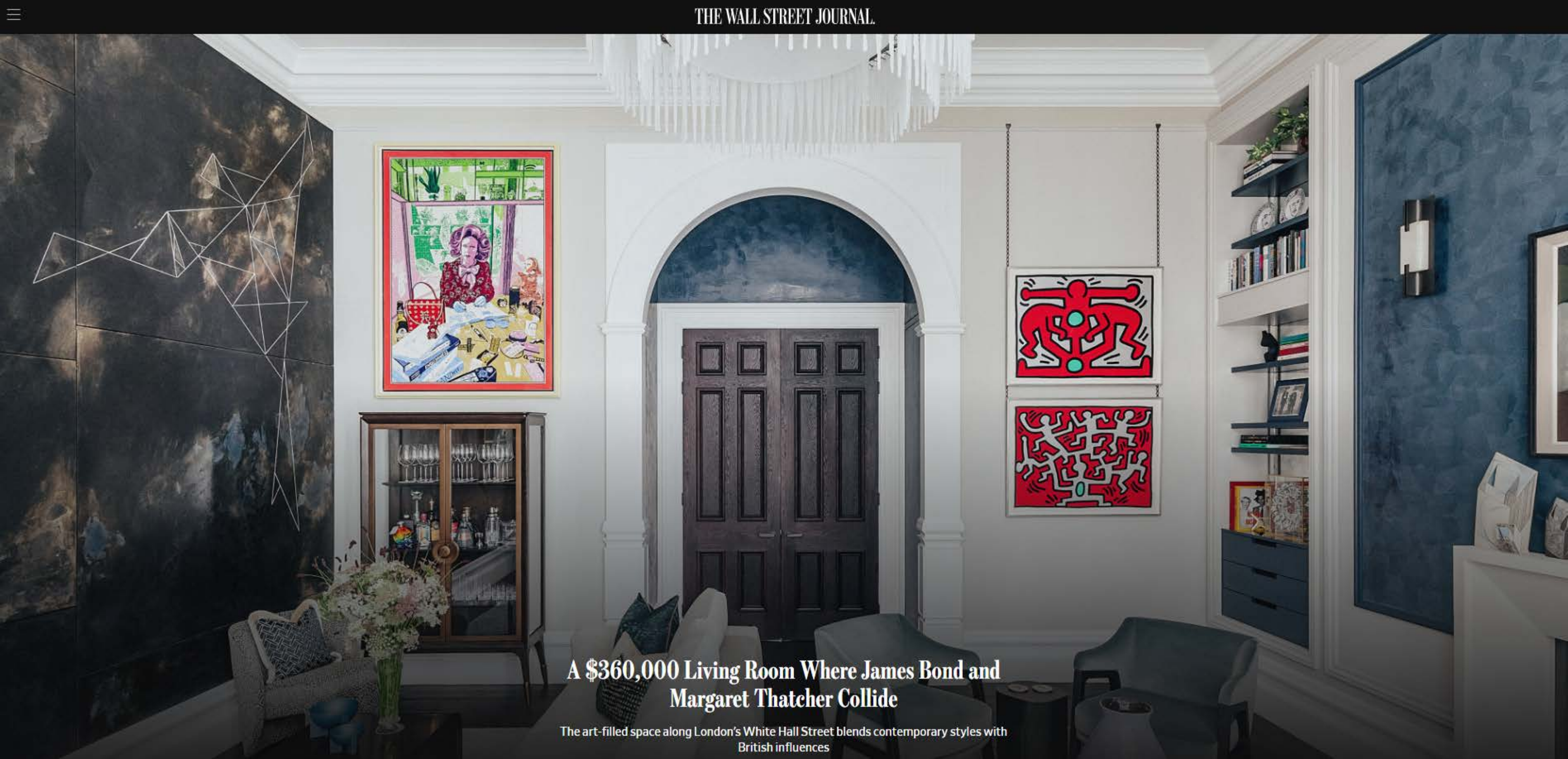




A \$360,000 Living Room Where James Bond and Margaret Thatcher Collide

The art-filled space along London's White Hall Street blends contemporary styles with British influences

Known for its elaborate British government buildings, London's Whitehall Street is now home to many converted luxury living quarters. In late 2023, American couple Trevor Burgess, a banking CEO, and Gary Hess, a high-end real estate professional, purchased a home at the OWO Residences by Raffles, part of the Old War Office building.

The owners wanted to blend their contemporary style with British influences, so they enlisted London-based design studio Angel O'Donnell, drawing inspiration from the sleek worlds of James Bond and Tom Ford.

