



The lift takes us to the rooftop of the capital of Europe. As soon as we walk through the door, we forget the busy streets. The peace and calm are overwhelming. This is the story of a visit to a penthouse that has recently been renovated and redecorated and that is starting a second life...

Overlooking the Vibrant City of Brussels

TRUST

Usually, the owners live in Paris, but when they have to be in Belgium, they take up residence in their charming and elegant penthouse in the vibrant city of Brussels. The coordination of the renovation work was entirely entrusted to Jean-Jacques Soenen from Marcotte Style. He also designed and decorated the home interior, and he added the exclusive finishing touch. You could say that the client and Jean-Jacques Soenen had a long distance professional relationship. In such a case, trust

is very important. Jean-Jacques once more proved that he is a man you can trust with your eyes closed. He guarantees a minute by minute follow-up of the site, will contact the client when necessary and always takes the right decisions. The final result is an elegant penthouse with a terrace overlooking the city. ‘When I decorate a home interior, I imagine what I would want the place to look like if I were the one living there’, Soenen tells us.





'The red colour of the upholstery is subtly repeated in the paintings', Jean-Jacques says. The penthouse bathes in sunlight and at night, the magnificent chandeliers are real eye-catchers. Tip: if you prefer rural over trendy, you can embellish the model with lamp shades.

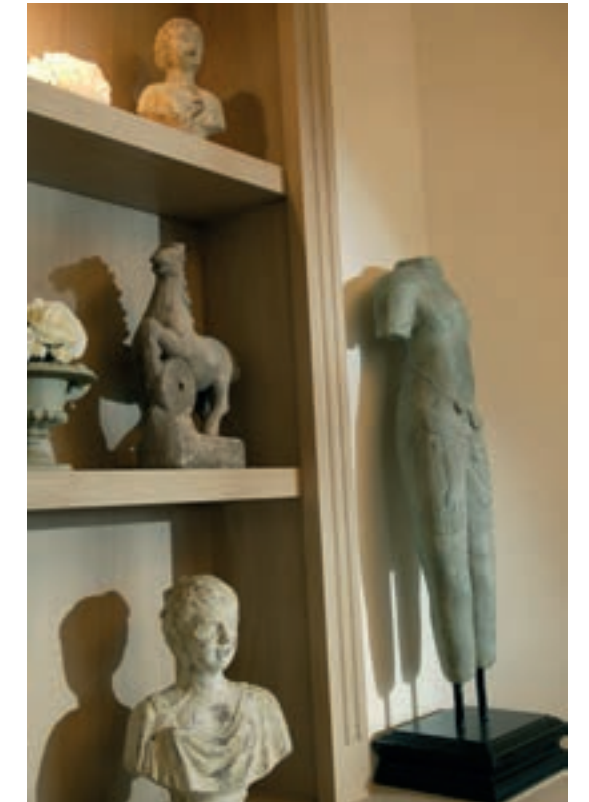


The superb made-to-measure cabinets and wainscoting add a touch of class to this home interior.



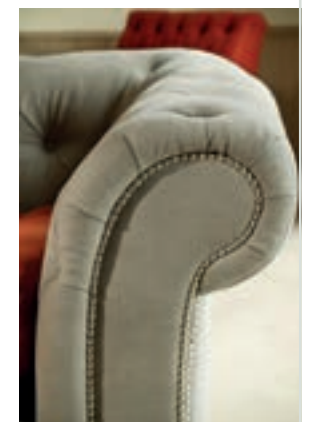
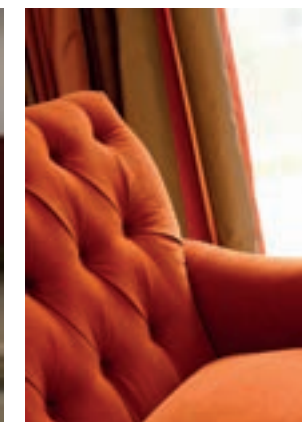
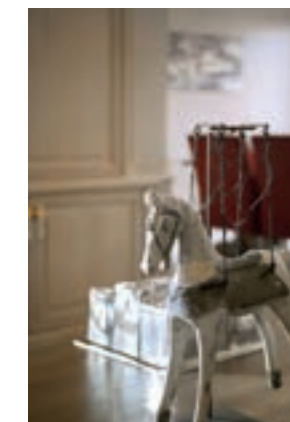
ONLINE SHOPPING

Did you know Marcotte Style has its own webshop? It offers stylish items for your home interior and garden: home decorations, carpets, art, furniture, lamps, furniture fittings... Jean-Jacques Soenen will always create a unique home interior. But you can also purchase the items and products he works with if you want to decorate your interior yourself. Affordable luxury, as we say.



