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A downtown condo gets a masculine update

BY ASHLEY DEVICK

Designer Frank Ponterio puts a chic spin on this bachelor pad in the Ritz-Carlton Residences on Michigan Avenue. "I wanted it to be masculine and clean, but not too sleek — kind of an updated-classic feel to the whole place," he says. The challenge: The one-bedroom unit's living room needed to serve a variety of purposes, from seating area to dining room and entertainment space. "It was a lot of fun to work out getting all of the mixed uses in," he says. Frank Ponterio Interior Design, 500 N. Wells, Chicago, (312) 464-1133; Frankponterio.com



The 120-year-old area rug spans almost the whole length of the room. "It pulled the room together, because it's so large everything fits [on it]," says Ponterio. J. Iloulian Rugs, 8451 Melrose, Los Angeles, (323) 651-0993; Jirugs.com

The Cipresso dining table is normally featured with a glass top, but Ponterio opted for the more masculine walnut. Michael Taylor Designs, Market Place, 222 W. Merchandise Mart, #6133, Chicago; Michaeltaylordesigns.com



The Ponterio-designed coffee table has a shagreen hide finish and hand-forged iron base. "All of the [pieces in my] collection are made from natural materials," he says. Avrett Fine Furniture and Lighting; Avrett.com

IN THE DETAILS:

1 Cabinet: Demilune, Dessin Fournir, 222 W. Merchandise Mart, Suite 1411, Chicago; Dessinfournir.com

2 Sheers: Beaumont linen sheer in Champagne, Schumacher & Co., Market Place, 222 W. Merchandise Mart, #6133, Chicago; Fschumacher.com

3 Dining chairs: Gustavian Klismos chairs, Niermann Weeks at Nancy Corzine, 222 W. Merchandise Mart, Suite 622, Chicago; Niermannweeks.com

4 Armchairs: Cee chair by Kerry Joyce, Dessin Fournir, 222 W. Merchandise Mart, Suite 1411, Chicago; Dessinfournir.com

5 Painting: Hiro Yokose (made using beeswax, paint and a blowtorch), price

upon request, Joanna Burke Art Consultants, 685 Venice, Venice, California; Joannaburke.com

6 Sconces: Frank Ponterio, Avrett Fine Furniture and Lighting; Avrett.com

7 Wallcovering: Phillip Jeffries Grecian Squares in Olympus Linen, Holly Hunt, 801 W. Adams, Chicago; Hollyhunt.com

8 Sofa: Marilyn sofa, Bradley Hughes; Bradley-usa.com

9 Upholstery: Manuel Canovas Polidoro fabric in taupe, Cowtan & Tout; Cowtan.com

10 Ottomans: George Smith, Market Place, 222 W. Merchandise Mart, #6133, Chicago; Georgesmith.com