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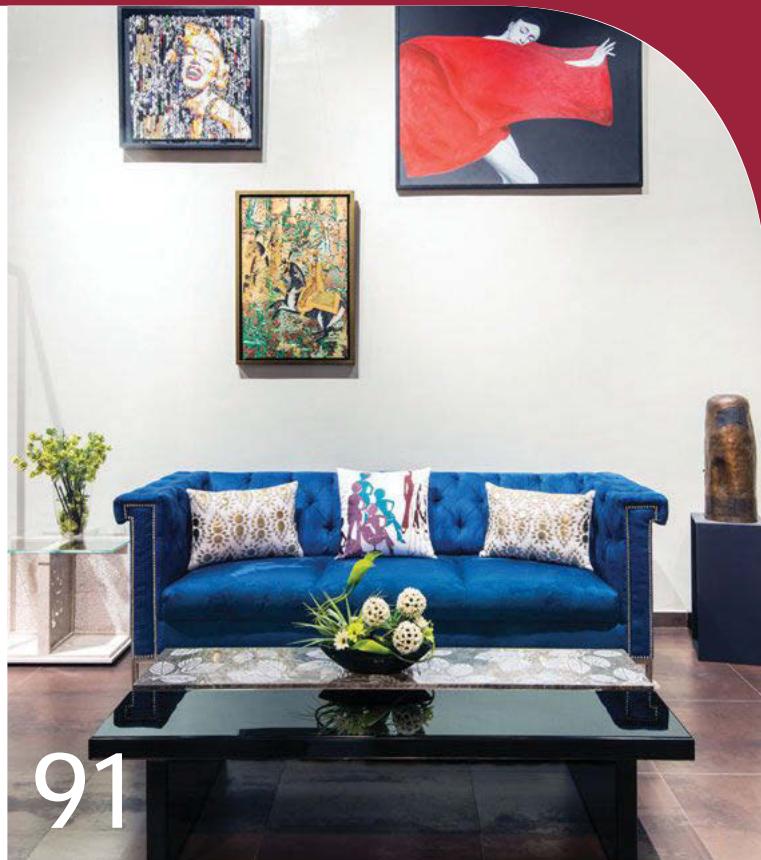
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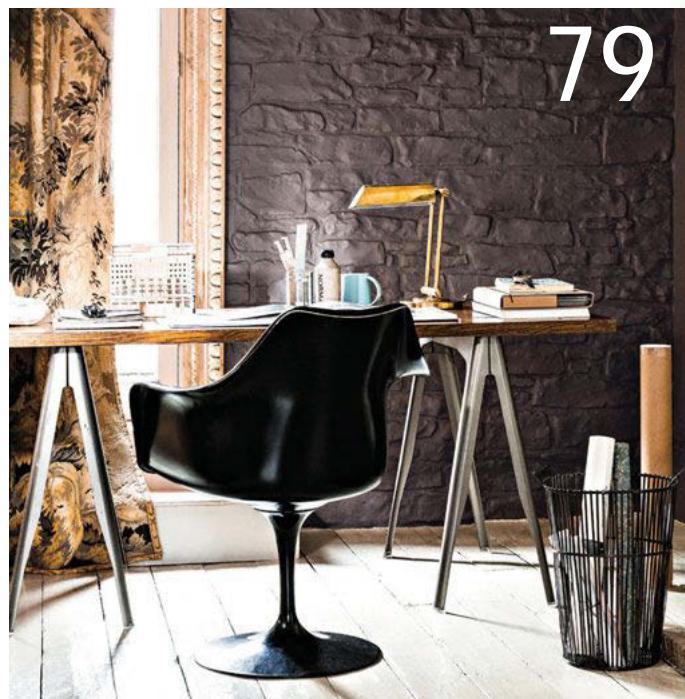
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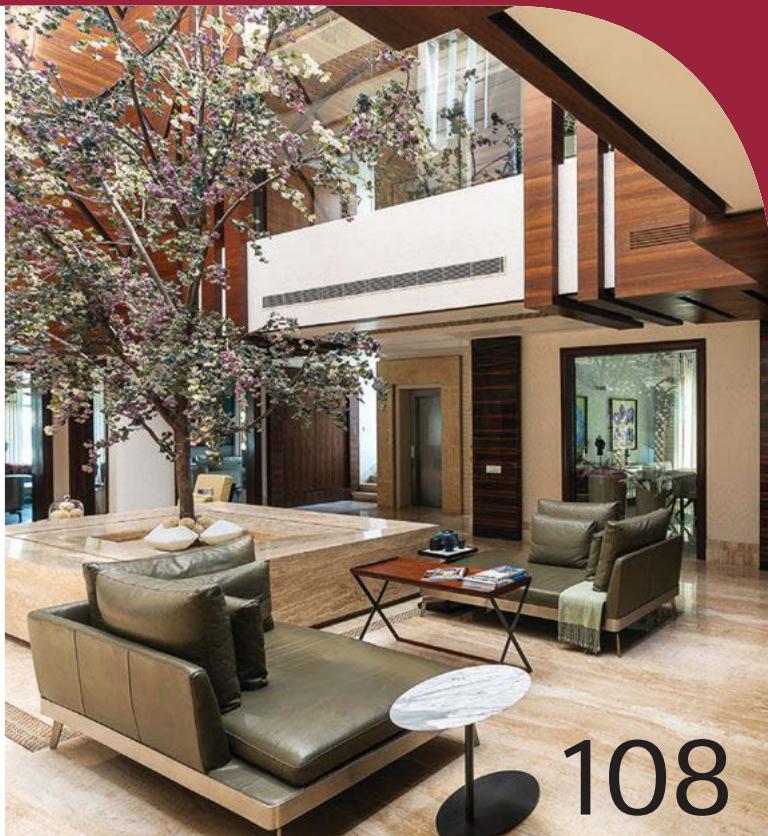
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Straight TALK

Over the past few months, I have been receiving numerous emails, all with the request of putting together a Home Special. We took our time putting one out, simply because there was just so much material to pore over, trends to scour through and experts to talk to, before we were convinced of being able to put forward a thorough guide for you. And here it is. Our designer-approved Home Special issue.

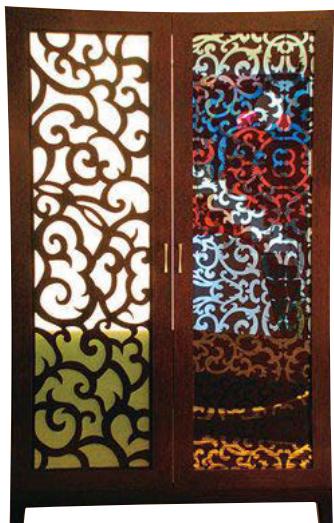
If acquiring a home has been challenging enough, setting it up is likely to be a bigger one. The options out there are plenty, and you are somewhat spoilt for choice. Should I follow a theme, a colour scheme perhaps? Where should I pick my furniture from? Do I need to hire an interior designer, may be just some of the questions clouding your mind. Add to that, free flowing advice and you are confused about where to start.

That's where we are stepping in. We have picked five of the most popular expert-backed living trends for you, that are guaranteed to help you set up your space in style. Whatever the style, we have the inspiration for you right here. And no, it is not just family homes we have addressed. For all you young professionals looking at setting up your own pad in the city, we have something for you too. All you need is to take a look at our Single in the City feature, for inspiration.

The regular sections are, of course, packed with oodles of information as usual. From extensive shopping guides, ideal getaway ideas, kitchen and garden trends to what to spend your money on, here's all the dope.

Happy reading and here's wishing everyone a very Happy Holi!

MY PICKS:



Delhi-based designer Poonam Kalra's designs in wood are unconventionally bold, colourful and quirky married with functionality.

Riddhima Seal

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• The recently-opened In Joy store in the capital's Meherchand Market filled with colourful artefacts, has struck a chord with me. The Spring-Summer 2015 collection at the store, which is Nisha Sahai's brainchild, is a homage to the decade of the bohemian '70s.



INBOX



Letter of the Month



SANTA'S VALENTINE

My first thought after seeing the latest issue of *TIHG* was a big wow! It diffused my stress, which I was undergoing in deciding gifts for my loved ones for Valentine's

Day. The regular feature 'Shopping Spree' had something for every age group, class, and taste. The products showcased in the cushions, rugs, coasters and mugs features—all looked worth gifting to somebody around me. And one story that totally engrossed me was 'With Love' as it was dedicated to Valentine's Day. I am sure this Valentine's Day is going to win me many more new friends.

Anjali, New Delhi



BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

The best part about the magazine is that it turns every event into a celebration. In the Feb issue, regular features 'Grey Matters', 'Limited Edition', 'Glam Effect', and specially 'Colours and Crafts' maintained the magazine's class. It assured that 2015 is going to be as beautiful, innovative, and eventful as previous years. But the best stories were



for young valentines. The gifting ideas through 'Graphic Alert', 'Mug It Up', 'Frame Worthy', 'With Love', 'Crystal Elegance' were simply mind blowing. *TIHG* is the biggest love guru this Valentine.

Padma Jagdish, New Delhi



STARTING WELL

Every month *TIHG* takes me back to golden days of my childhood. After many years of leaving school, I relive the experience by preparing a scrapbook. Articles and features like 'Colours and Crafts', 'All Things Quirky', and 'Shopping Spree' add beauty to my house. But the question remains of who awards those brownie points, which my teacher used to give. It is none other than guests and visitors who are awestruck by seeing the beautiful and exotic elements in my sweet home. Thank you for keeping the child in me alive.