WARM BUT TIMELESS

Throughout the whole apartment, we discover superior quality made-to-measure woodwork: solid greyed oak. The herringbone parquet flooring matches it perfectly. Wood always gives a home interior a warm look and feel. And by greying it, it looks timeless. Here, contemporary and cosy go hand-in-hand. The refined Jab fabric supplied for the curtains adds a classy touch. The interior decorator uses the brick red colour to create an interesting contrast with the many shades of grey. It is a lively red colour that is repeated in the dining room chairs, the tubular cushions in the sofas and in the paintings. 'Working in close collaboration with talented artists allows me to present different paintings and select the ones that match the home interior. That is the reason why here, the red of the upholstery is repeated in the oil paintings.' The subtle colour accents are always well-balanced by Marcotte Style.



A cute horse made of patinated wood dangles from its stand on the coffee table.

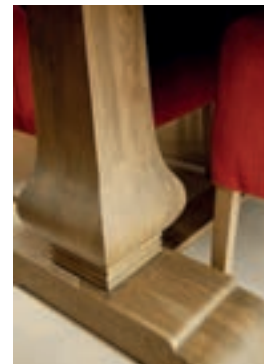


"There used to be a door that lead to the hall in the dining room, but I got rid of it." Radiator cabinets conceal the radiators. Large cut-outs in the front and top panels allow the heat to circulate through the house.

AN ORGANIC TOUCH

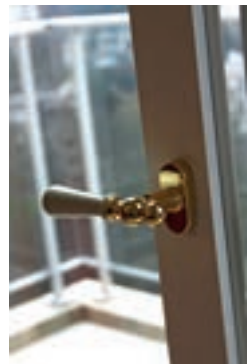
The sitting area with its beautiful carpet is equipped with two inviting sofas. The superior quality made-to-measure furniture created by Marcotte Style comes with luxurious upholstery, traditionally made nails and a charming padded backrest. The high cabinet conceals the television set. There certainly is no lack of audiovisual equipment in this apartment. Every room is equipped with speakers that were integrated into the walls and ceiling. 'It wasn't easy to smooth out the old ceilings. I preserved the interior doors, but I sanded and painted them of course. Because I selected door fittings with a really original look, everybody thinks these doors are new!'

The doorknobs, Niko light switches and power outlets have a high degree of bling and add a remarkable accent to the home interior. In the dining room, an extra layer of insulation was added to the north wall to keep the cold out. Then, Marcotte Style installed a wooden panel wall against the insulated section. Here, classic wooden panels, columns and skirting were used to embellish the home interior, but the interior decorator does preserve the trendy look and feel. And the luminaires made of driftwood add an organic touch.

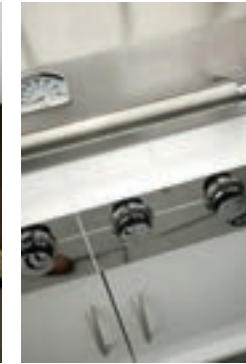
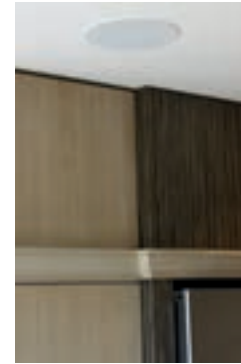


The made-to-measure furniture received a superior finish.

Sculptures made of aged stone and driftwood lamps add an organic touch to the home interior.



Marcotte Style dots the i's with exquisitely beautiful door, window and furniture fittings. Interesting detail: the doorknobs were embellished with porcelain and 24 carat gold.



Contemporary and cosy
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The residents can listen to music wherever they want. Speakers were concealed in every ceiling.

The kitchen is equipped with gripless cabinets, three ovens that were installed at an ergonomic height and an integrated American refrigerator. The kitchen worktop, made of a blank composite material, is a very durable and low-maintenance one. The greyed oak wood of the cabinet fronts and kitchen counter contrasts well with the zebrano motif of the laminate flooring. The residents wanted a spacious kitchen, so Jean-Jacques had to get rid of the storage room. There is more than enough storage space in the new kitchen, though. You can't see them, but even the washing machine and the dryer found a spot in the kitchen.



KEEP THE COLD OUT

The 'cold walls' required extra insulation. It was the only way to keep the cold out and the heat in. In such a case, the ideal solution is called Eurothane G. This is a smart combination of insulation material, a vapour screen and a plaster panel. With this interior wall insulation product, Recticel Insulation draws the card of easy installation. These panels are available in different sizes and the Eurothane G comes with sloping sides, which guarantee a nice finish. It is an innovative product which allows you to insulate interior walls quickly, easily and durably.



