

# Beauty *laid bare*

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Imprints, patina and a build up of natural growth will imbue this kitchen space by Studio Bikin with increasing character through each passing year.

**B**elonging to a pâtissier and an interior designer, the brief for this Kuala Lumpur property necessitated something special for the kitchen. The existing property was located in a hilly, 1980s terrace housing development and in desperate need of a total facelift. The result for Taman Desa was a total gutting of the interior, leaving only essential columns and beams as a sketchbook guide to the new build.

The design strategy that worked for the tricky space was an elevation of the public domain of the house – kitchen included – to the first floor with roof rafters intentionally left bare and exposed, and leafy green surroundings from the outdoors visible from the interior.

This rawness in aesthetic is carried over in the use of surfaces and materials in the cooking space, with the bare brick, stone and natural concrete finishes not only offering a cooling effect in face of the Kuala Lumpur heat, but acting as a gentle reminder of the passing of time. Natural growth of the foliage and welcome patina will imbue the space with more charm each year onwards. The design will grow, evolve and nourish its owners, as they do one another.

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## Taman Desa Kitchen

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### FINISHES

Polished concrete floor, Polished concrete strips staircase designed by Studio Bikin. Exposed roof trusses and concrete beams. Custom steel doors, windows and handrails designed by Studio Bikin, manufactured by Ming Seng Construction.

### FURNITURE

Dining table, chairs and bar stools from Ethnecraft.

### LIGHTING

Floor lamps in dining and living area from Artemide. Wireflow hanging lamp by Arik Levy from Vibia.

### FIXED & FITTED

Silgranit sink from Blanco, Axor Starck kitchen mixers from Hansgrohe. Built-in microwave & oven, hood and hob from Smeg. Refrigerator from Bosch.



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