

Compact, flexible, with moving walls and pull-down beds: Inside the apartments of the future which can be reworked to cater to the owner's every whim

- Architecture and design firm Rothelowman has designed convertible apartments in Melbourne
- The apartments will feature a movable wall allowing residents to change the layout of their apartment
- The movable wall houses a kitchen, fridge, tv unit, bed and even bedside lockers
- Apartments can be completely transformed from a studio to a one-bedroom by moving the roller wall around the pad
- The convertible apartments are aimed at buyers looking for an affordable city life

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The nationwide firm Rothelowman, which has offices in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, is championing the innovative design.

With the price of city apartments blowing up in Melbourne, buyers are looking at smaller, affordable, more compact living spaces and this firm believes it has found the perfect solution to the shortage.



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The convertible apartment can be adjusted to your preference and depending on what configuration you adjust it to, it does or doesn't have to have a bedroom.

The firm was inspired by Japanese interior design where moving walls are used to completely redesign whole apartment in a number of minutes.

Rothelowman has drawn up the designs for a new development which is now under construction at Abbotsford in Victoria.

The apartments are currently being built as a gateway to the Victoria East Precinct.

According to Rothelowman, the project will 'raise the standard for excellence in large scale inner city urban housing developments.'

The new apartments will feature pull-down beds and movable walls to enable residents to change their apartment to suit their needs.

A one-bedroom apartment can easily be changed into a studio pad for a party at the drop of the hat.

It also includes a huge pull-down queen size bed and a lot of storage so the room is easily transformed.

"If you don't provide a solution in the bedroom space and every nook and crank has storage in it, so that the alarm clock doesn't have to be moved, if it is going to take you five minutes to pack everything up you are never going to do it.

"If all you have to do is fold the bed up and everything else is already in a place where it is concealed and everything can be moved for the wall to slide there is a much better chance that people will move the wall more frequently. Mr Hayton said.