The living room, with nearly 15-foot ceilings, was designed to balance entertaining with daily life. The 452-square-foot room is split into two areas: one centered on a fireplace and seating area, the other on a sofa and a television hidden from view when not in use.

To work within the context of the room, the designers chose an almost 12-foot-long L-shaped sofa and an elongated coffee table. “We really liked the slight curve [of the table] and that almost gold-leaf finish on the inside of it,” says Ed O'Donnell, the firm's co-founder. “The polished, stripey eucalyptus wood has an almost art deco kind of feel.”

The wall that faces the sofa also has an art deco vibe. The gesso paneling, inspired by a star map, is covered in deep blues, grays and greens. “It spoke to us of Bond movies, such as ‘Moonraker,’” O'Donnell says.

Should a guest ask for a martini (shaken, not stirred), a nearby drinks cabinet stands ready. It's as much a sculptural object as a place to mix cocktails. A frosted-glass chandelier ties the two zones together, adding drama without overwhelming the room.

The room also features selections from the family's queer art collection—one of the country's largest—assembled with the help of Georgia Stoneman of Stoneman Collins. Two red Keith Haring works hang by chains beside the entryway, while a colorful Grayson Perry portrait of Margaret Thatcher hangs above the drink cabinet.

Here are some of the living room's design features



Custom Wall, Cabinetry, Motorized TV Panel, \$81,180

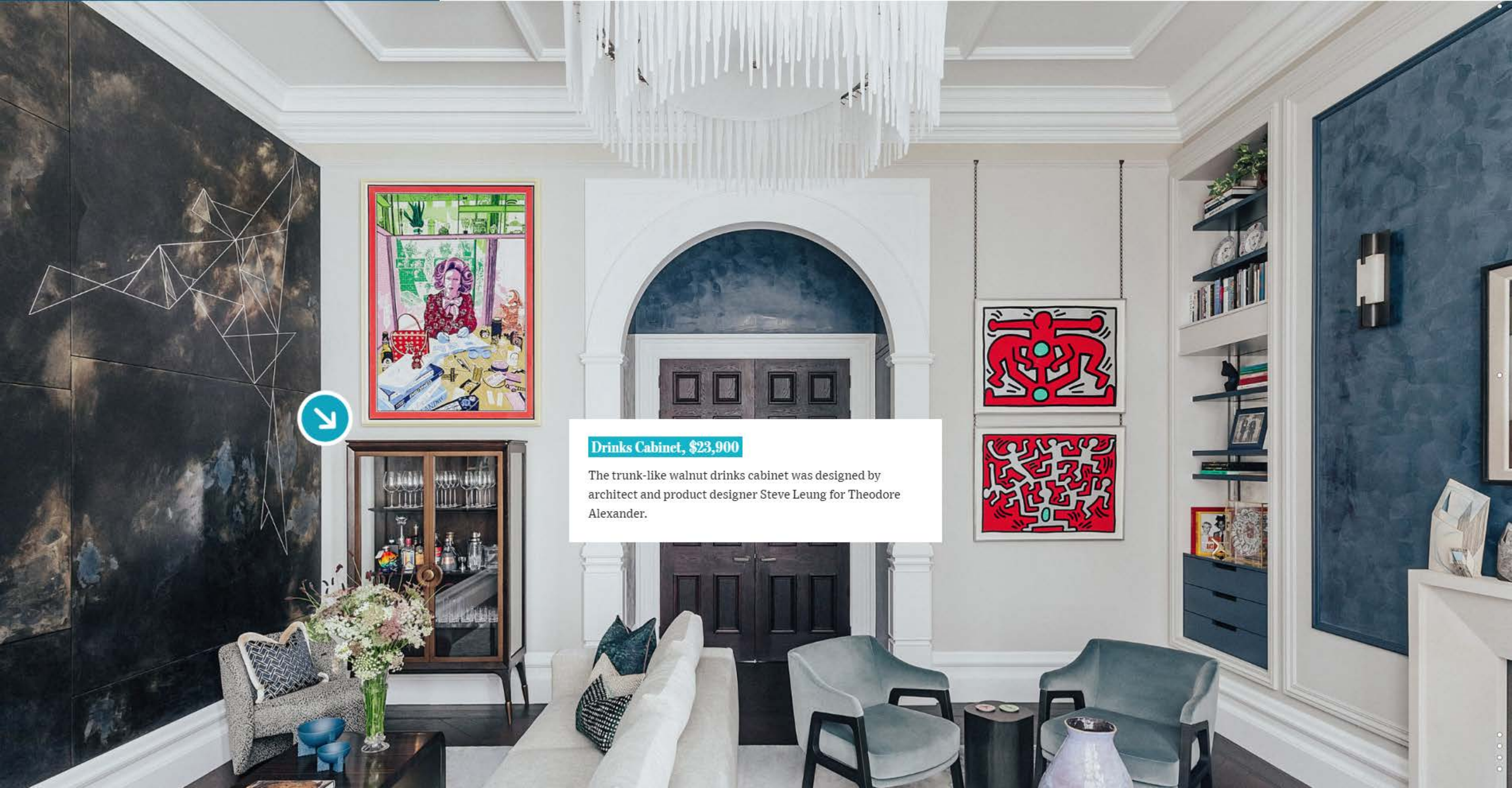
Decorative artists from Grand Palette Studio applied gesso, gold leaf and a mix of bronze and navy paint to the main wall that hides a TV.

