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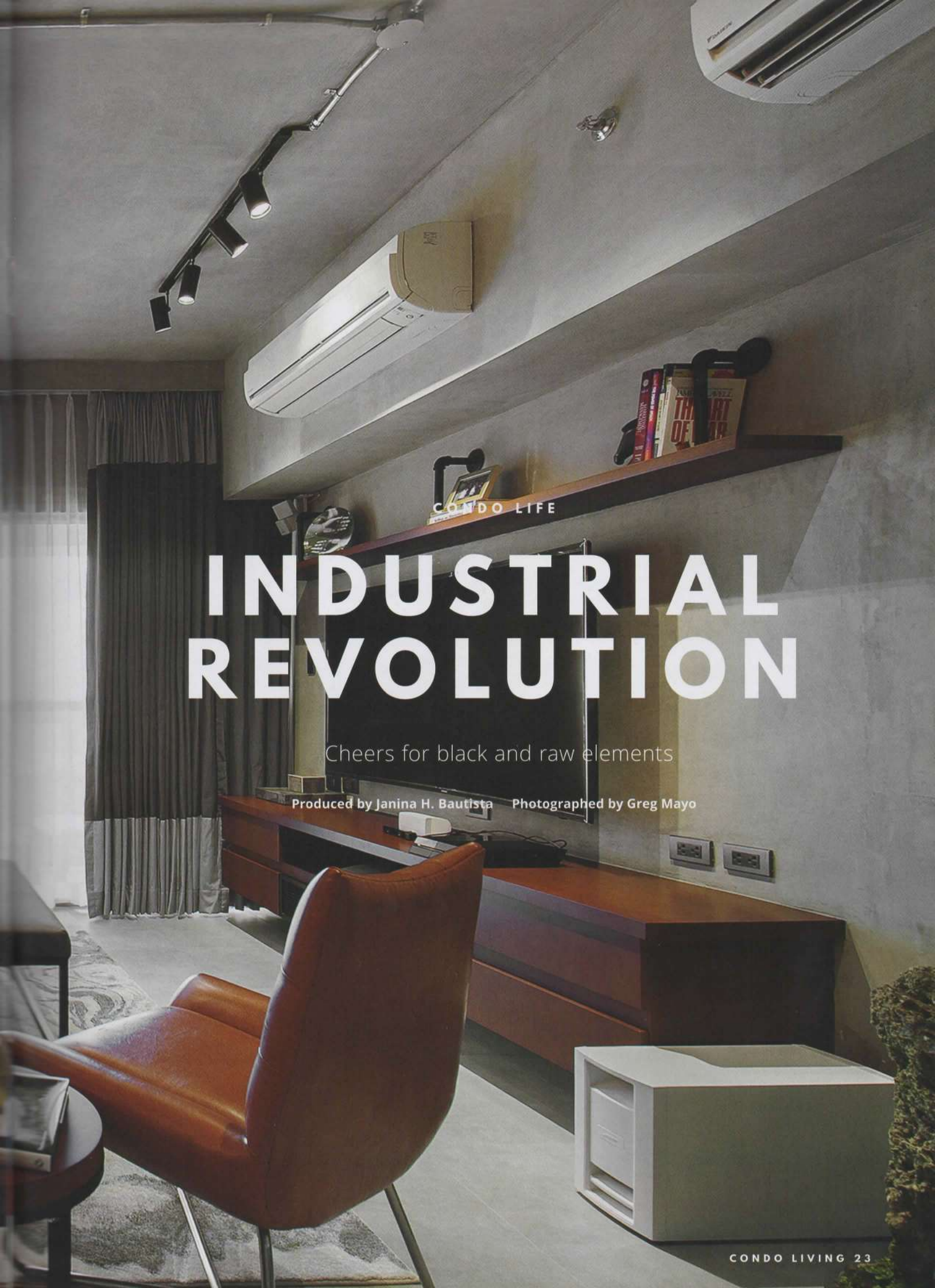
Meet the contractors designers swear by



ACCENTUATE

"Add a mustardy yellow accent and lightings that are in black because it's usually the elements you need to choose to have the industrial design," shares Rock

The brick wall in the left portion was DIY-ed by the homeowner. Rock calls the wall the centerpiece of the whole unit, definitely one that would leave the visitors in awe



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INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Cheers for black and raw elements

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What his living space depicts may all be industrial in facade but beyond its features is the unique and gallant personality of Brian. An orthopedic specialist, Brian has a very active lifestyle and does various sports. Currently, he owns a piranha (yes, you read that right) and even plans to adopt a snake very soon. We're not so sure what his building administrator and neighbors would feel about that though.

Drawing inspiration from the client's lifestyle and interests, designer Rock Robins translated the homeowner's characteristics into his client's dream condo unit. The rawness of industrial design was what Brian has long wanted for his space. "I've always found rustic, natural, industrial designs as very attractive and timeless. Industrial designs have a lot more character— simple, natural, authentic—which in a way reflects my personality and views in life," shares Brian.

In achieving the industrial look the client wanted, the designer used metals, black lighting fixtures, and wooden materials to highlight the space's rawness. Everything was more enriched through the black-colored ceiling fan, lightings and backsplash.

In one of the walls of the living room is a stunning brick artwork Brian DIY-ed. "There was a particular brick wall design that I really liked and was so excited about. Since I only had the image in my mind, I was not sure how I would perfectly describe it to Rocky or the contractor. I was afraid

Both the designer and the client agreed to pick colors that will complement the natural colors of cement and wood. In the living room, the grey sofa is accented through the throw pillows' mustardy palette. **Below:** Existing kitchen cabinets and countertop were retained during the renovation. However, stunning black kitchen backsplash was added to make the kitchen look more industrial



I'd forget the image after a while so that same night, I decided to go to the condo and put up the brick wall," Brian shares.

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As industrial as this space can be, both Rock and the client strived hard to make it still homey and cozy. Bonsai and other greens were added to the living room by the client himself, together with the exotic animals that lives with him. Creative storage ideas were also built in the whole unit to maximize the space. Rock shares that there used to be a maid room just across the living room whose walls they tore down to make way for a walk-in closet.

"Rocky is the interior designer every client wished they had. One of the many things I appreciated was the considerable amount of time he took to get to know my personality, interests, and priorities, which he later on incorporated into the design elements of the condo unit," shares Brian. This newly-renovated unit exemplifies how a certain design style can perfectly match its owner's character and personality, which in turn adds more life to the living space. 

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SAVE UP

"When you're doing a renovation, work around the things that could still be salvaged. You have to see the things that will match and try to make it fit with the design," explains the designer



The bed doubles as book trunk, hiding all of the owner's books and favorite magazines underneath