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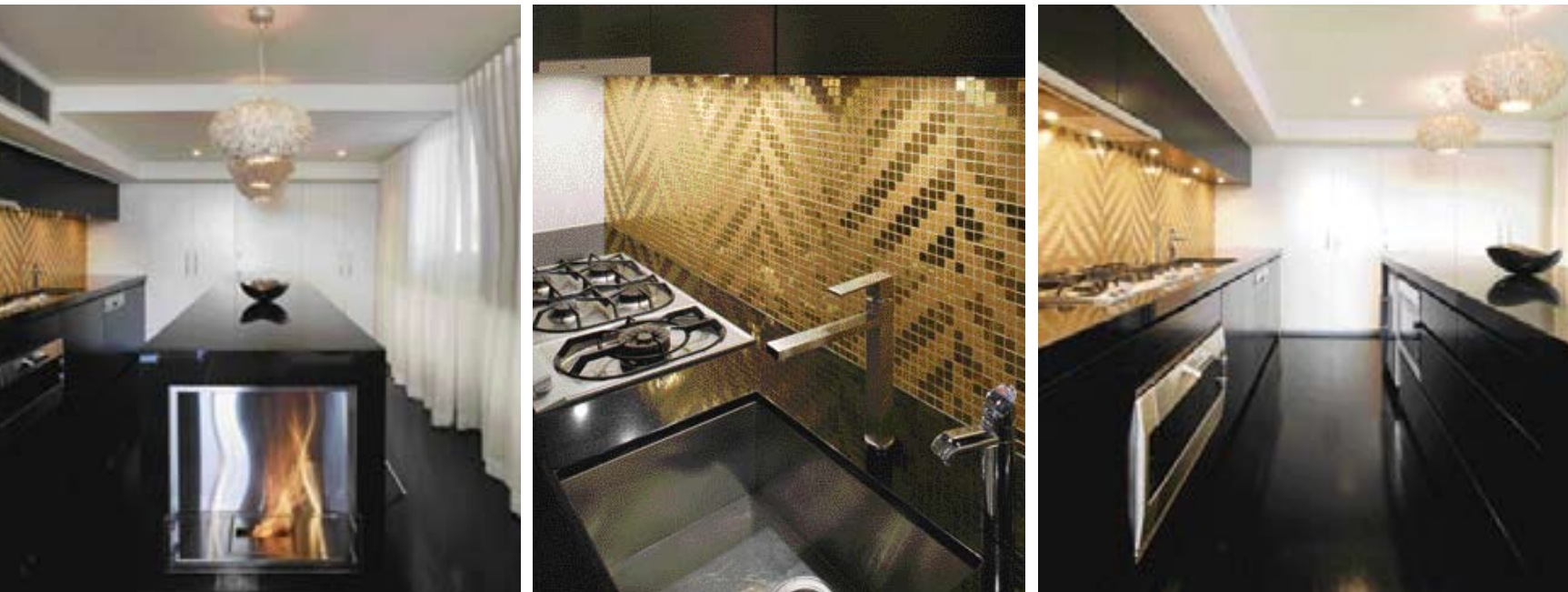
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Anything but average

A multitude of superlatives spring to mind to describe this Kitcheners Kitchens' project and average is definitely not one of them



BY MAKING A FEATURE OF THE SPLASHBACK, AN INTERESTING FOCAL POINT HAS BEEN CREATED BY A SURFACE THAT IS OFTEN LEFT BLAND.

A trendy inner-city apartment offers an unmatched lifestyle, but as the owners of this kitchen discovered, it doesn't come without its disadvantages. Cramping multiple features into a space-deprived unit proved to be a challenge but expert help was at hand in the form of Kitcheners Kitchens' talented design team and an interior designer from Coco Republic. The two parties worked together with the client and transformed the high-rise hut into a haven.

The previous kitchen was an uninspired beige eyesore that spread across a single wall and lacked an island bench or any sufficient work area. After living with such a disappointment, the owners sought a new kitchen that was almost a polar opposite, steering clear of a safe, neutral palette as they preferred a mix of bold hues that allow the apartment to be viewed in a whole new light. The contemporary blend of colours, textures and materials, such as the gold leaf Bisazza-tiled splashback, tan cowhide leather barstools and mood lighting, combine to present a practical space in the most enticing fashion possible.

To do away with the kitchenette and upgrade to a distinguished kitchen zone, the floorplan of the unit was tweaked to permit a separate dining area, which provided the opportunity to implement a much-needed island bench. This was a pivotal point in the design as it increased the total storage capacity and offered a secondary eating area — two factors that grant the apartment the luxury of a more spacious atmosphere. An added feature of the island bench is the eco-smart fireplace incorporated into one end, which assists the connection between the kitchen and the living area, creating an exceptional open-plan ambience.

The final result can be described as remarkable, extraordinary, outstanding and most of all innovative. In fact, you can describe this Kitcheners' kitchen as anything but average.

Fact file

The kitchen was designed by Kitcheners Kitchens and Coco Republic and built by **KITCHENERS KITCHENS** 56 O'Riordan Street, Alexandria NSW 2015

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Benchtop Nero Assoluto granite with 60mm mitre edge and waterfall ends **Doors** Elton Group E veneers and polyurethane **Splashback** Bisazza tile mosaic with 24-carat gold-leaf **Flooring** Jarrah boards stained with high-gloss Japan Black Kickboards Eco-veneer **Sink** Blanco **Appliances** include a Gaggenau oven, cooktop and rangehood, Miele dishwasher and microwave, Kitcheners wine cabinet refrigerator and Zip Hydro boil/chilled tap

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