

Huma Sulaiman

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While she's lived all over the world, interior designer Huma Sulaiman had never been to South America. It was pure serendipity that, culling inspiration images, she homed in on a photo that featured a black-and-white checkered floor that conjured up a memory of her client's favorite hotel in her native Buenos Aires. "Everything kind of fell into place from there," Sulaiman says.

She began the design process by swapping his-and-her sinks with the bathtub to improve the room's flow. Now the new focal point is the stand-alone Victoria + Albert spa tub that underscores the wife's nightly bathing ritual. "With the collage of photographs by Alexander AD and prints by Donald Sultan, it feels more like a living room or an elegant dressing room than a bathroom," says Sulaiman. That impression is reinforced by the Gino Sarfatti brass chandelier, leggy custom cabinetry washed in a custom dark finish and the dramatic occasional seating. Small details—soaring brass-framed mirrors, splashes of red, a profusion of arches, a scattering of antique curios—confirm that perception. Atop that black-and-white marble floor, the result is pure luxury. "I'd never been to Argentina before but somehow I captured its elegance," says Sulaiman. "It has that old-world charm but it's very glamorous." Checkmate.