The small space between the living quarters and the bedrooms is now a dressing area.



The console table in the hallway is equipped with an old mirror and flanked by two lamps. A bit of symmetry in the home interior, nice... The fact that two different lamps were used, adds a playful touch.



Jean-Jacques got rid of the storage room. Today, the penthouse is equipped with a spacious kitchen and an extra lavatory. The bathroom fixtures were all embellished with white and dark grey Spanish mosaic tiles. The taps and the toilet added the finishing touch.



HIGH TECH TO CREATE THE RIGHT ATMOSPHERE

The hallway, where the original marble floor was preserved, leads us to the bedrooms. The penthouse has two dressing rooms, a separate one and another one in the master bedroom. The bed comes with a recessed headboard by Henson Design. The foot of the bed is equipped with a large screen television that can be concealed in a wooden block that serves as the footboard. All you have to do to darken the room is to press a button. At the same time, the television will rise from the block. Interior decorators have added multimedia to their offer to pamper their clients even more. Marcotte Style is one of these trendsetters. Here too, the home interior comes with quite a few high tech elements. 'But light is also important if you want to create the right atmosphere. I often use leds, because they are energy-efficient, but I make sure I vary a lot with cool and warm light.'

RELAXING REDEFINED

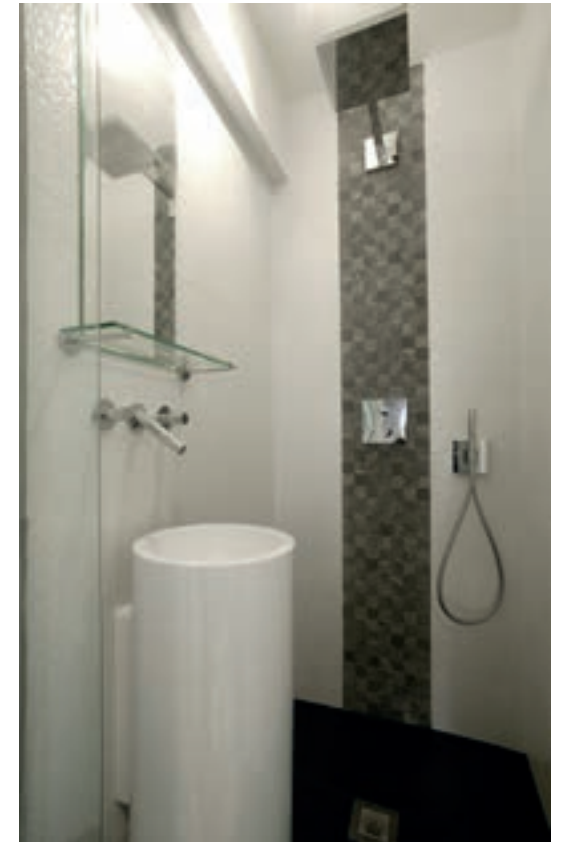
Marcotte Style decorated all the bedrooms with matching bedspreads and curtains. The residents did not need a home office, so the penthouse is equipped with two guest rooms. The main bathroom is equipped with a double bathtub and a rain shower. 'In the bathroom, a ceramic tile floor was installed that actually looks like a real parquet floor.' It must be great to relax in this bathtub.

All kinds of high tech elements increase the comfort level.



With these branches behind an illuminated glass panel, Marcotte Style adds an organic touch to the bathroom.

What used to be the lavatory, is now a comfortable shower for the guests, complete with a washbasin in the shape of a column.



The rain shower and the stand-alone bathtub were designed by Philippe Starck.



WHAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF

Since 2011, Van Landschoot offers a modern boxspring range called Henson Design. These exclusive models come with a trendy design and guarantee unequalled sleeping comfort. The Henson Design range is composed of four headboards, with or without integrated led lighting. They are upholstered with fine artificial leather or the dirt-repellent Merlin Magic® fabrics. The standard version of these boxsprings comes with motion sensors that activate lights under the bed. You no longer need to turn on the lights at night! The Henson mattresses take sleeping comfort to the next level. Alternating high and low springs in the mattress core allow the mattress to offer unequalled support, no matter what the shape of your body is. These 'active' springs are covered by a layer of comfortable cold foam which guarantees a perfect ventilation.

With one push of a button, the television set appears... This is how Marcotte Style transforms the bedroom into a home cinema.

EXCEPTIONAL SLEEPING COMFORT

The Marcotte Style beds are supplied by Van Landschoot, a Belgian company specializing in exceptional sleeping comfort since 1925. Van Landschoot manufactures superior quality ergonomic and comfortable mattresses. Over the years, the mattress manufacturer started to develop his own pocket springs. This allows Van Landschoot to offer the customer the sleeping comfort he is looking for at an affordable price. And it allows him to considerably reduce the delivery times. Mattresses, boxsprings, headboards or nightstands... It's all made in-house.



