



BETWEEN NORDIC

MINIMALISM AND ECLECTIC CHARACTER

In Bari, StudioTandem Architetti has transformed a private apartment into a space where two distinct styles-Nordic minimalism and eclectic flair-coexist in perfect harmony. Walnut parquet flooring takes center stage, setting the aesthetic tone of the entire home

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Designed by StudioTandem Architetti, the project approaches the domestic space with both sensitivity and precision. The original layout was completely reimagined: internal partitions were demolished and rebuilt, allowing for a more efficient configuration of the living area, the addition of a guest bathroom, and an optimized sleeping zone that enhances both function and comfort.

FLUID SPACES AND VISUAL CONTINUITY

The living area forms the heart of the apartment—a flowing sequence of three interconnected spaces: living room, dining area, and kitchen. Wide openings link the rooms both visually and functionally, creating spatial permeability. The kitchen, while remaining

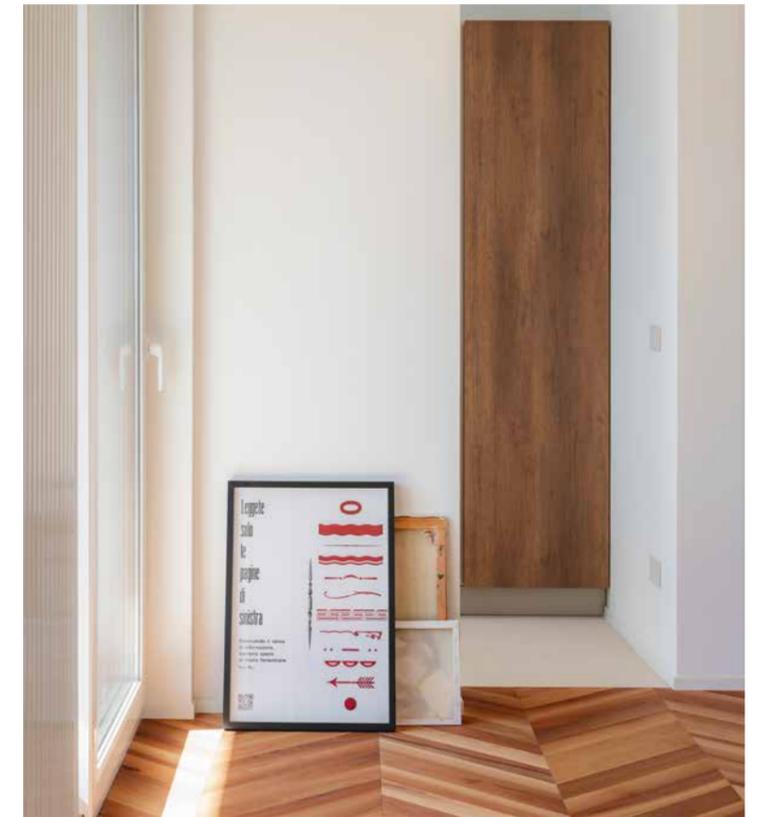
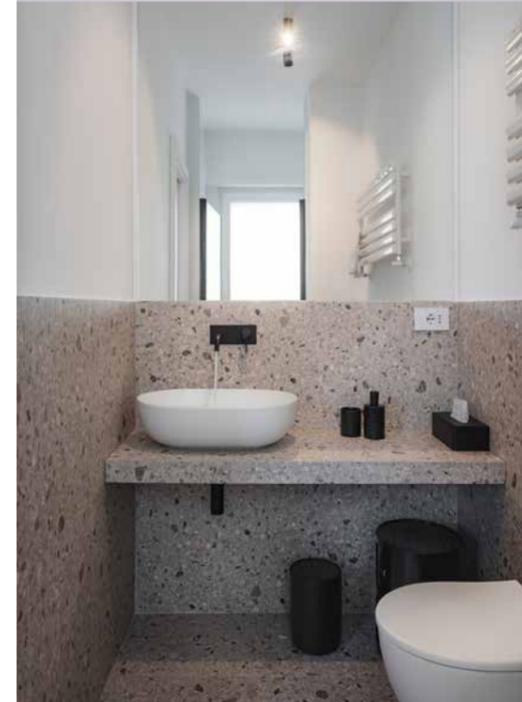
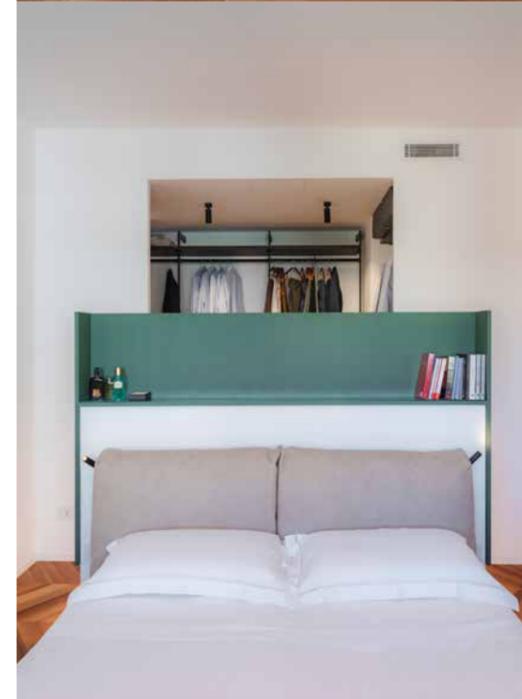
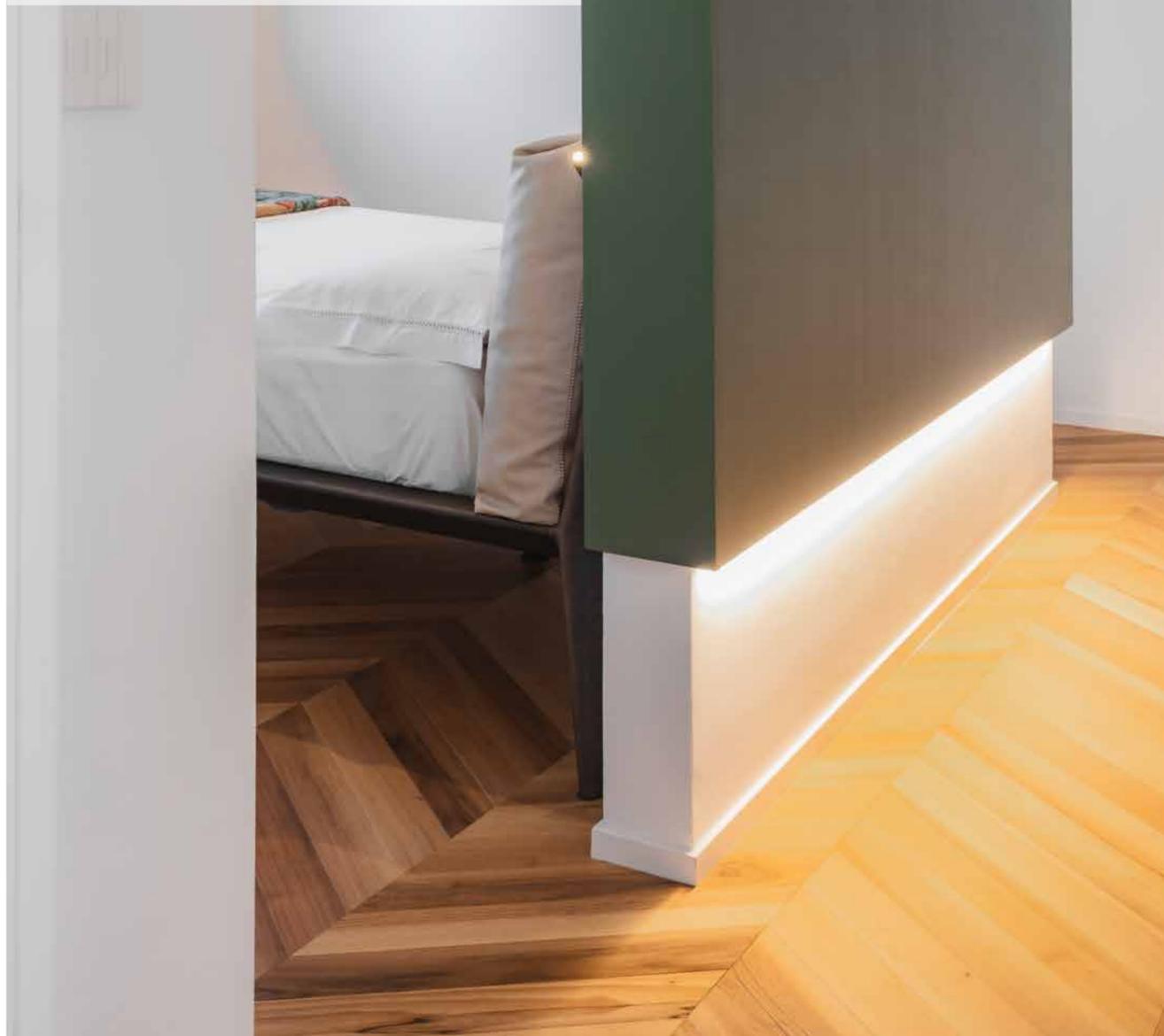
highly functional, is designed with comfort and lightness in mind: a full-length shelf replaces traditional upper cabinets, emphasizing horizontal lines. A custom window frame floods the space with natural light. The wall separating the dining area from the living room acts more as a spatial filter than a division, preserving openness and connectivity.