B. Ajith, New Delhi

CORRIGENDUM

In the February 2015 issue of *The Ideal Home and Garden*, Shopping Spree Roll-out Comfort on page 39, the prices and the respective brand names were missing. Following are the correct descriptions:

1. Psychedelic Collection, starts from ₹40,000, Qaaleen
2. Restro & street art rug, starts from ₹50,000, Cocoon Fine Rug
3. Pink butterflies rug, ₹3,500, Peek-A-Boo
4. Hand tufted rug, price on request, IDUS
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Shopping Spree

Roll-out Comfort

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Impressions: Ritu Singh



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The inadvertent errors are regretted. - Editor

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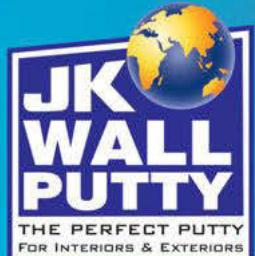
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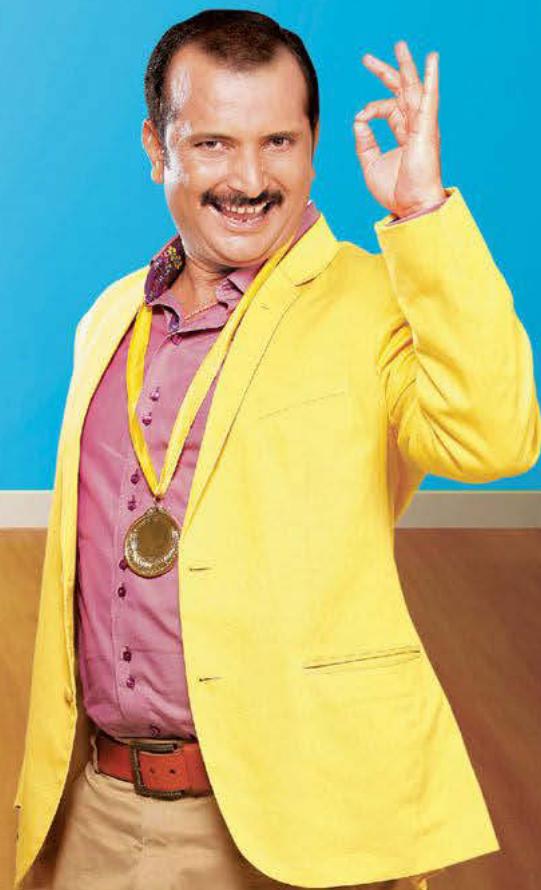




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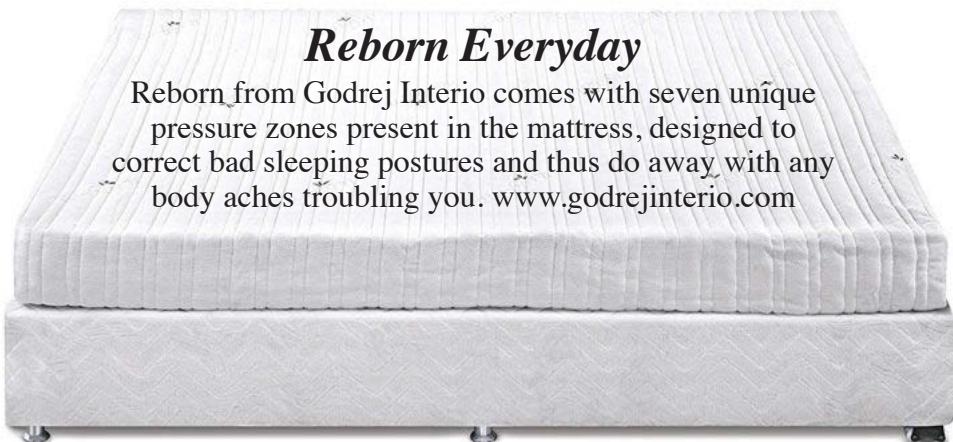
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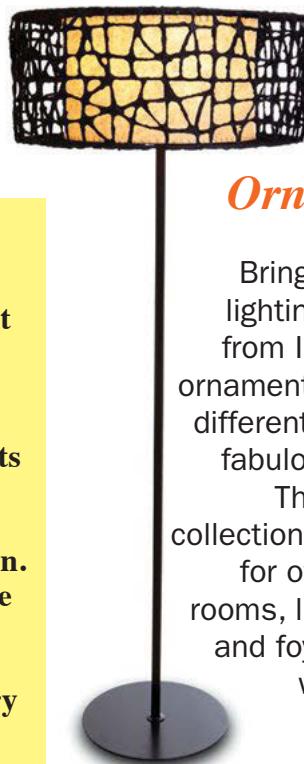


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ColourNext, the annual forecast by Asian Paints, puts forth 'Coral Radiance' as the 'Colour of the Year.' According to the expert panel, this colour combines the passion of red and the cheeriness of yellow, bringing warmth to galvanize spaces where it is used. www.asianpaints.com

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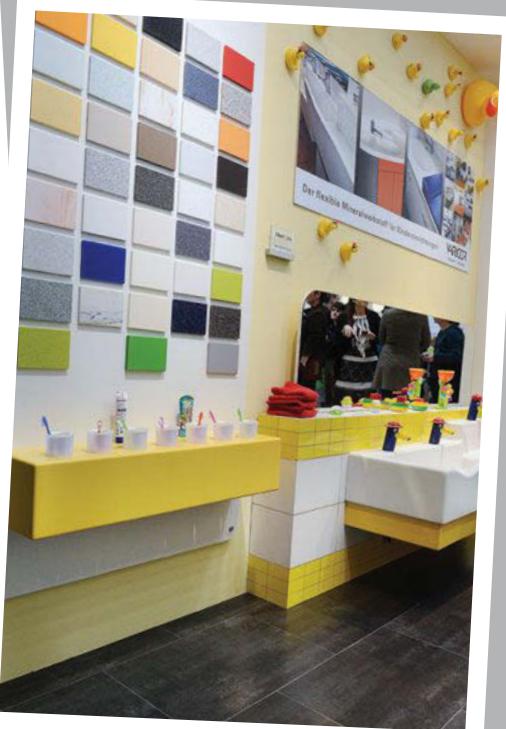
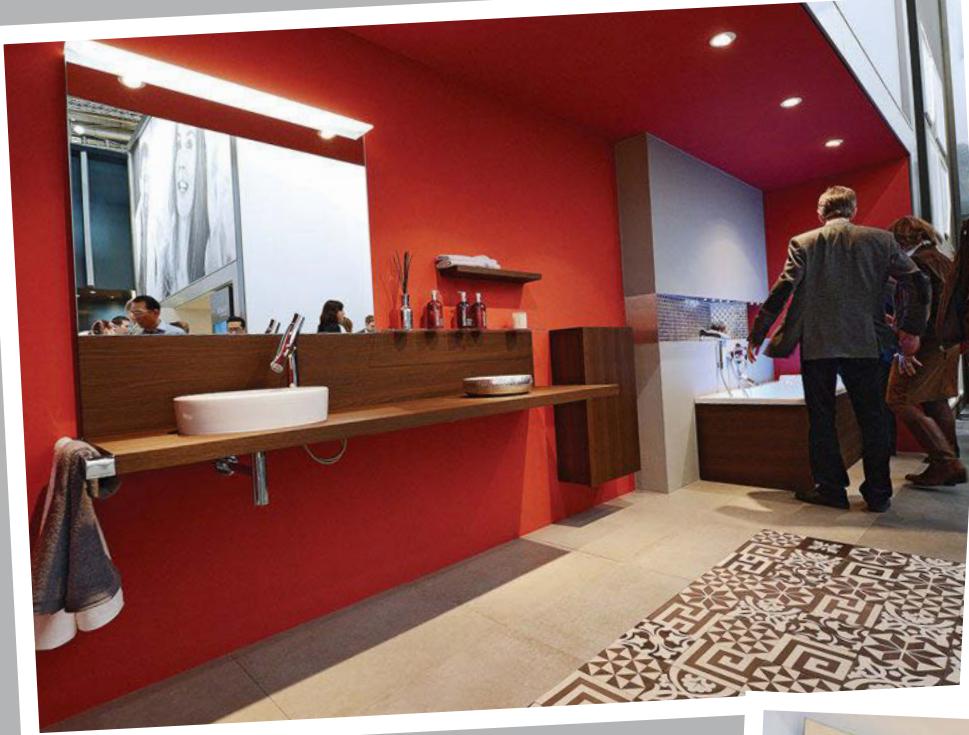


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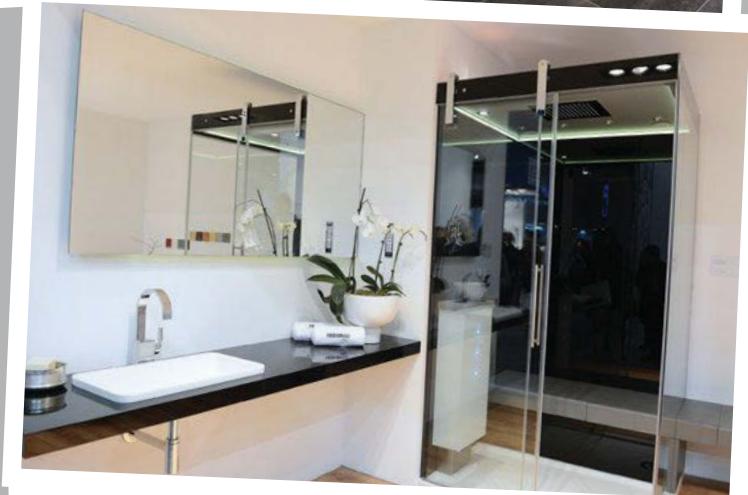
LED Lighting

A look to the future



ISH is all set to be held in Frankfurt from 10th March to 14th March with a focus on 'comfort meets technology'. This leading trade fair is geared towards sustainable sanitation solutions, innovative bathroom design, energy efficient heating technology combined with renewable energy and environmental air-conditioning and ventilation technology. Messe Frankfurt is expecting around 2,400 exhibitors from across the globe who will present their latest products and services across an 2,60,000 sq. m. exhibition space. The great horizontal and vertical range of products on show covers all aspects of future-oriented

building solutions. This year, a Partner Country concept is being introduced with Poland selected for the same. Visitors can look forward to the special show 'Pop up my bathroom', which will present the ideal bathroom from four different perspectives, and an award ceremony on the first day of the show. "As organisers of the trade fair we are proud to offer these award-winning products a presentation platform at the ISH. It is important to focus on the value of combining design, quality and functionality and Design Plus powered by ISH is a perfect exponent of this," says Wolfgang Marzin, Chairman, Messe Frankfurt's executive board.



