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HH Apartment

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In Singapore's leafy Holland Hill neighbourhood, design firm Right Angle Studio has transformed a compact space into a pared-back, minimalist home for a young family that it calls HH Apartment. It's an aesthetic approach that the studio, which is run by brothers Alex and Jay Liu, brings to all of its work. "With minimalism, God is in the details," says design director Alex.

In the HH Apartment, these details include gaps intentionally built into bespoke furniture in order to cast shadows that introduce depth and drama to the home. There are also timber-clad walls and subtly hidden storage, leaving shelves available to display art pieces collected by the residents. "In a small home, space is a luxury," says Alex. "Not having storage on display immediately gives a feel of spaciousness."

Adding to this feeling is a "wooden portal" in the centre of the living area, where moveable, pivoting screens allow the dining and lounge area to be connected to or separated from an office. "The portal separates the rooms visually but doesn't actually cut them off," says Alex. "Instead it maintains a visual flow between the two zones."

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