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Studio _____ Mistovia
Location _____ Katowice, Poland
Square footage _____ 35m² (54ft²)

A small apartment in Katowice's design district was given a facelift by Mistovia to make it an eye-catching addition to the rental market.

Perfectly positioned on the 11th floor of a 1970s block in the center of town, with views of the Silesian Museum and the International Congress Center, the apartment was redesigned to make it stand out from the preponderance of bland, neutral rental properties on the market.

Mistovia created a striking visual language, using rich colors and vibrant textures, that paid homage to the apartment's 1970s heritage while also staying within the client's strict budget.

Removing most of the partition walls turned two small rooms into one open-plan space, with a kitchenette opposite the curved bathroom enclosure by the entrance leading into the bedroom and seating area.

With just a single window, Mistovia found innovative ways to keep the space bright, such as building the curved wall of the bathroom from glass tiles—also a nod to the building's modernist heritage. Stainless-steel cabinets bounce light off mirrored doors and surfaces, and one wall has been stripped back to its original concrete.



Left Curtains extend from the window to surround the corner storage cabinet. Right Every surface is different, from raw concrete and steel cabinets to glass tiles and mirrored walls.



Mistovia also incorporated bright colors and soft textures, with the sleeping area featuring red curtains and a velvet headboard, the plywood bathroom door painted a vivid teal, and densely patterned terrazzo chosen for the kitchen and bathroom floors.

"Taking inventory of the apartment, we found perfectly conserved furniture polished to the point of shining," Mistovia says.

"We decided to use them, giving them new, surprising functions—the chest of drawers has become a kitchen cupboard, a cabinet now frames the television." A mix of vintage and modern furniture—Paged bentwood chairs, a geometric table, a refurbished crystal lamp from local store Szpeje—combine to create a singular, highly engaging interior that ensures the apartment stands out on any rental site.