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Moscow Loft

## RUSSIAN-AMERICAN STYLE RELATIONS

The Oleg Klodt Architectural Bureau has created new interiors for an apartment in a historic Moscow building dating back to the turn of the twentieth century. The new decor is eclectic, a synthesis of contemporary American loft living with the style of an old-Moscow house.

The client purchased the apartment in downtown Moscow after its initial renovation. He wanted to take the recreation to the next level by highlighting the history of the property and making its design striking and noble. The apartment is within a historic building, which was once owned by a neighbouring church, and he wanted to draw attention to this period, whilst also making it a fashionable and upscale living space.

The designers decided to preserve the interior's early 20th century style. The apartment has an exit to the roof of the building, with a wide veranda that has a great view of old Moscow. The intention was to reflect this classic view in the interior.

Oleg Klodt rearranged the floor plan into a large open-plan space incorporating the living room, dining room, kitchen and entrance hall. The only walled space is the bathroom. The location of the bathroom helped to create two niche spaces, and separates the entrance hall and kitchen from the open-plan living and dining area. A particularly contemporary decision in the process lay in creating a mirror wall to conceal the prominent bathroom. A conventional mirror wall would have been possible but the designers thought it would appear mismatched, so they placed an antiqued mirror on the wall, which is in harmony with this building.

From the beginning, the decision was made to preserve the original brick walls. These were reconstructed where necessary and all existing bricks were cleaned before they were treated with a matt varnish and some sections painted. Since the goal was to give the interior a traditional and calm atmosphere, the designers combined neoclassical styling with this modern envelope. The idea was to future-proof the interior against any changes in the client's personal lifestyle over time.

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