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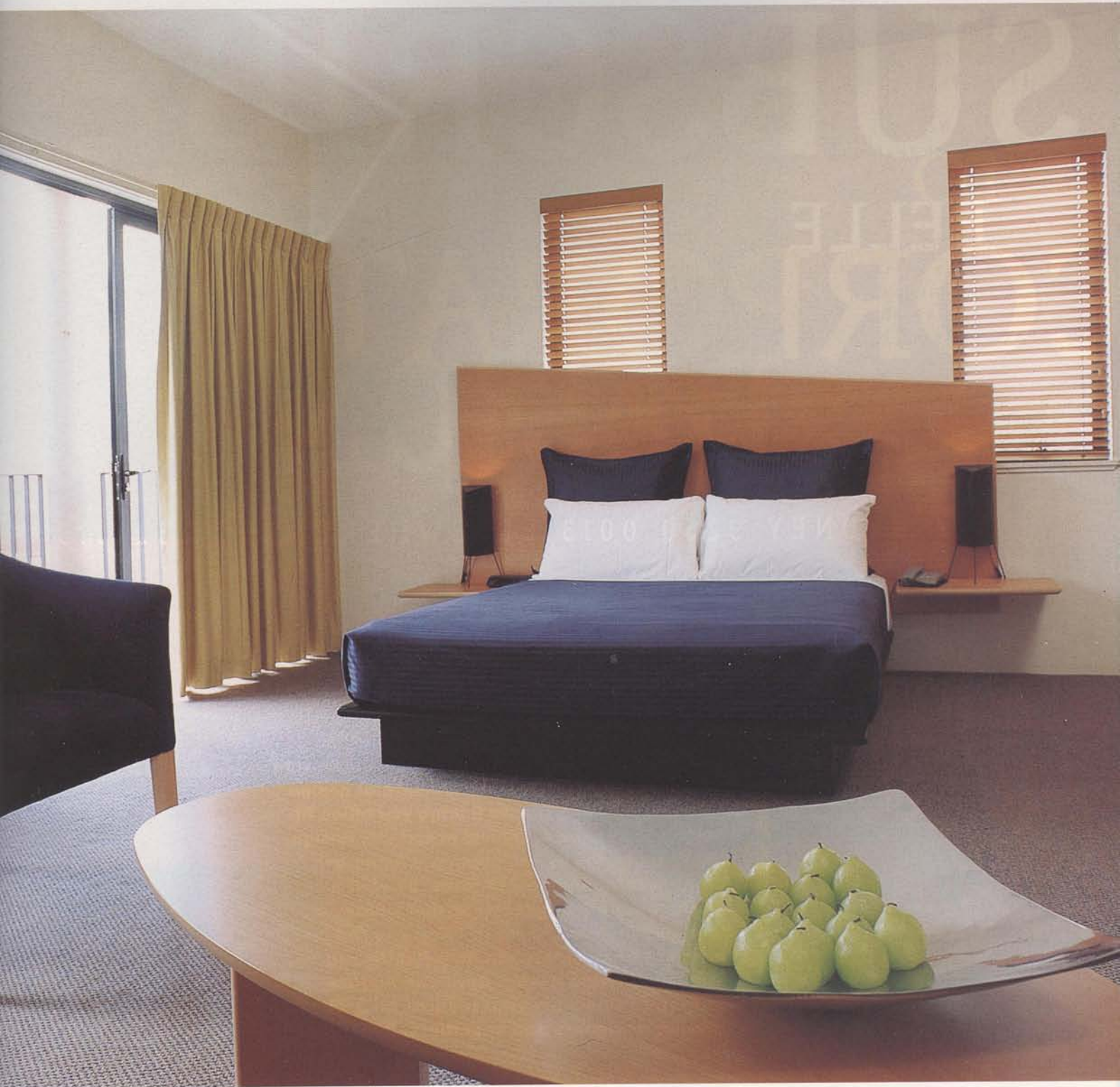
In a capital city often eclipsed by the stylish offerings of its close neighbour, Sydney, **The York Canberra** attests to the design talents concealed behind this city's staid veneer. The collection of one- and two-bedroom serviced apartments, housed within this privately owned townhouse in Kingston, combines the contemporary hallmarks of Nineties design – space, light and clean lines – with architect Terry Ring's sleek interpretation of modern comfort.

Ring claims simplicity is the key to the design concept and its

success. The uncluttered lines are echoed throughout the 25 suites of the apartment hotel and its sister restaurant and art gallery, Artespresso. This simplicity is reflected in the classical proportions of The York, maintained from the facade to the interiors, including window and column placement.

Polished tallowwood floorboards, originally from the Sydney Woolshed, sweep through the sitting, kitchen and study areas of the suites, which are each individual. Blond timbers have been





chosen for the joinery, as well as the bevelled dining and coffee tables. Custom-made bedheads of natural beech provide a sophisticated backdrop for the navy bedlinen, complemented by luxuriant rich gold and warm plum drapes.

The teamwork of owners Dusan Cavic, Albert Bonansea and Designwise's Frank Mascaulli has ensured meticulous attention to detail. Custom-designed furnishings and lighting provide unique features, and the high-tech kitchens boast halogen

hotplates, granite benchtops and Smeg stainless steel appliances.

Roof angles were stipulated by council to allow sunshine onto neighbouring properties. On the external walls, at the garden entrances, colours were chosen from the Bristol range and carefully blended to achieve the precise shade required.

**Client:** The York Canberra. **Architect:** Ring and Associates. **Developers:** Kayad Constructions. **Interior designer:** Frank Mascaulli. **Accessories:** The Terrace Interiors, Kingston, ACT.