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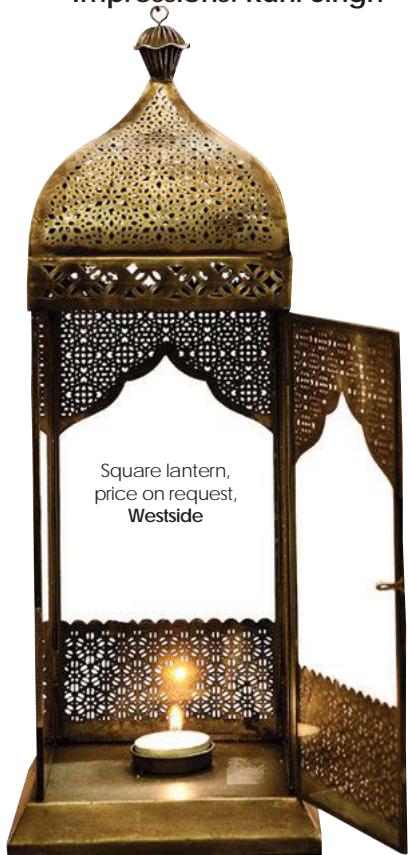


Blue lantern,
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Light up

See these lanterns take a setting from mundane to magical with their soft glow.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh



Square lantern,
price on request,
Westside



Hanging lantern,
₹1,200,
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Fragrances



Classic
blue ceramic
lantern,
₹899,
Fabfurnish

Lantern,
price on
request,
Westside



Inara lantern,
₹1,599 for set of four,
Fabfurnish

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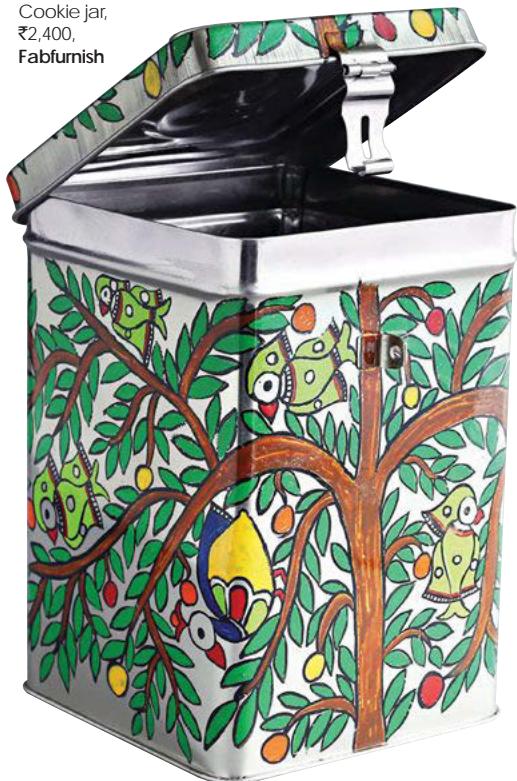
Beautiful jars to help you stash away in style.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

Volcanic storage jar,
₹3,530,
Le Creuset



Cookie jar,
₹2,400,
Fabfurnish



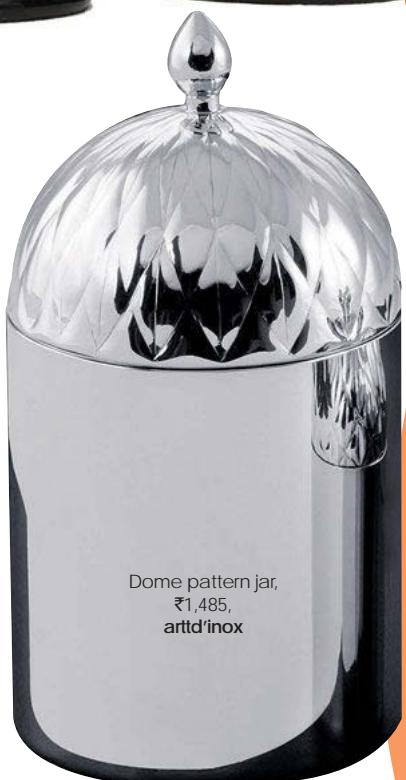
Blue jar,
price on request,
InV Home



Storage jars,
₹3,690 for white
and gold,
Address Home



Bird printed jars,
price on request,
InV Home



Dome pattern jar,
₹1,485,
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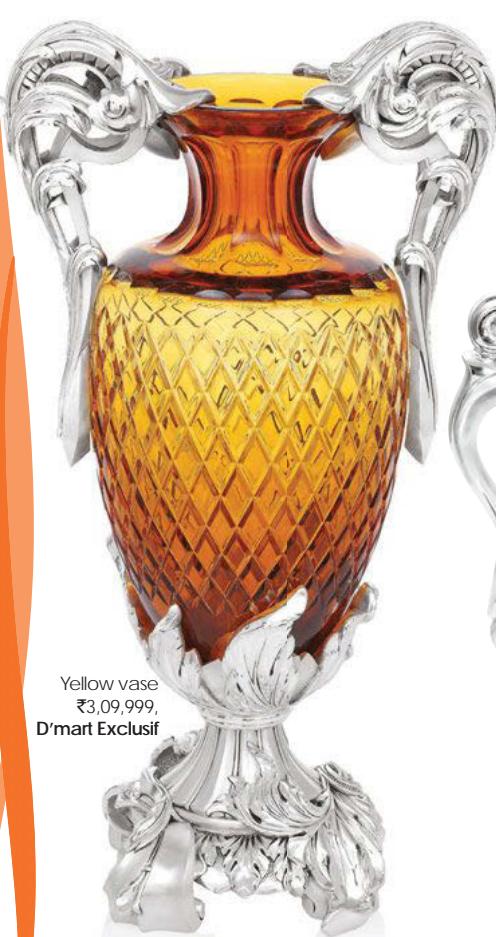
White and golden jar,
price on request,
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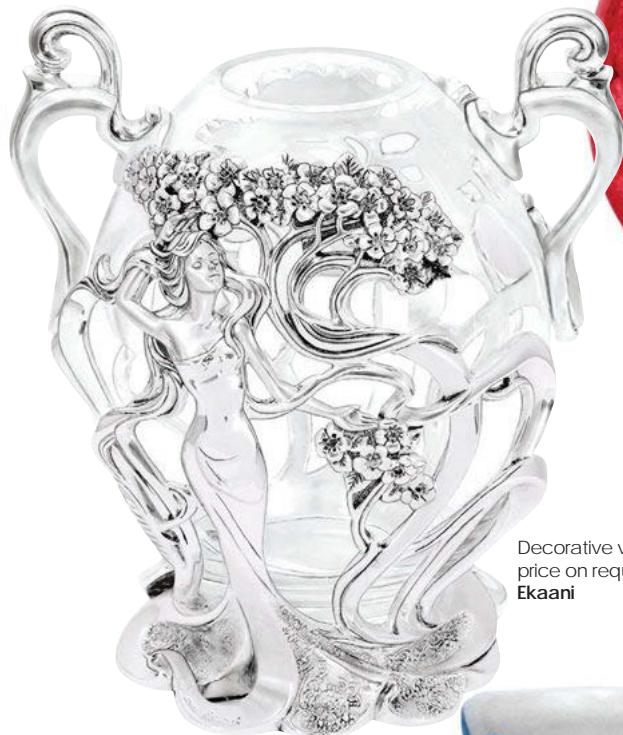
Vase Art

The perfect complement to spring blooms, these vases can double as standalone accents as well.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh



Yellow vase
₹3,09,999,
D'mart Exclusif



Decorative vase,
price on request,
Ekaani



Red vases,
₹250-₹3,000,
Evok



Hand painted vase,
₹3,199,
Artanddecors

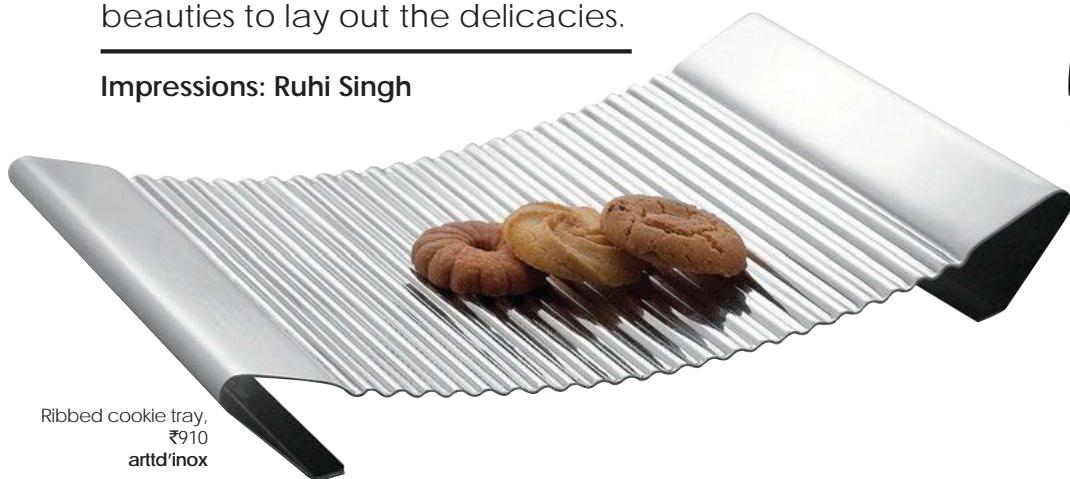


Vase jazz by the bay,
₹30,500,
Frazer and Haws

Serve Style

This Holi, use these charming beauties to lay out the delicacies.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh



Ella part gold cutlery,
price on request,
Villeroy & Boch

Metal Magic

Setting up a table can be easy
with such fine cutlery in hand.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh



Oslo blue cutlery,
price on request,
InV Home



Soup, serving, pastry
spoon,
₹6,590 onwards,
Episode



Onyx servers,
₹2,995,
Elvy



Serving spoons,
₹1,950 for set of two,
Andy Home

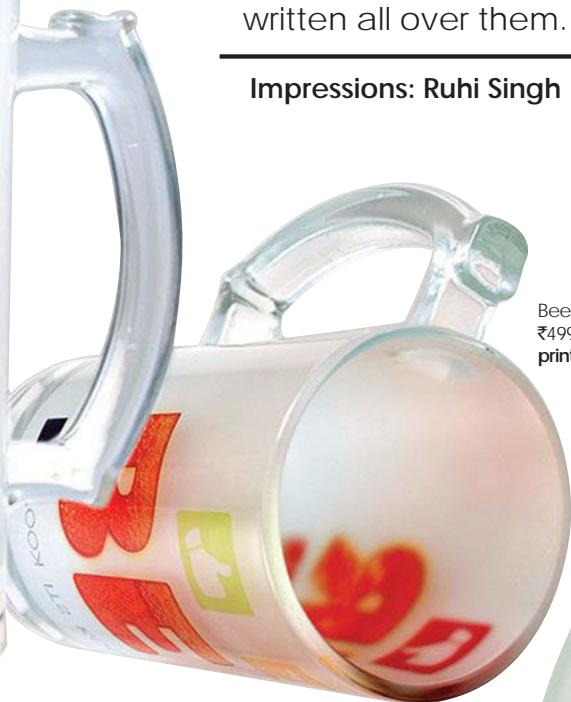
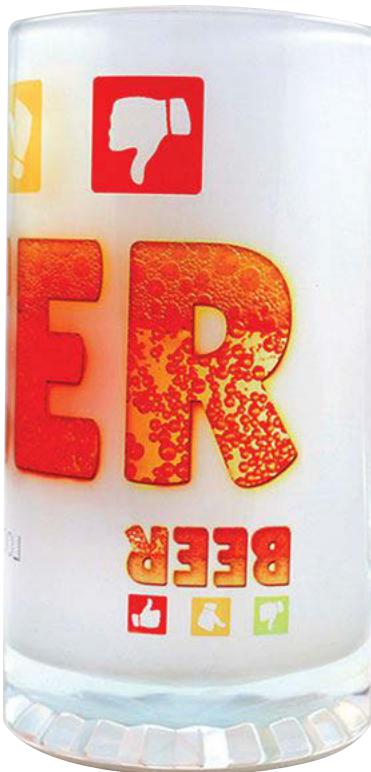


Harvest cutlery
₹4,250 onwards,
Mukul Goyal

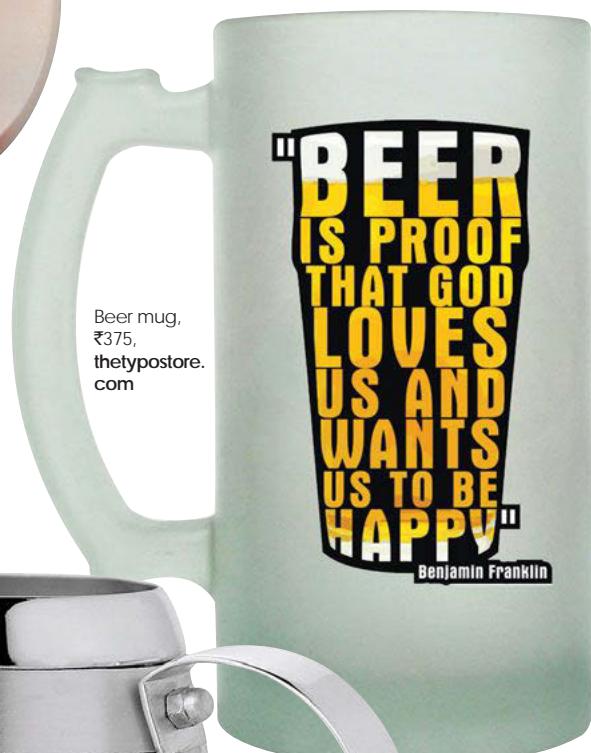
Spirited Fun

Kick off the season with beer mugs that have summer written all over them.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh



Beer mug,
₹499,
[printvenue.com](#)



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₹375,
[thetypostore.com](#)



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[arttd'inox](#)

Beer mug,
price on request,
[Episode](#)

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Old world charm or modern functional—choose from one of these to store your priceless collects.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh



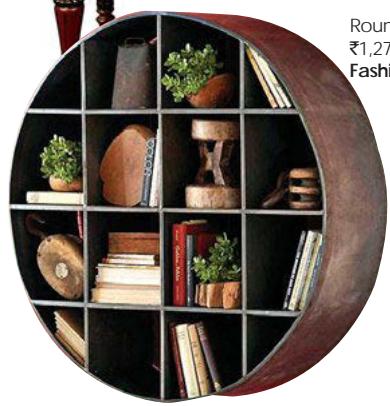
Windsor bookshelf,
price on request,
visionnaire-home.com



Joker library,
price on
request,
IDUS



Wooden bookshelf,
₹1,45,000,
Andy Home



Round wall-cum-bookshelf,
₹1,275,
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Rich chenille jacquard curtain, ₹3,450/m Zynna

Marsala Territory

Declared the Pantone Colour of the Year, this wine-inspired colour is a heady combination of earthy, robust and elegance. The colour looks as exquisite in lush fabrics such as satin and silk as when added as a pop of colour to brighten up your home. Zero down on some of the most stylish marsala-inspired pieces and accents you need to pick up right now!

Impressions: Keshia Dsouza



1. Jam Jars, ₹1,650, Le Creuset
2. Photoframe, ₹1,515, 2Divine
3. Amethyst Circle Vase, ₹13,400, Frazer and Haws
4. Cushion, ₹2,250, Tranceforme
5. Chenille fringe bathmat, ₹999, Maspar
6. Limited edition pocket knives, ₹1,240, Victorinox



Marsala-inspired decor offers a way to add solid colour to home spaces.
Using lustrous textures and heavier weight fabric helps with temperature control too.

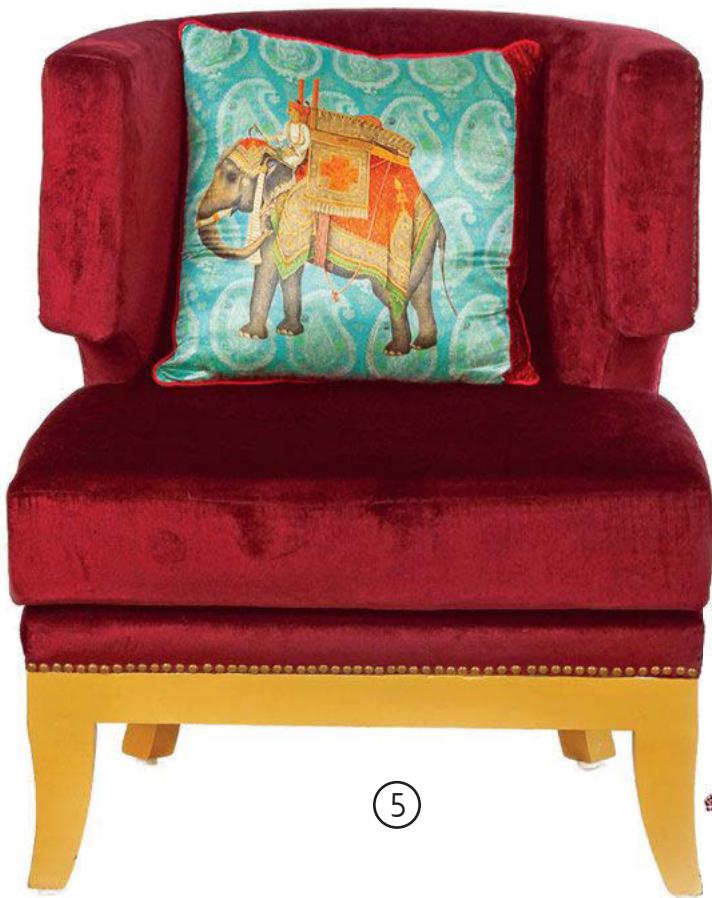


Coral Reef Collection,
₹560 to ₹2,275/m, D'Decor

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1. Ceramic vase, ₹1,800, Home Centre
2. Swayam Printed Pillow Covers, ₹421, Fabfurnish
3. Vase, available on request, Renaisaance Homez
4. Cristallerie De Montbronn, ₹8,000 onwards, My Tailor Home
5. Sofa Seater, ₹81,000 (Set of 2), 2DIVINE
6. Corded Bordeaux Towels, ₹275–₹2,640, Maspal



TABLE Talk

When it comes to introducing an element of contrast into your homes, this Moroccan table can act as the perfect summer addition.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh



Moroccan Table, ₹1,575, theyellowdoorstore.com
Available in muted green, soothing pink and serene white

Luxe



Monica Chawla Residence,
New Delhi
Image: Ankush Maria

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Dinner Service

From thread to porcelain, the newly-launched *Voyage en Ikat* series from Hermès captures the essence of ikat that is proof of prosperity, while the colours—emerald, sapphire and ruby—elevate each design by calling to mind precious stones. Enhancing this white porcelain collection is a 24-carat matte gold finish that highlights the base of a bowl, the rim of a plate, a cup, or simply a delicate handle.

