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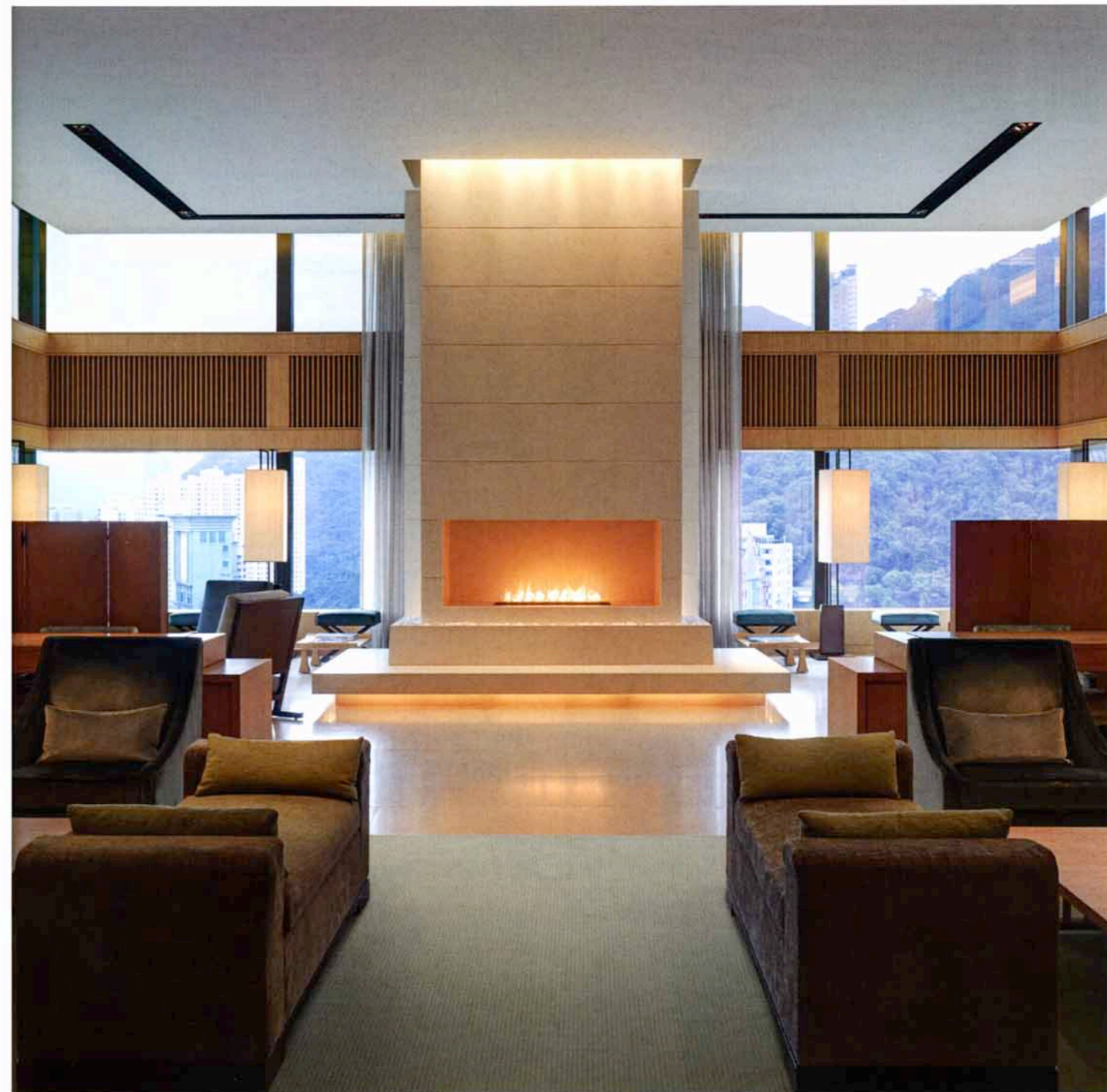
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THE SKY LOUNGE, THE UPPER HOUSE, HONG KONG. BY ANDRÉ FU

The Upper House was designed with a two-word brief: "calm" and "comfort". The Sky Lounge, on level 49, is perfectly balanced in geometry. It's extraordinarily symmetrical: the fireplace right at the end is framed with two huge windows that overlook the mountains. All the furnishings are bespoke. Same for all the lighting, even the flowers. There's an Asprey backgammon set and I picked the books. There are some books on Ming furniture and a monograph of Karl Lagerfeld's sketches of Chanel dresses. The floor and the walls are a Turkish limestone called Terre d'Oriente. It's very pure and very white. The bookshelf is covered in a bamboo veneer. I use bamboo like a timber: it's got the Asian sensitivity, but without being overboard. Quintessentially, this is not a food and beverage area. It's a place for guests to read or sit with friends or visitors. It's a meeting place, without being surrounded by all the hustle and bustle.

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