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In his 7th floor apartment in Hong Kong's Sai Wan Ho district, Gary Chang can lower a hinged worktop in his video game room and end up standing in his kitchen.

In fact, he has 24 different layouts that Mr. Chang, an architect, can transform in his 344-square-foot apartment.

The wall units, suspended from steel tracks bolted into the ceiling, seem to float several millimeters above the reflective floor. As these are moved around, the apartment becomes all manner of spaces — kitchen, library, laundry room, dressing room, a lounge with a hammock, an enclosed dining area and a wet bar. Everything can be folded away so that the space feels expansive, like a yoga studio.

Mr. Chang is determined to see his ideas put to use in new multi- unit buildings. He has invited a number of developers to visit, and documented his apartment's history in a book. Mr. Chang hopes his innovations may help improve domestic life in Hong Kong, where the population grew by nearly a half-million in just the last 10 years.

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