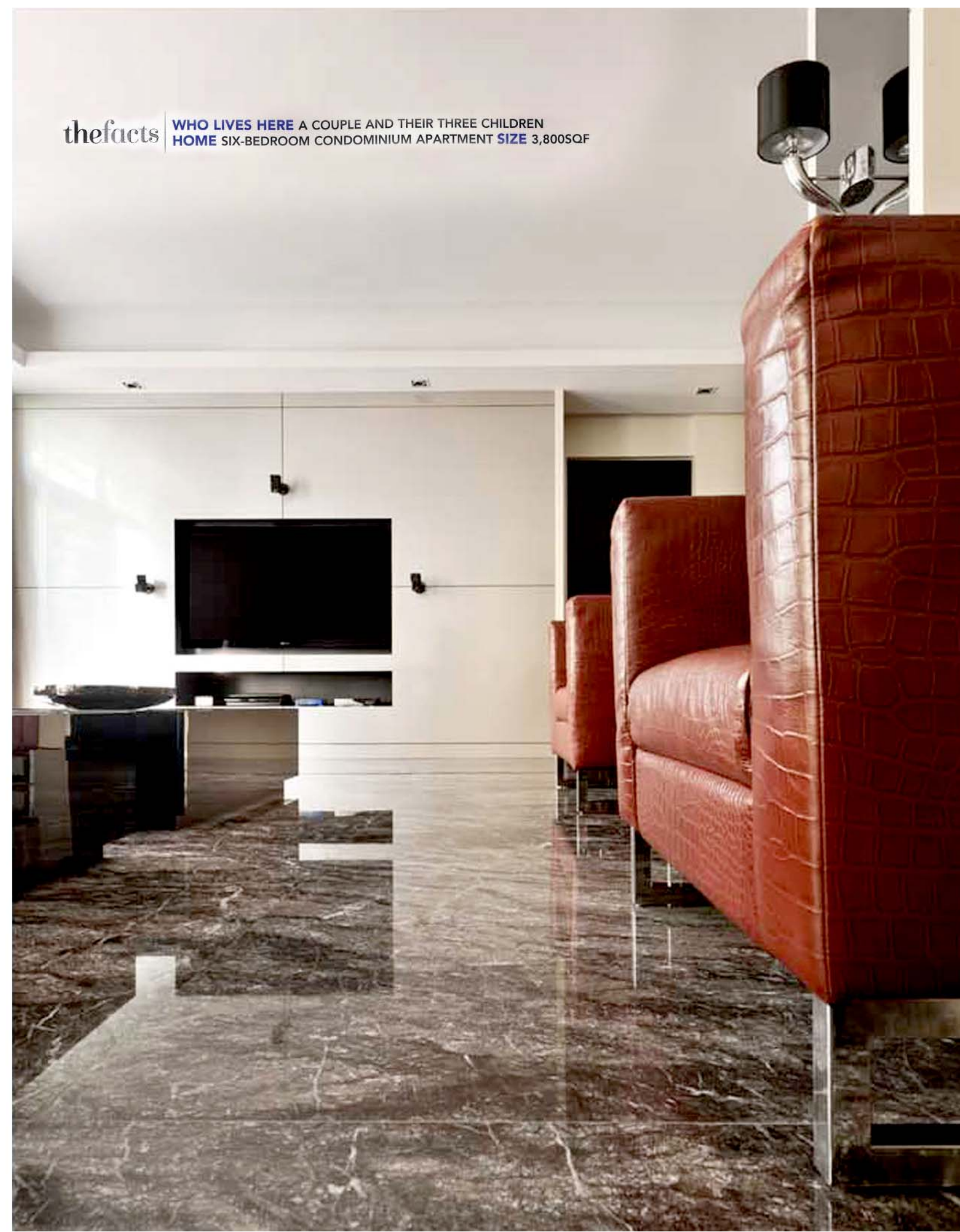
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# living harmony

USING SPATIAL SYMMETRY AND VARIOUS LUXE MATERIALS, THE DESIGNER OF THIS JUMBO APARTMENT CREATED AN UPSCALE YET COSY AMBIENCE.



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HOME SIX-BEDROOM CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT SIZE 3,800SQF





**D**esigner Benjeemen Heng experienced a case of déjà vu when the Moks asked him to design their new apartment, as he had worked on their original home five years ago. But the couple had not moved – they'd actually bought the neighbouring unit and combined the two properties into one massive 3,800sq residence as their children were growing up and the family needed the space. Liking Benjeemen's style, they approached the designer to once again give their new digs a stylish look that was unique yet easy to maintain.

One challenge they faced was that a structural column stood smack in the middle of the new doubled-up living space. Benjeemen had the perfect solution – as the two apartments were essentially mirror images of each other, he played up the symmetry factor with the furnishings and materials used.