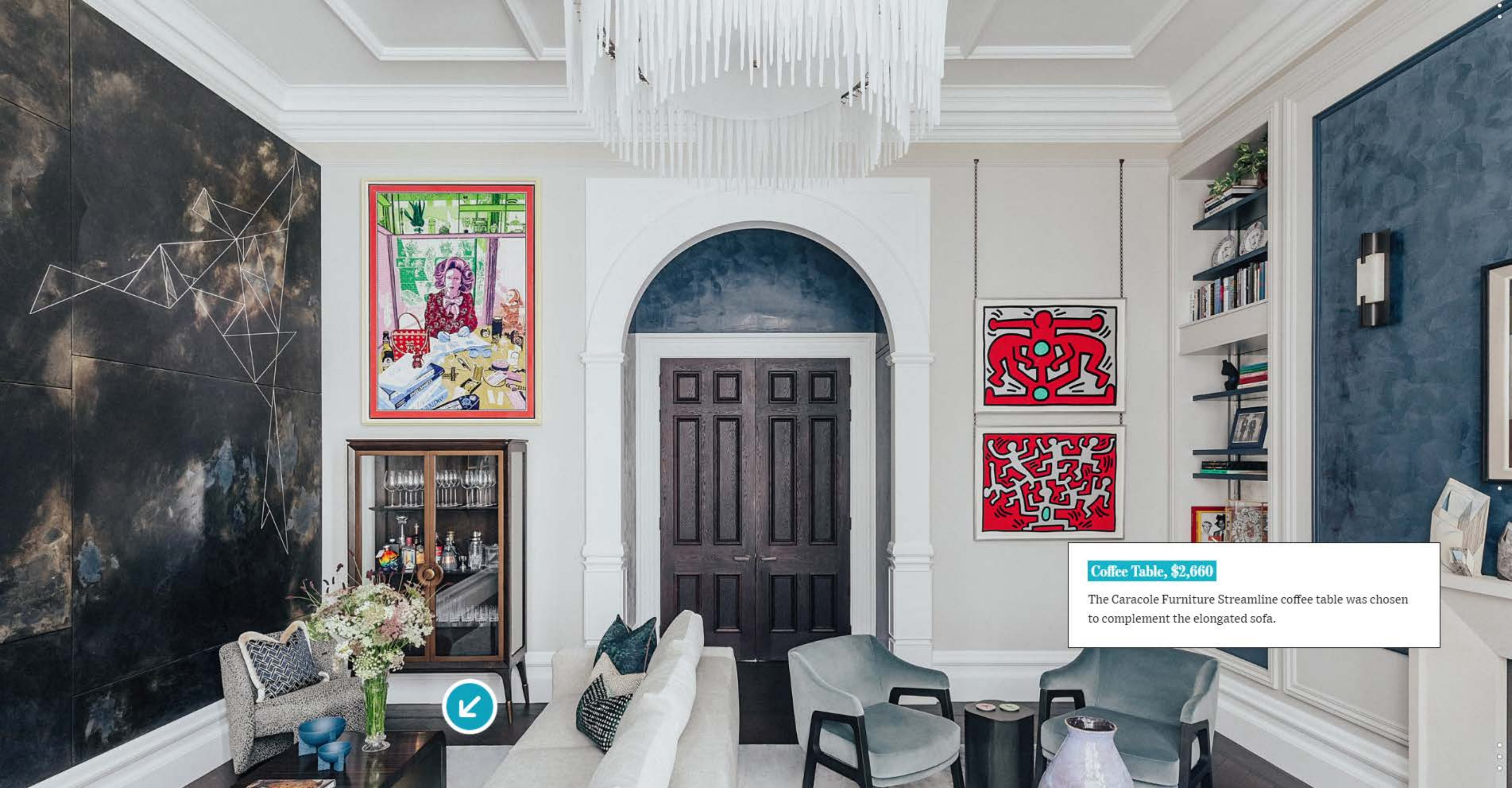




Drinks Cabinet, \$23,900

The trunk-like walnut drinks cabinet was designed by architect and product designer Steve Leung for Theodore Alexander.

