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The kitchen island is lit by a row of pendant lights

# luxury farmhouse

*A humble abode is transformed into a high-end hotel at home*

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**L**ocated in the picturesque Belgian municipality of Borgloon, a 1970s farmhouse was in need of a new aesthetic that reflected the nature of its owner. A city dweller by day and a country man at heart, the client sought the expertise of Mila Podiablonska from Absolute Interior Décor to create a residence that achieved the perfect balance between the comforts of home and a dash of luxury for good measure.

“My client is a young businessman and farmer who travels a great deal, spending much

of his time in city hotels,” says Mila. “The goal was to deliver a hotel-level of luxury in the farmhouse, while also making the property warm and comfortable.” To achieve this fresh look, the internal spaces were opened up to encourage natural light. Floor-to-ceiling glass windows were installed in the living areas, allowing uninterrupted views across the garden and fruit fields beyond. Thanks to the influx of natural light, a darker, moodier palette was utilised, with burnt-caramel tones bringing instant warmth to the living space. In the formal living area, complete with a cosy fireplace, the palette moves a shade



A breakfast bar offers casual dining as well as extra prep space



darker with black mixed with green for a dash of brightness. “As the client wanted a hotel-type look, I took inspiration from a range of hotels I have stayed in and incorporated these features,” says Mila.

A few steps away from the living space is the dining room. It has two suspended chandeliers above the table dripping with crystals so you know this is a luxury affair. Zebra-print upholstery injects flair and serves as a talking point when entertaining friends and family. A timber table adds a rustic touch and there are plenty of seats to cater for dinner parties. The kitchen features a breakfast bar with stools for casual dining, with hanging pendants bringing light to the space in a practical and stylish way. “My favourite space is the kitchen diner,” says Mila.

The master and guest bedrooms are both neutral affairs, with cream and toffee evoking a calming atmosphere while still retaining a masculine edge.



The green seat and ottoman break up the heavy presence of black

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Hues of caramel, latte and tan are a nod to pure luxury





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A 10-seat dining table caters for dinner parties with friends and family



A freestanding tub replicates that hotel look

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– Mila Podiablonska

“We were aiming for and achieved a modern, contemporary space with rustic touches to suit the home’s location,” says Mila. Linen curtains add softness to the bedrooms, while luxury bedding delivers an element of plushness, which is just

what you want and need when rejuvenating the mind and body.

With a happy client and a beautiful space delivered, this farmhouse offers the hotel experience in the comfort of your own home. **D&D**

Floor-to-ceiling windows are dressed with linen curtains so the homeowners can control the light

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