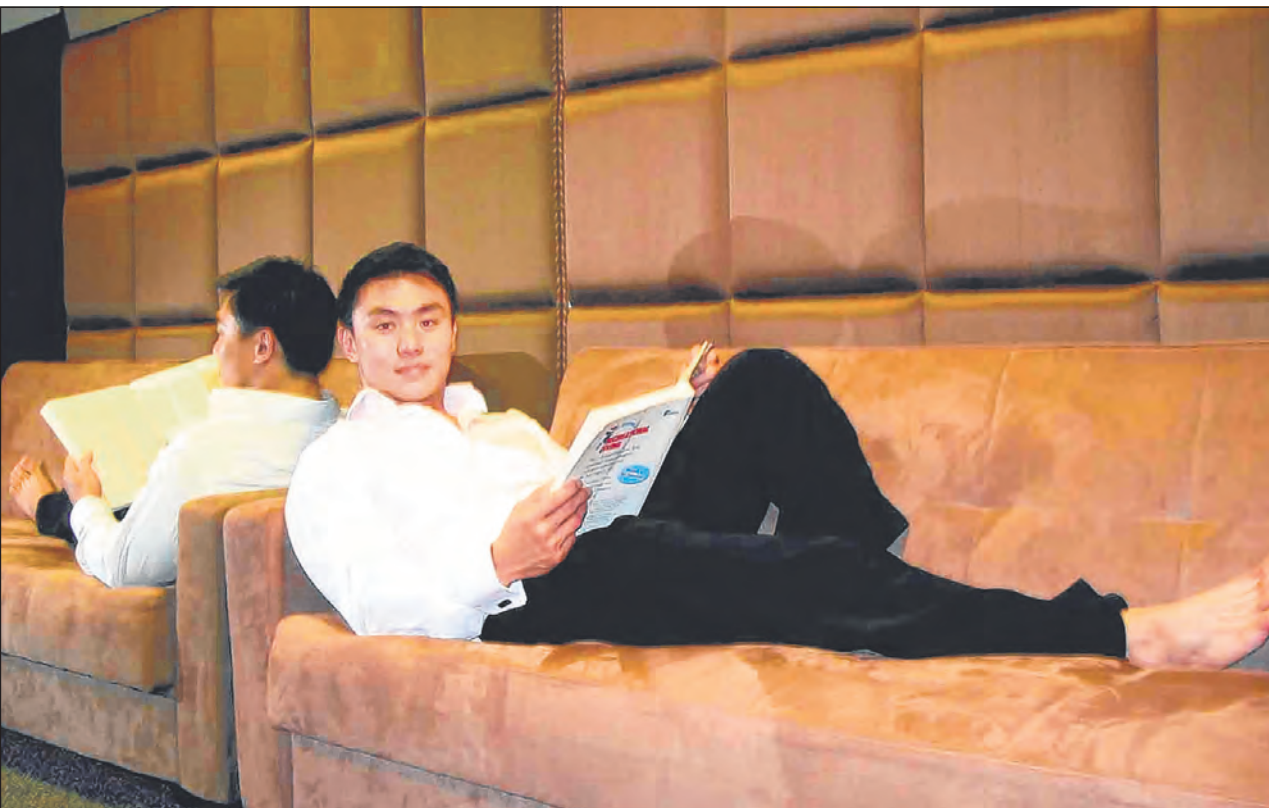


## MY SPACE



MR TAN CHOSE AN UNCONVENTIONAL golden-brown tone for his suede sofa, which also doubles up as a bed, to complete the unique colour scheme of his bedroom. This is further enhanced by dim halogen lights that add a warm effect to the room.

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## Classy lounge in the day, comfy bedroom at night

General manager Alvin Tan, 33, tells **Reema Jagtiani** that his bedroom in his Choa Chu Kang flat also serves as a day-time lounge for entertaining friends

“I LIKE designs that have a sophisticated feel and yet are simple and uncluttered.

My designer, from A.I.M.S. design, gave me the idea of having a lounge-cum-bedroom. The walls, including the ceiling, are fully padded with soft cushion and nylon fabric. Ten metres of fabric was used in total.

My designer sourced carefully for fabric that would not collect dust easily. The sponge padding is attached to a false plywood ceiling and to plywood on the wall.

The padding helps block out any excess noise from outside. It also gives the room a cosy feel. I especially like that it looks like a room in a club now.

The cost of lining the walls and ceiling with fabric was about \$4,000. A mirror on one side of the room makes the space look bigger.

I also wanted a unique colour scheme, so unconventional golden-brown tones were used for the fabric and the sofa.

The suede sofa can also be converted into a bed. A large

platform for the sofa bed and the TV console was built.

The sofa bed cost a few hundred dollars and the plasma TV cost about \$6,000.

Dim halogen lights bring out the room's colour scheme and add a warm effect to it. The lights are fixed to the ceiling, and below the platform.

I spend most of my time hiding out in my room and catching my favourite programmes on cable TV.

Since my bedroom can easily be converted into a day-time lounge, I regularly entertain friends in my room during festive seasons.

They usually find it hard to believe at first that this is actually my bedroom!”

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