#### DOUBLE TAKE

To camouflage the structural column – which couldn't be hacked when the walls were taken down to merge the two units – the designer clad it with tinted mirrors to expand the space and create a more intimate ambience. "I was lucky that the position of the column didn't eat into the dining room space," says Benjeemen. >



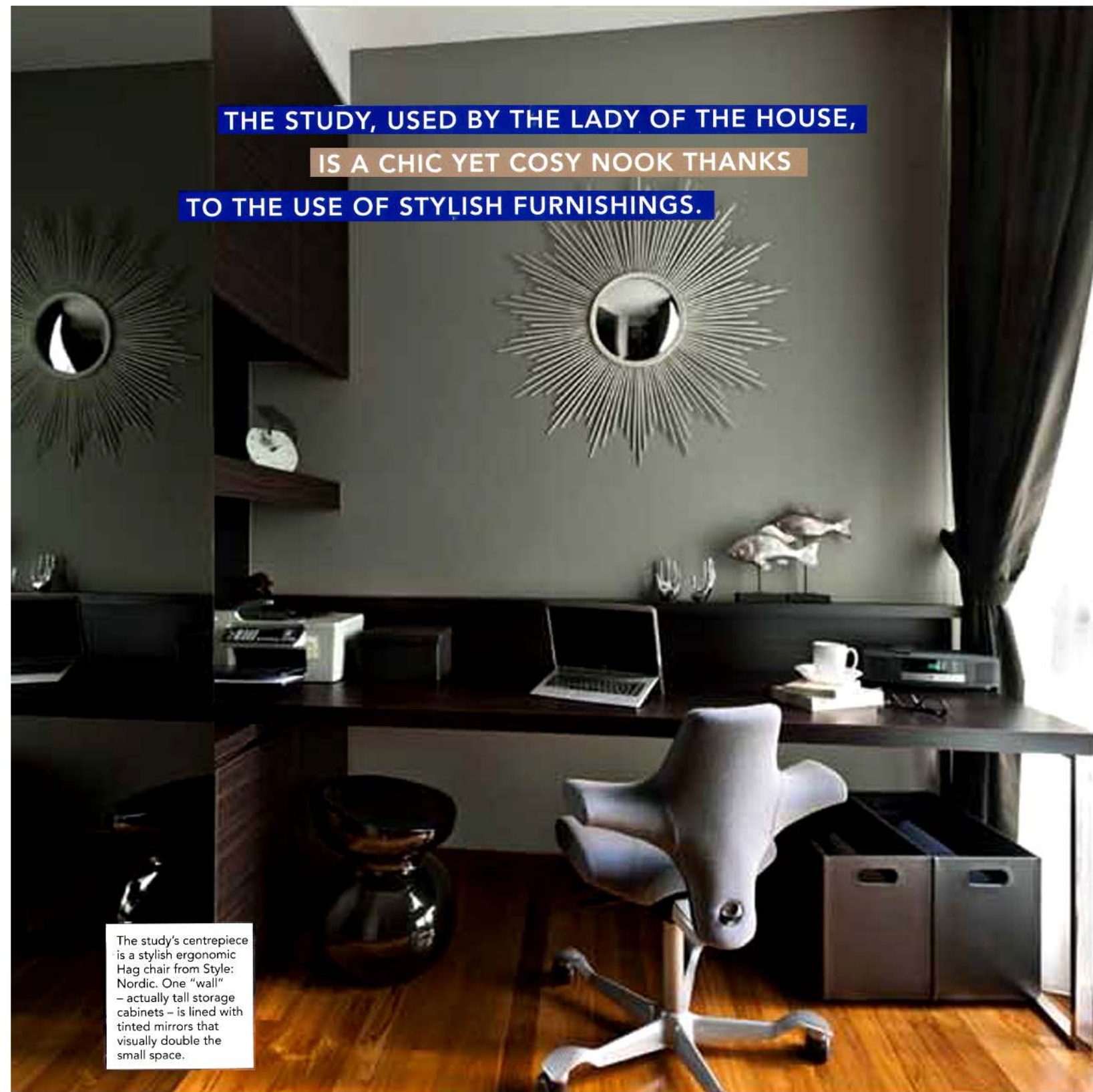
above Drawer space in the customised coffee tables stash knick-knacks while the reflective glass top breaks the monotony of the black acrylic finish and adds class.

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**CLASS ACT**  
FOR A PLUSH LOOK, THE ENTIRE STRETCH OF WALL IN THE LIVING ROOM IS CLAD IN PALE WOOD LAMINATE.



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The study's centrepiece is a stylish ergonomic Hag chair from Style: Nordic. One "wall" – actually tall storage cabinets – is lined with tinted mirrors that visually double the small space.





The panels located behind the dining table conceal storage space and double up as decorative accent walls.

The “balance” of the spaces is further emphasised by a series of twin pairings – the red leather armchairs, black acrylic coffee tables in the living room and crystal chandeliers in the dining area.

Due to the sheer size of the apartment, most of the furnishings were tailor-made so their proportions would be right. Practicality was also important in that “the customised pieces also carry dual functions,” the designer explains.

For instance, the large square coffee tables,

which were made of a reflective acrylic material for a glossy texture, also come with huge drawers to stow the family’s knick-knacks.

The bespoke eight-seater black granite dining-room table likewise creates a focal point for the homeowners, who entertain on a pretty regular basis. Crystal chandeliers imported from Europe lend a romantic touch to the dining room, and are deliberately placed far apart to visually lengthen the space. >