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Casa Puri in Sevilla

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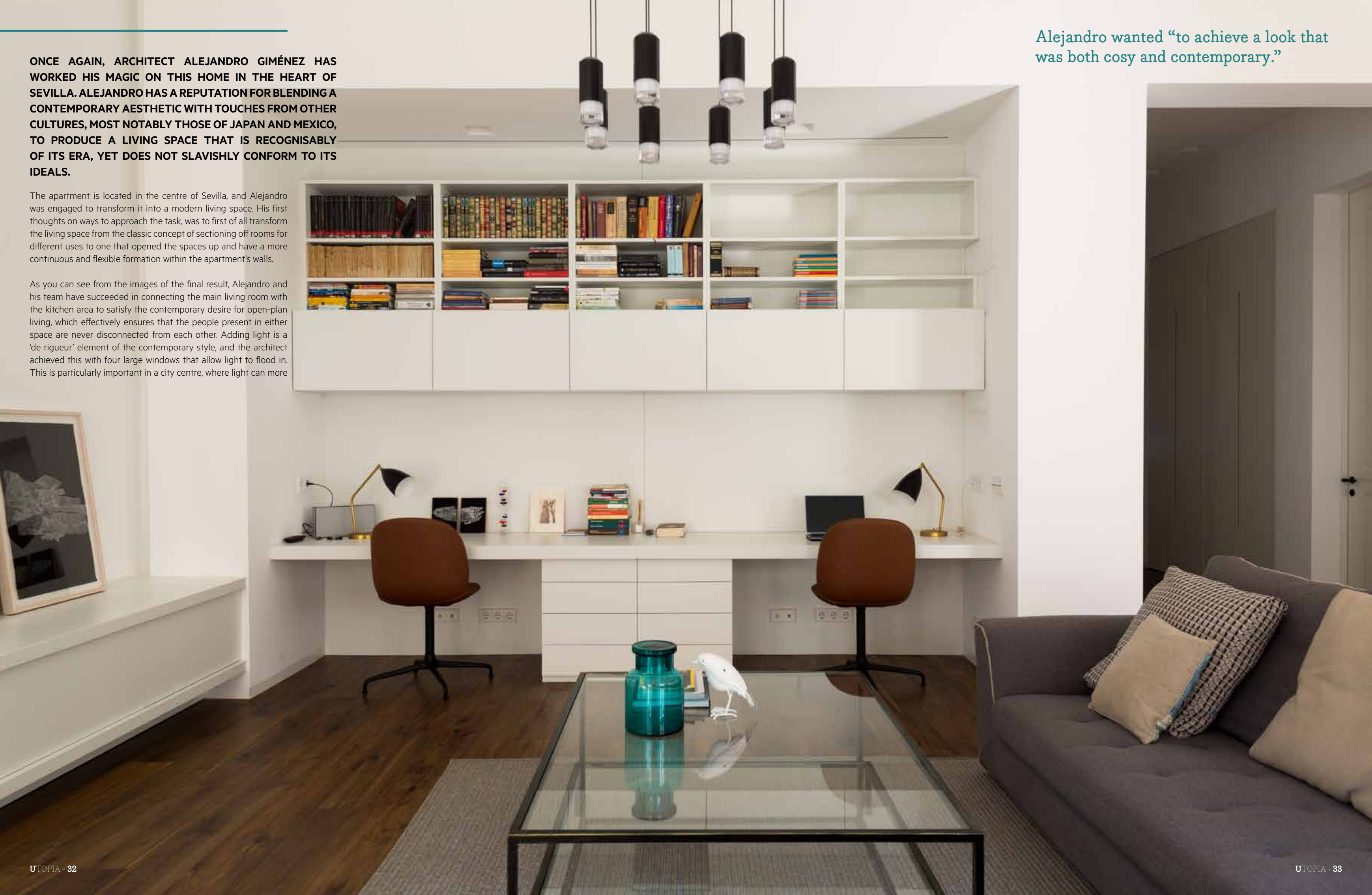
ESTEPONA-BASED ARCHITECT ALEJANDRO GIMÉNEZ HAS CREATED A STUNNING, MODERN HOME IN THE HEART OF ANDALUCIA'S LEADING CITY – SEVILLA.

ONCE AGAIN, ARCHITECT ALEJANDRO GIMÉNEZ HAS WORKED HIS MAGIC ON THIS HOME IN THE HEART OF SEVILLA. ALEJANDRO HAS A REPUTATION FOR BLENDING A CONTEMPORARY AESTHETIC WITH TOUCHES FROM OTHER CULTURES, MOST NOTABLY THOSE OF JAPAN AND MEXICO, TO PRODUCE A LIVING SPACE THAT IS RECOGNISABLY OF ITS ERA, YET DOES NOT SLAVISHLY CONFORM TO ITS IDEALS.

The apartment is located in the centre of Sevilla, and Alejandro was engaged to transform it into a modern living space. His first thoughts on ways to approach the task, was to first of all transform the living space from the classic concept of sectioning off rooms for different uses to one that opened the spaces up and have a more continuous and flexible formation within the apartment's walls.

As you can see from the images of the final result, Alejandro and his team have succeeded in connecting the main living room with the kitchen area to satisfy the contemporary desire for open-plan living, which effectively ensures that the people present in either space are never disconnected from each other. Adding light is a 'de rigueur' element of the contemporary style, and the architect achieved this with four large windows that allow light to flood in. This is particularly important in a city centre, where light can more

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easily be blocked by the surrounding buildings than in an apartment or villa on the coast. In the bedrooms, we see the skilful use of recessed lighting to create a warm ambience.

In the apartment's hallways, he stripped out the old, false ceilings, creating more height and therefore a greater feeling of space. The wood floors, rather than marble or tile, bring warmth to the uniform whiteness of the walls and doors. Although, in working on the interior design, it is clear that Alejandro has brought some of his trademark splashes of bright colour (in this case pops of turquoise) to break up the white and other neutral tones in the furnishings. Undoubtedly, this apartment will now feel cooler in Sevilla's hot summers, thanks to the team's choice of colours and materials. Alejandro commented that with regard to the interior design and the choice of furniture, he wanted "to achieve a look that was both cosy and contemporary." The lucky owners of Casa Puri must be delighted with the finished product, because he has given them a home with heart and light. ■

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