Impressions: Keshia Dsouza



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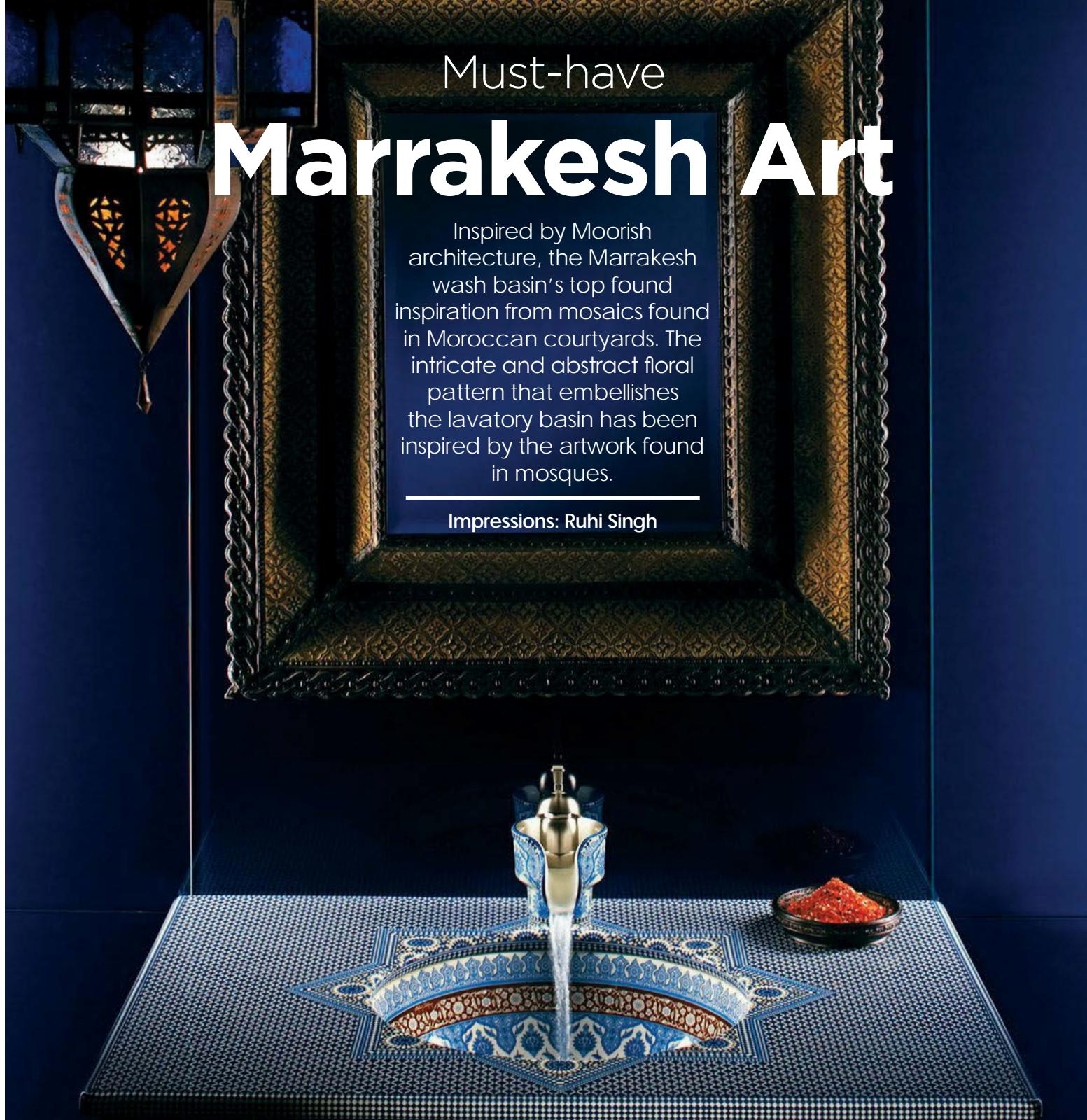
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Must-have Marrakesh Art

Inspired by Moorish architecture, the Marrakesh wash basin's top found inspiration from mosaics found in Moroccan courtyards. The intricate and abstract floral pattern that embellishes the lavatory basin has been inspired by the artwork found in mosques.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

MARRAKESH by Kohler,
₹2,45,800



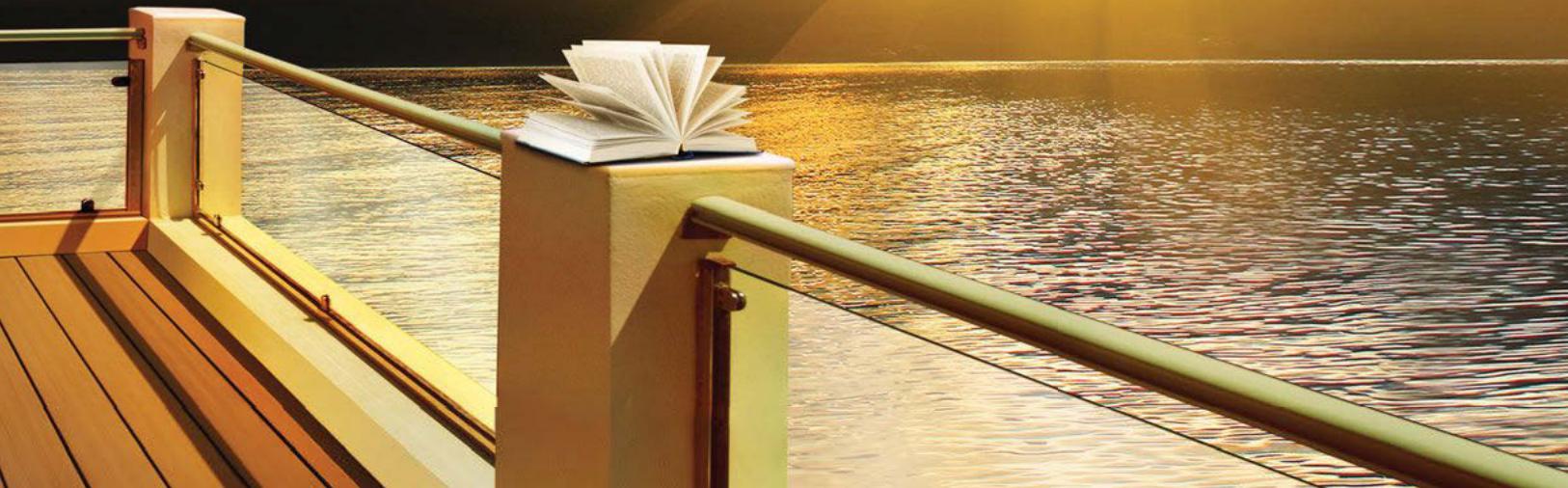
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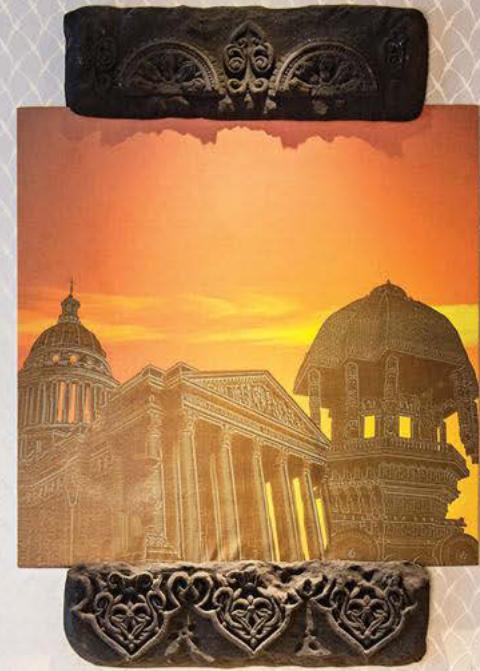
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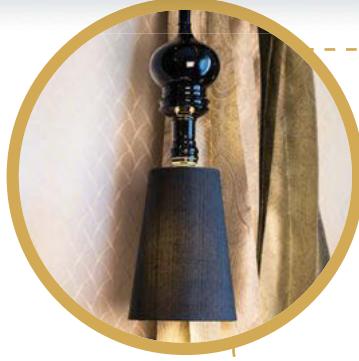
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Elements from elegant French decor and the best of local culture come together to make for a luxe chic space.

Impressions: Keshia D'souza
Images: Prachi Damle



LAMPS

A hanging lamp shade is a brilliant decor piece as it not only adds style to the room but also helps optimise space.

ARTWORK

A Tale of Two Cities, custom-created by French designer Isabelle Miaja, show historical monuments from India merging with landmarks from France, allowing you to experience the culture of two different cities in one place.



CUSHIONS

Teaming bright self-coloured cushions with paisley ones give a unique contemporary look to the space while bringing in an Indian ethos to your home decor.

WALLPAPER

Paisley designs, originating in Kashmir and often found on shawls can be used as a wall fabric—just like Empress Josephine, the wife of Napoleon, who used Kashmiri shawls as cushion covers at her palace.





Beguile Combinations

Karim Rashid has introduced new additions to the Nafir line, featuring functional products that are part sculpture and beautiful even with the lights off. Besides, the ace designer continues his collaboration with BoConcept to bring out the B-spline LED floor lamp, available in different colours.



Refined Italianism

Precious pieces of furniture are an expression of a lifestyle that interprets tradition in innovative terms, revealing a contemporary *art de vivre*. In keeping with this, Fendi Casa's new collection for 2015 is all about refined Italianism.





Revised Tradition

The thali, this tray which invites abundance, is revisited by No-Mad. Redesigned in the colours of the brand—off white, black, red, plum, apple green, and with a cord stringing on the handles, it comes in five sizes to easily blend with life and tradition.



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Maitland-Smith's new line of fine home decor accessories include table lamps and uplighters, decorative objects d' art, planters, vases, candle stands, bronzes and pedestals.

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Silver Lining

Make your kids feel special with Ravissant's silver baby collection. Inspired by stories and fairy tales and more, it features silver plates, bowls, spoons, forks, glasses and photo frames. All pieces are handcrafted in sterling silver with enameling and contains 92.5 per cent of silver.



Intermingling Designs

The Tama Table by Walter Knoll, D&M is perfect in its balance of lightness and weight, simplicity and complexity. This dynamism in this occasional table demonstrates the fine art of sculptural design.