INTIMACY MEETS TECHNOLOGY IN THE NIGHT AREA

The private area includes a master bedroom with en suite bathroom and walk-in closet. A custom-designed, backlit half-height wall—conceived to accommodate a video projector—serves as both technical partition and headboard, adding a discreet, integrated scenic effect.

PROJECT SHEET

- **Type:** Renovation of private apartment
- **Location:** Bari, Italy
- **Completion year:** 2024
- **Surface area:** approx. 90 sqm
- **Architectural and interior design:** StudioTandem Architetti
- **Bathroom fixtures and finishes:** Quartarella
- **Wood flooring:** Woodco, Natural Walnut parquet, Hungarian herringbone pattern 52
- **Photography:** Pierangelo Laterza

**NEUTRAL SHELL, MATERIAL SOUL**

The architectural shell is conceived as a neutral backdrop: white walls and uniform surfaces allow the tactile nature of furnishings and curated vintage accents to emerge. This calibrated mix of contemporary essentiality and retro charm gives the home a unique, personal atmosphere.

PARQUET AS A DESIGN CONVERGENCE

"The real challenge," explain architects Lorenzo Loiacono and Francesco Passaquindici of StudioTandem, "was to reconcile two different personalities: one minimalist, the other proudly eclectic and passionate about vintage. The key to the project was the Natural Walnut Woodco herringbone parquet, which became the common ground between the two. Its warm, authentic texture satisfied the desire for character and

individuality, while the precise, geometric installation spoke to the more rational side. From that point on, the parquet defined the entire stylistic direction."

WOOD FLOORING AS A NARRATIVE ELEMENT

The Natural Walnut Woodco parquet flooring plays a leading role, defining both the mood and identity of the space. With its golden-brown tones and distinctive grain, it brings depth and movement to every room. The herringbone pattern adds rhythm and reinforces the home's geometric logic, enhancing both open and intimate spaces. The brushed surface, finished with a high-resistance extra-matte varnish, ensures technical performance and visual elegance, becoming a silent yet essential narrative element that connects styles, functions, and materials across the project.