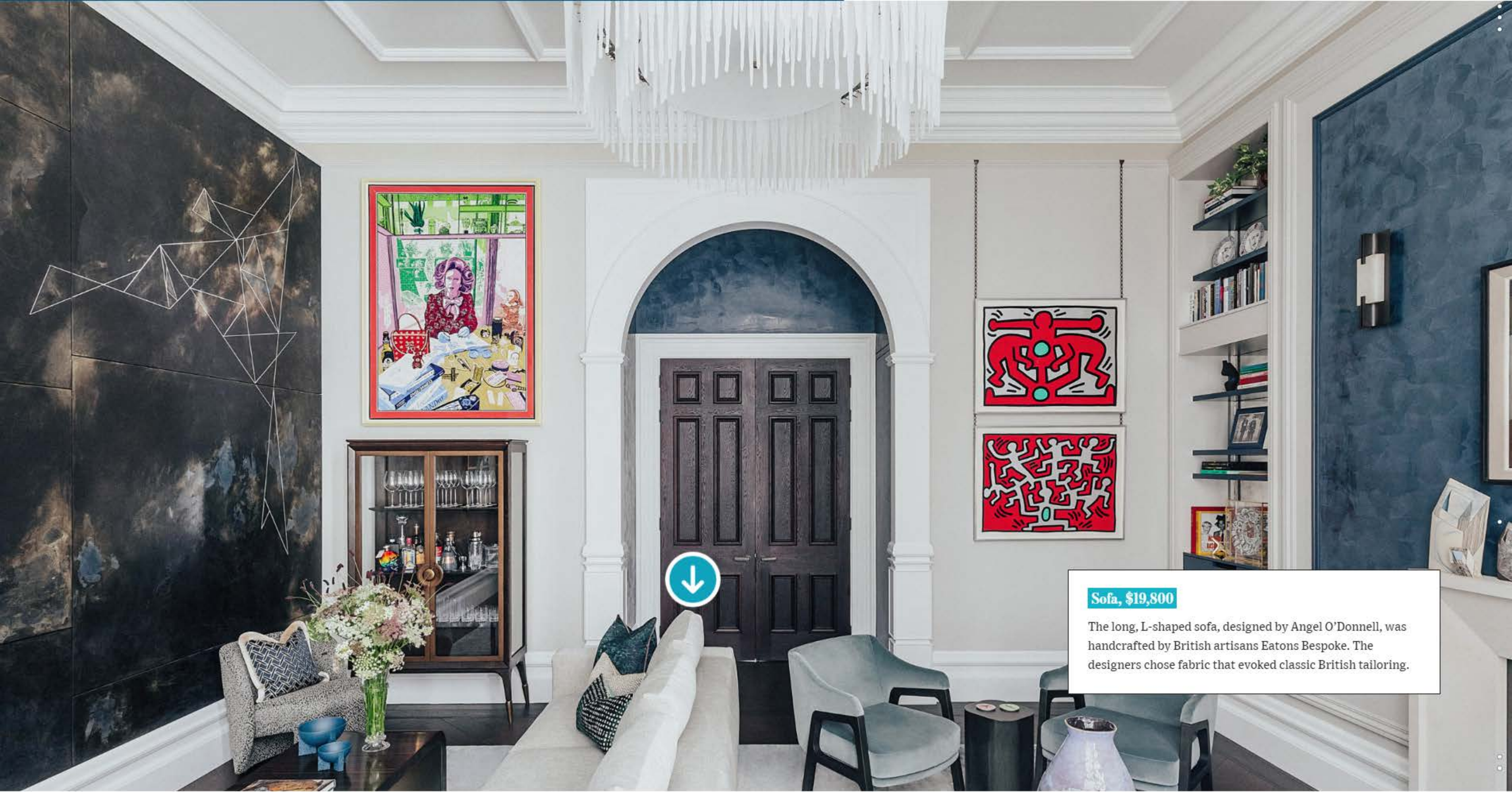




Coffee Table, \$2,660

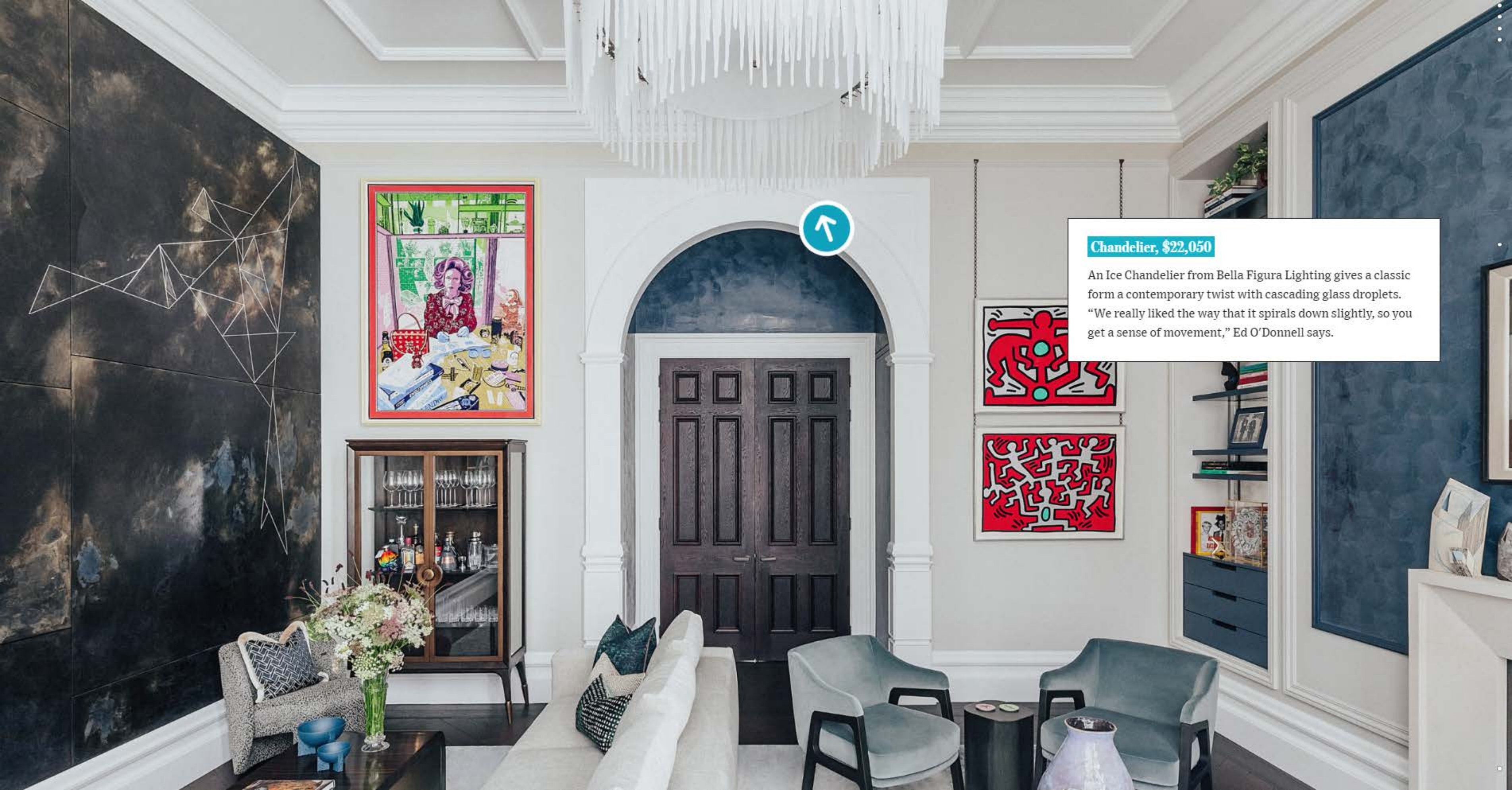
The Caracole Furniture Streamline coffee table was chosen to complement the elongated sofa.





Sofa, \$19,800

The long, L-shaped sofa, designed by Angel O'Donnell, was handcrafted by British artisans Eatons Bespoke. The designers chose fabric that evoked classic British tailoring.



Chandelier, \$22,050

An Ice Chandelier from Bella Figura Lighting gives a classic form a contemporary twist with cascading glass droplets. "We really liked the way that it spirals down slightly, so you get a sense of movement," Ed O'Donnell says.

Lounge Chairs, about \$5,300 each

Angel O'Donnell designed the smoky blue-gray velvet lounge chairs with squared-off lines inspired by New York's Chrysler Building. Though wide and comfortable, their open sides preserve sightlines across the room.