

PLATINUM

54th WEST RESIDENCE

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The design concept for this extensive townhome renovation was to create a timeless and elegant light-filled home suitable for entertaining. The renovation features the kitchen as the focal point of the first floor. The original design featured a small dark kitchen, low ceilings and angled walls. Poorly located walls blocked natural daylight from reaching the kitchen. The renovation stripped the home to its studs, removed many walls and low ceilings and unified the living, kitchen and dining spaces. The kitchen's centerpiece is a new 16-foot long island with an integrated breakfast bar. By relocating the appliances, pantry, and full height cabinets to a new 24-foot long storage wall that abuts another unit, the center of the home was able to be open, clutter free and allow a connection between the kitchen, living room and dining spaces. A 7-by-7-foot piece of frosted glass serves as a divider between the kitchen and the entryway to allow natural light to reach the kitchen while maintaining privacy. The kitchen features elegant and timeless materials assembled with clean, unembellished details. The perimeter of the kitchen features white painted cabinets and white quartz countertops that highlight a Calcutta marble backsplash and back-painted glass upper cabinets. The island is wrapped in gray zebrawood and a dark quartz countertop to visually reinforce it as the focal point of the space. Light colored walls and cabinets reflect natural light and further the sense of openness. Concrete pendant lights anchor the island and a recessed light cove washes the storage wall in a soft light. The result is a timeless and elegant kitchen that serves as the focal point of this home. **Kitchen Design:** SAWA Design Studio / Leader Design Studio. **Architect:** Leader Design Studio. **Builder:** J.M. Meyer Construction. **Photographer:** SRQ 360.

JUDGE COMMENT "Beautiful kitchen, nice materials, functional and timeless. . . Well composed and quiet."