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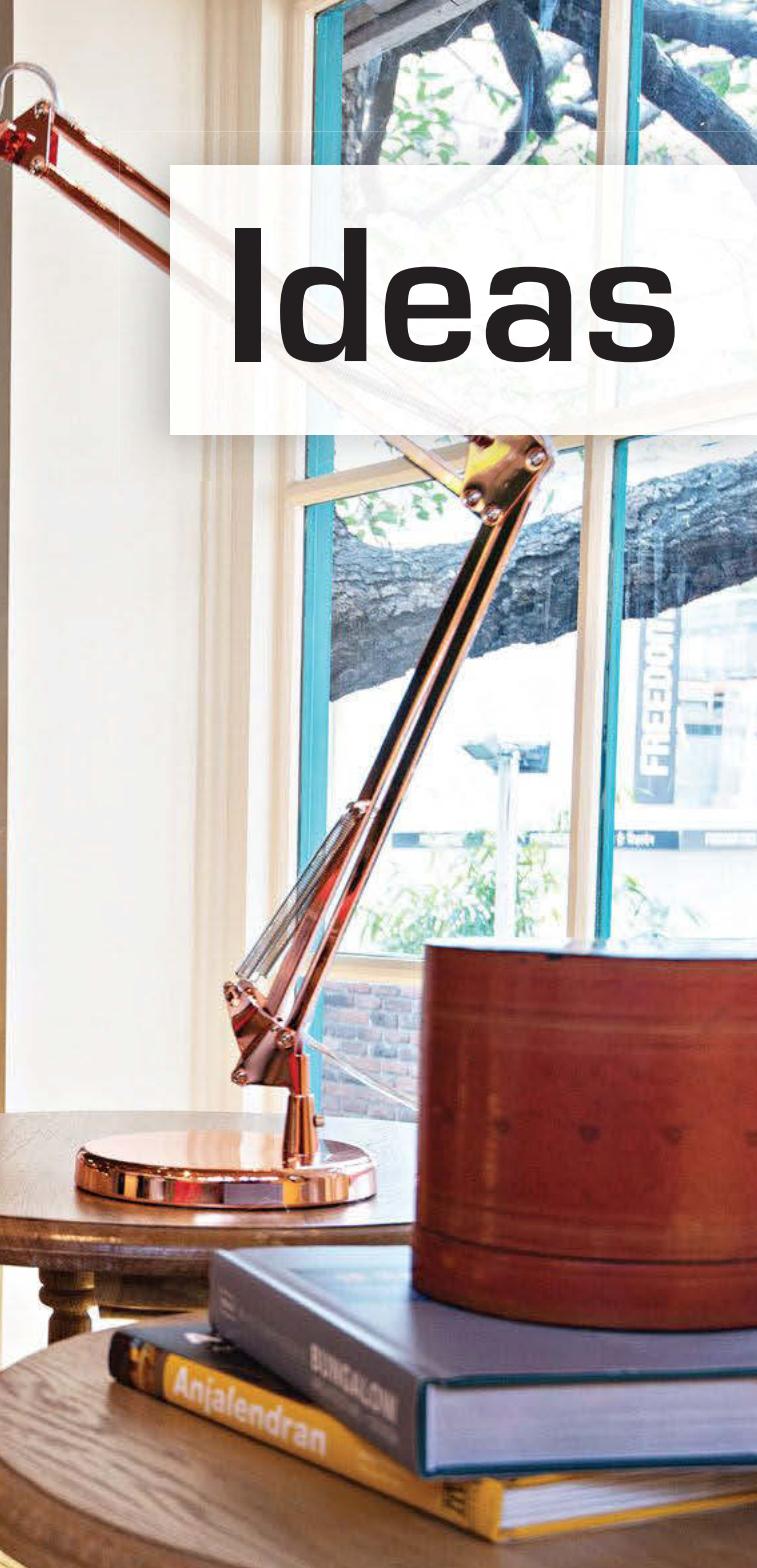
The wide range of Royal Universe washbasins from Keuco, with widths from 500 mm to a twin washbasin of 1,300 mm, provides a handy solution for every bathroom—from the small guest bathroom to the large family bathroom. The elegantly shaped ceramic washbasin looks both delicate and elegant. With its wide edges, this bathroom feature offers plenty of storage space.



Casual Chic

A barn, a bazaar, a garage or an outhouse converted into a home is the inspiration behind this new collection from PortsideCafe. The Barn Collection lends a vintage and a slightly rustic look to your home.

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RUSTIC AND VINTAGE



Five living trends for you

QUIRKY



ETHNIC/ TRADITIONAL



Taj Konkan Cafe Image: Prachi Damle

Want to add character to your home? Rather than cramming the rooms with clever little ideas, opt for an overarching theme that not only looks great but is easily achievable. Here are five designer looks that won't go away anytime soon, making your home uber chic.

Impressions: Keshia Dsouza & Benoy Sebastian



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Check out this flat in Pune by Ar. Shitesh Agrawal which gets plenty of natural light and is also fitted with different lighting options.

Top tips for a luxury home

- Opt for a variety of lighting. These designer pieces not only add glamour to the space but brighten up the room as well.
- There is no clutter in a ultra-luxe home. You can go for transparent furniture that lends spaciousness as well while lending a tidy look.
- Choose softer metallic finishes such as bronze, brass and burnished gold, particularly in the bathroom, kitchen and other unconventional spaces, for a sophisticated touch.
- When it comes to your luxury flooring, stick to the classical selection i.e. natural stone flooring for an extravagant touch. An alternative to this is luxury vinyl tiles that come in many chic options.



Goldmine Project Consultant



"I BELIEVE THAT AN INTERIOR MUST HOLD THE VIEWER'S INTEREST. THE SPACES MUST REVEAL THEMSELVES IN SEQUENCE, MUCH LIKE A GOOD FILM."

- Ar. Shitesh Agrawal, Pune

This home by Goldmine Project Consultant is spacious with an innovative layout.





Top tips for a modern contemporary home

- Make your home look larger than it is. Deck your flooring with smaller rugs and similar furnishings rather than a full carpeted space as this creates an illusion of space.
- Stick to white as your base colour for all spaces. For white flooring, choose glazed ceramic tiles for easy maintenance.
- When it comes to your modern contemporary kitchen or bathroom space, it's all about functionality. So, make sure the cabinetry is wall-mounted.
- Another defining characteristic for your contemporary home is comfort. Thus, it's important to have a good flow of space through well-connected rooms.



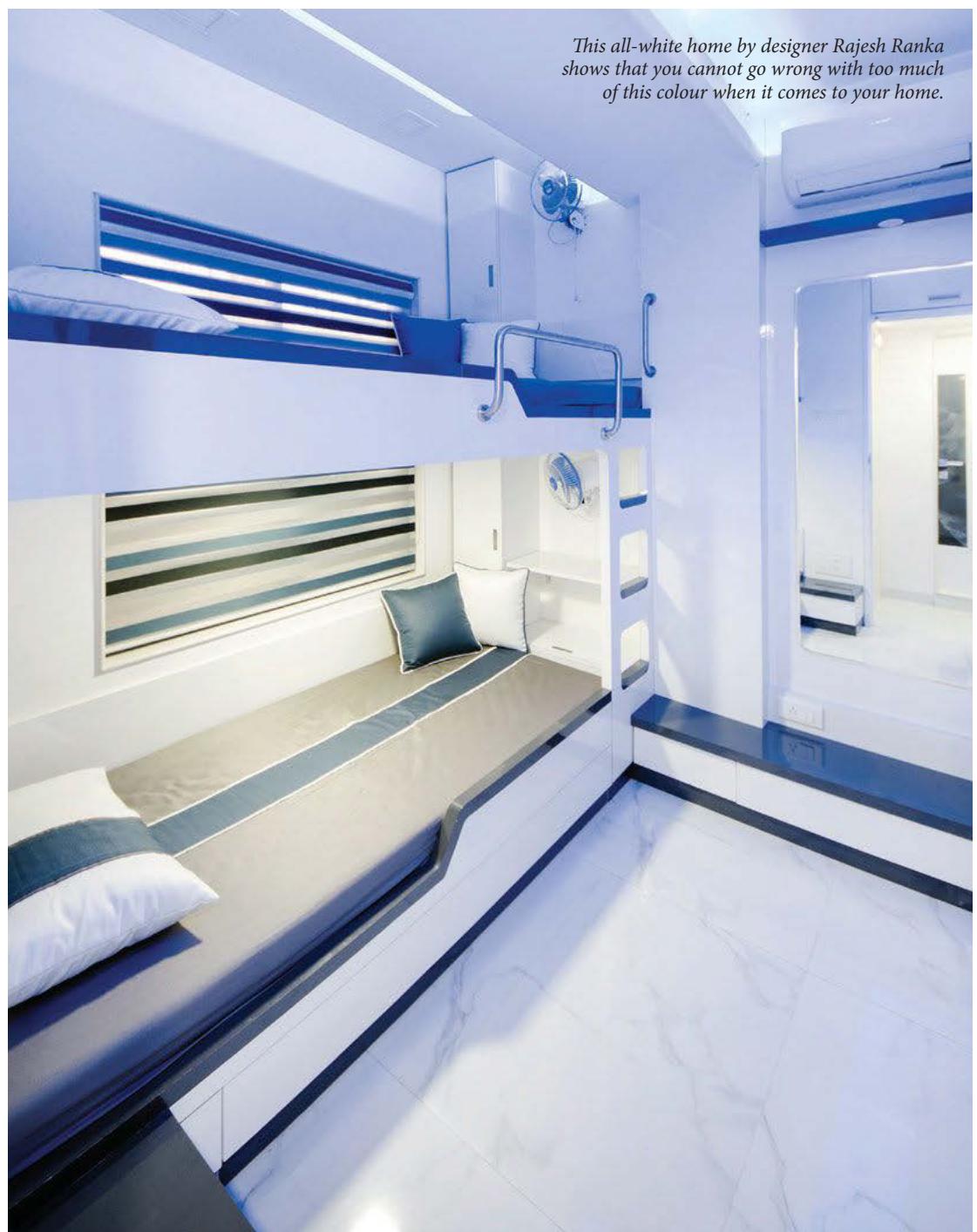
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Italy-based architect and interior designer Monica Armani has done this home with different heights for the ceiling to create dynamism, warmth and intimacy across spaces.



"FOR ME, TO GET A CONTEMPORARY SPACE TO LIVE IS TO HAVE OPEN SPACES, ONE CONNECTED TO ANOTHER AND USABLE IN VARIOUS WAYS."