The master bedroom has an integrated dressing area and is equipped with a desk. Henson Design's Oxford bed comes with a superb headboard. Every square is a separate piece of fabric and all the squares were stitched together. And it is padded: every point where four squares meet, was pulled inward by hand to create a nice effect. Hours of manual work... Pure craftsmanship.

An impressive chrome desk lamp and, on the round nightstands, original nickel and leather lamps.

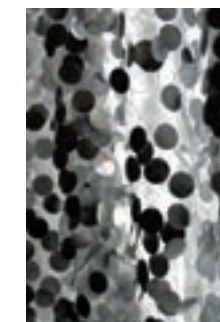


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The Van Landschoot beds, with their stunning leather headboards, offer a sleeping comfort worthy of a five star hotel room. And in every room, the bedspread matches the window decorations.

Small metal plates were stitched into the Grandezza curtain by hand. This bed is the Brixton model and is available in the colours sand and taupe. It is the bestseller of the Henson range. All the squares were created with a double tone on tone stitched seam, offering them more relief. It accentuates the cubist design.



The light switches light up. Jean-Jacques adds chic accents to make a home interior stand out.

The exclusive label of the beds says it all: this is superior quality.





A park garden embraces the apartment block that was built around the year 1960.

A SPECTACLE OF LIGHT

In this penthouse, far away from the hustle and bustle of the city, the residents live with the flow of the seasons. It stopped raining and we can see the sun peek through the clouds. Suddenly, the home interior bathes in a different light. The play of artificial and natural light in this apartment is simply captivating! The family who lives here loves its second residence. Well... We can't say that's a big surprise...

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ARE ONE

This apartment has several terraces. Brick manufacturer Wienerberger created a line of ceramic tiles for outside use. These are available in the colours reddish brown, brown-black, orion, mastic and ink black. The fact that these tiles are mass-coloured makes them colourfast. Other characteristics? They are durable, frost-resistant, wear-resistant and stain-resistant. These non-drummed extruded tiles are quite large (20 x 20 cm) and look really trendy. And when it rains, the terrace will not be slippery at all. Tip: select similar tiles for your home interior. This will create openness. The terrace will become part of your home interior and your home interior will completely blend in with the green surroundings.



The penthouse has an enormous roof terrace. In a couple of months, the garden beds will be fully grown. Relaxing in the sun, far away from the hustle and bustle of the city... We could get used to it. A great place for a summer barbecue.



The view from the roof terrace is superb: the city, the Forêt de Soignes and the Bois de la Cambre.



The roof terrace is a unique setting for a moment of relaxation. In the dark, the view is unequalled: Brussels by night!

LIVING WITH THE FLOW OF THE SEASONS

Marcotte Style worked closely together with garden architect Herba to create a roof garden that looks great all year round. In spring and in summer, perennial plants such as *Centranthus*, *Perovskia*, geranium, catnip and lavender create an interesting composition of beige and purple shades. Winterhard plants – *Lonicera* and *Carex* – guarantee a green garden in winter. Solitary *Amelanchier lamarckii* in large flower boxes grow in height. *Parthenocissus* and *Clematis Montana* varieties cover the walls and create a lush atmosphere around the pergola. And even in the dark, the residents can enjoy this beautiful garden with its clever selection of plants, thanks to the strategically placed garden lights. Grey ceramic extruded tiles were selected for the terrace and the raised garden beds. These are mass-coloured, frost-resistant, wear-resistant and stain-resistant. The ideal choice if you want to create a really trendy and modern roof garden.



ALL-ROUND SPECIALIST

- A to Z – Complete home makeover specialist Marcotte Style offers a full service. During an exploratory conversation, Jean-Jacques will collect information that will allow him to get inside the mind of his client. He will then process this information while he is designing the home interior. During the presentation, the client will get a pretty good idea of what the final result will look like.
- Practical approach – A plan will be drawn up and a list of specifications will be made. The layout of the rooms as well as the location of windows and doors will be looked into. The client will receive a detailed list with all the furniture, accessories and works of art. The timing and the budget will be discussed and then the makeover begins...
- Terrace design – Jean-Jacques Soenen designed the roof terrace and created a complete outdoor experience. First, a tile floor was installed. A garden specialist was hired to determine which plants were the best choice for this roof garden and where the flower beds should be created. Then, the interior decorator installed lighting and a video screen. And finally, Jean-Jacques added the stylish furniture.



An A to Z project... Jean-Jacques Soenen from Marcotte Style created a dream home.

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