- Ar. Monica Armani



This all-white home by designer Rajesh Raska shows that you cannot go wrong with too much of this colour when it comes to your home.

Haute This Month

Image: Prachi Damle



Krsna Mehta's home is filled with his own creations and mementos from travels that spells out his personality.

Top tips for a quirky home

- Your quirky home should feature at least one element in an unconventional way.
- Go for bold and bright coloured stripes that give an eye-popping effect to the home.
- When doing up your quirky space, spend more time in sourcing for artworks from local artists or those that use unusual media to showcase their work.
- The most fun part in doing a quirky space is mixing and matching decor styles. Keep to two or three decor schemes for a classy feel.



The oversized collage of family photos in this home by H5 Design is a good example of an unconventional feature.



Krsna Mehta



Top tips for a rustic or vintage home

- Juxtaposing modern and rustic touches has become the go-to trend for any homeowner who wants to decorate their home in this style.
- Your rustic/vintage home look cannot be complete without the distressed effect. Adopt this style either through the furniture or on the walls.
- Look to old movie posters, books, photographs when selecting the colours for your rustic home. Pastel colours with wooden finishes work best if you are not looking to go all-out for a vintage style.
- Another must-have for your rustic home is fresh flowers, and when it comes to these, it's just as essential to decorate with what you like.

This home by architect Brinda Somaya features minimal lighting options for a rustic touch. You can even go in for an only candle lit space for one section of the home.



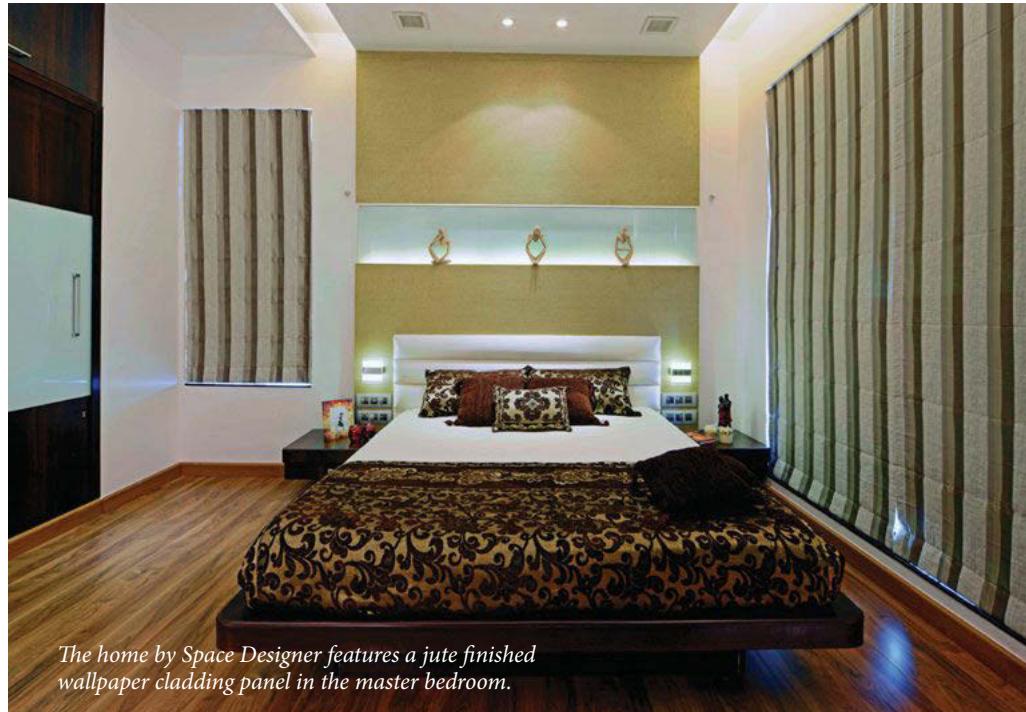
Take inspiration from this charming home by designer Shabnam Gupta.



Take inspiration from this home by Goldmine Project Consultant which is a fusion of contemporary and Kerala styles.

Top tips for an ethnic or traditional home

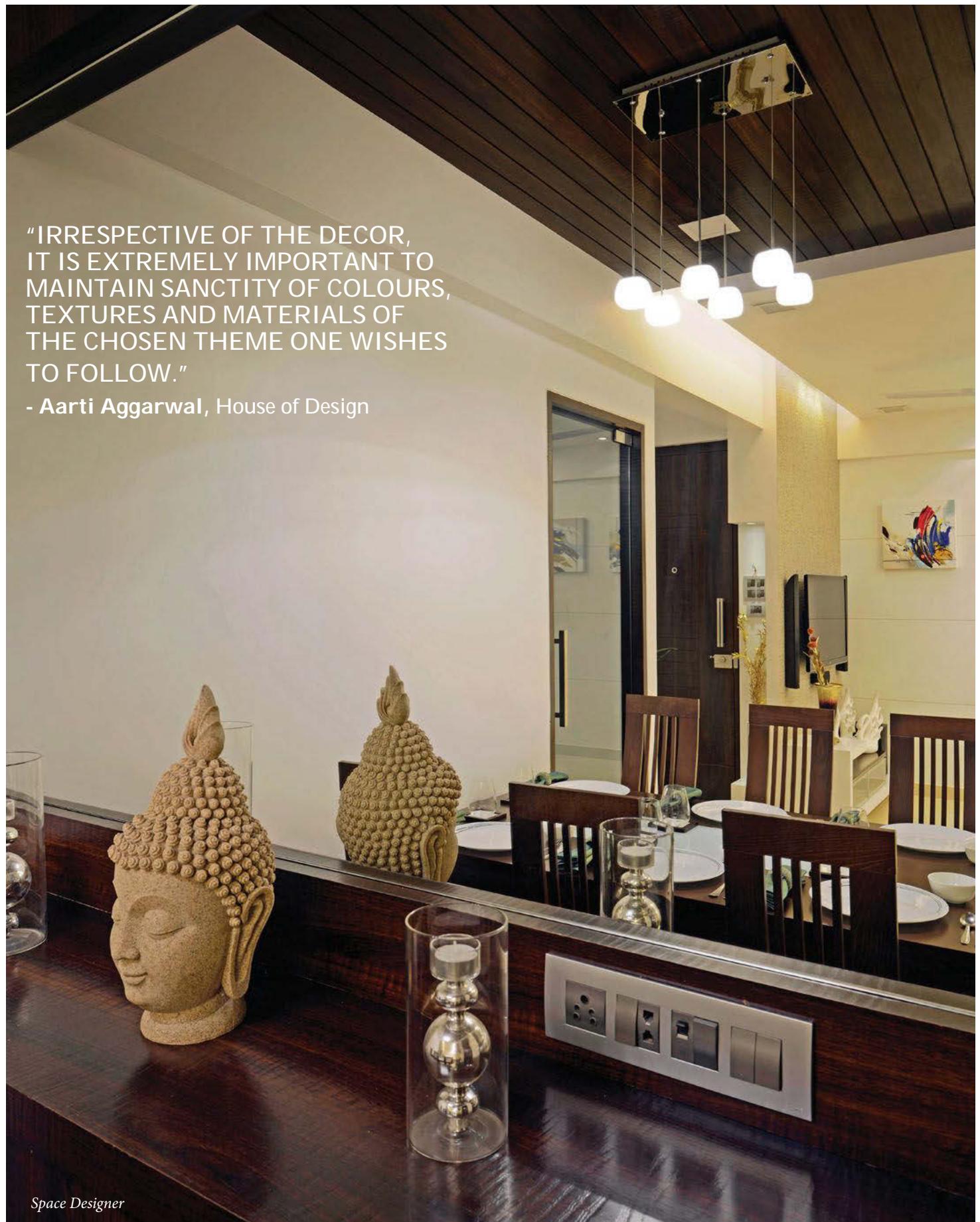
- Use traditional touches as accents to decorate your home space—look for eye-catching pieces or furniture pieces to ensure that it is suitably noticeable.
- Printed cotton blinds help lend a traditional appeal to your home while serving a functional need.
- Any traditional- or ethnic-inspired home decor must be warm and inviting in tone. Use plenty of wooden accents and bright colours for the spaces.
- For furnishings, select larger scale prints to give that ethnic appeal.



The home by Space Designer features a jute finished wallpaper cladding panel in the master bedroom.

"IRRESPECTIVE OF THE DECOR, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN SANCTITY OF COLOURS, TEXTURES AND MATERIALS OF THE CHOSEN THEME ONE WISHES TO FOLLOW."

- Aarti Aggarwal, House of Design

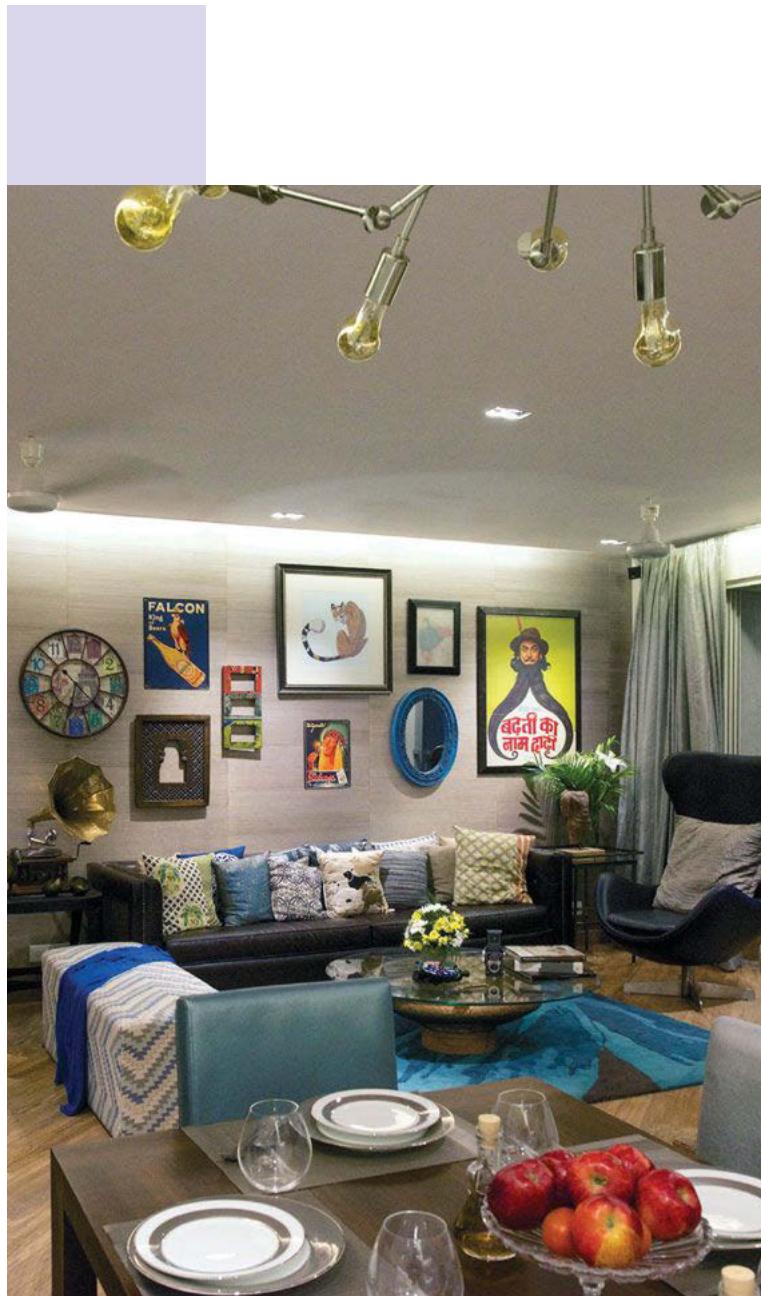


Space Designer

Single *in the city*



P S Design



Living all by yourself? Planning on investing in a tiny pad? These designer-approved décor ideas are just what you should be taking inspiration from.

Impressions: Keshia Dsouza & Benoy Sebastian



Special Feature

Home to Him



Dulux's Colour Trend for Him

Young, urban, office going individuals are quite secure and confident in their choice of living well now-a-days. With change in a single individual's lifestyle, the home too tends to mirror the homeowner's personal style. Shabnam Gupta, Principal Designer, The Orange Lane, has created stylish spaces for single people, both male and female. She concurs, "Typically, bachelor homes would be more experimental in their material; for example, concrete floorings and strong use of colours in the entire space, not conventional furniture."

Dulux's new colour trends for the new year also acknowledges the showcase of masculine and feminine characteristics in the home space. The "Him+Her" style can be applied and used for decoration in different types of rooms such as the bedroom, workspace, living room or kitchen. Dulux recommends painting dark blue and slate grey on the



walls with decorations in black leather chairs and dark furniture as perfect living for men.

Let's take a look at a few bachelor pads for inspiration on cutting-edge designs and home styling ideas.



Special Feature



This home is designed and owned by Kaizad Dinshaw of Nitido Design Studio. This boutique one bedroom, living, and kitchen space is spread across 660 sq. ft. area and is situated in Bandra West, Mumbai. The designer has gone for his signature style of quality

traditional materials and fine Indian craftsmanship used in a completely modern context to define the look of his home. It has handcrafted genuine hardwood furniture, natural limestone floors, granite window frames, LED lighting and central air-conditioning for absolute comfort.



Special Feature



AR. PRASHANT CHAUHAN, ZERO 9

This home has been designed by architect Prashant Chauhan who has adopted bright colours and unconventional hidden storage solutions for multi-functional space. He recommends adding colour, subtle paintings, graphic art and flower arrangements for a comfortable feel and to personalise the space, without overcrowding it."



Trends in Bachelor Pads

- Bachelor homes are more individual-oriented than family-oriented.
- The trend would be to definitely knock off maximum walls and open up the entire space to make it look like one.
- Opt for moldable designs to be able to create isolated spaces as required but enjoy the space as a whole most of the time. Gone are the days where bachelor homes were all about being sloppy with a couple of beanbags thrown around, tight budget and foldable furniture.

- Shabnam Gupta

Home to Her

Despite that bachelors are widely identified with their pads, bachelorettes, too, have a clear sense of how they want their homes to look and feel. While both

styles are quite easily distinguishable from one another, the bachelorette's home embodies a chic appeal and strong reflection of her personality, just like her male counterpart.



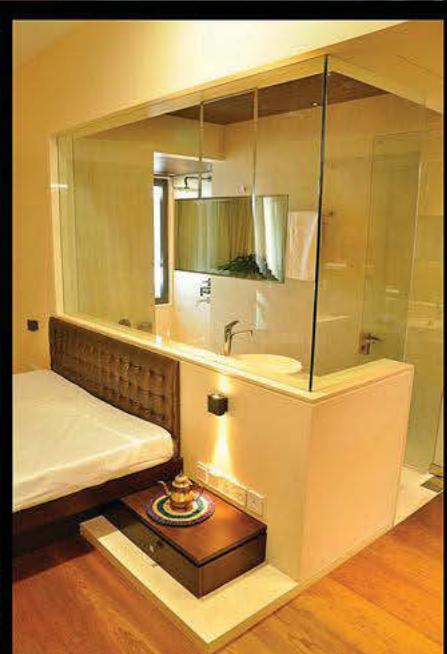
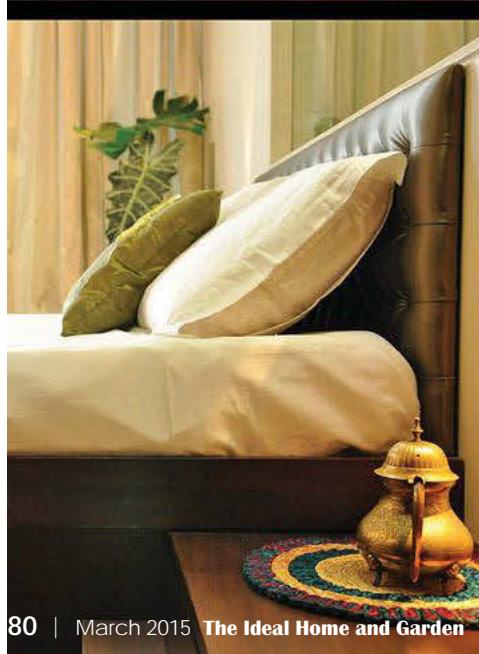
Dulux's Colour Trend for Him

Colour Tips

Dulux's Him+ Her colour trend is part of the ColourFutures developed by a panel of worldwide colour experts assembled by AkzoNobel's Global Aesthetic Center. This global paints company and manufacturer of Dulux, believes that colour plays a key role in inspiring and evoking emotions and mood. As for colours used in women's spaces, Dulux recommends damson, powder pink and cream.



Special Feature





Ar Rubel Dhuna has designed this 660 sq. ft. living cum work space for a single artist living in Singapore. The studio is located in the art district of South Mumbai and features one bedroom and a studio space with an open kitchen. The home

has a meditative, restful quality about it, which the designer has brought about by breaking down most of the internal barriers (walls) and magnifying volumes to allow the outside into the home, giving the space a superfluous quality.

Editor's Pick

EXCLUSIVE

GLOBAL CHIC



Sarita Handa's successful journey continues with the tapping of a new destination in Mumbai, spearheaded through a joint effort between two forces—Suparna Handa and Rahul Puri. We visited the store to get design inspirations from elegantly put together creations and a modern, fresh and relaxed ambience.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian Images: Prachi Damle
Anchored By: Keshia Dsouza



Editor's Pick

Earlier this year, high-end home textile and décor trend setter, Sarita Handa, put down another milestone with the set up of a home décor store, covering around 2,500 sqft area, at Mumbai's Mahalaxmi area. The new store is housed in a standalone property with ample natural light, a hanger-like industrial ceiling, multi-level mezzanine floor, a small green courtyard and the highlight—a beautiful Banyan tree standing

within. The loft-like three-tiered structure along with the merchandising and Sarita Handa products, opens itself to the feeling of entering a home. As you push past the teal doors of the entrance, you will see an amalgamation of fresh contemporary looks and old world antique charms, made all the more special by a welcoming antique stone Buddha sculpture. The modern and immensely liveable space has a soothing colour palette designed to



The modern and immensely liveable space has a soothing colour palette.





"WE HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN IN THE BUSINESS
OF CREATING CLASSICS."
— Suparna Handa,
Brand Director

Editor's Pick



Design inspirations grab you right away at the store with this home corner set-up greeting visitors.



showcase each piece to its fullest—with products displayed in small groupings and concepts.

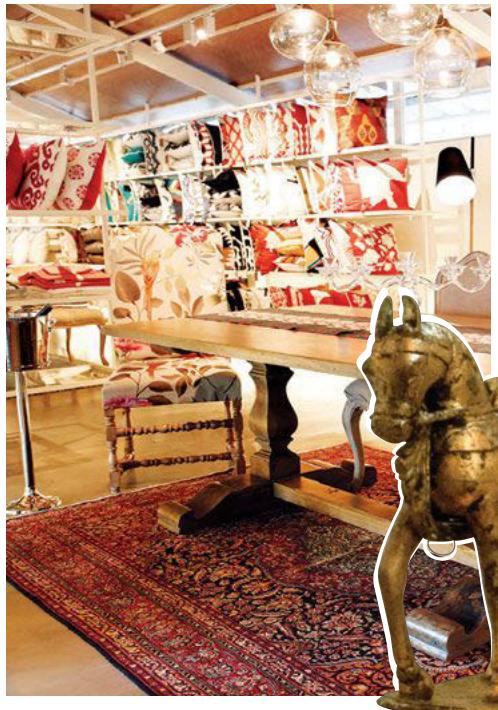
THE COLLECTION

Sarita Handa is all about pure designs with a clear focus on uncompromisable craftsmanship. The store showcases new designs influenced by everything from rustic houses to chic urban spaces. The pieces are done in warm tones, ranging from earthy neutrals to fashionable grays and dark rich mochas—all lending an organic feel



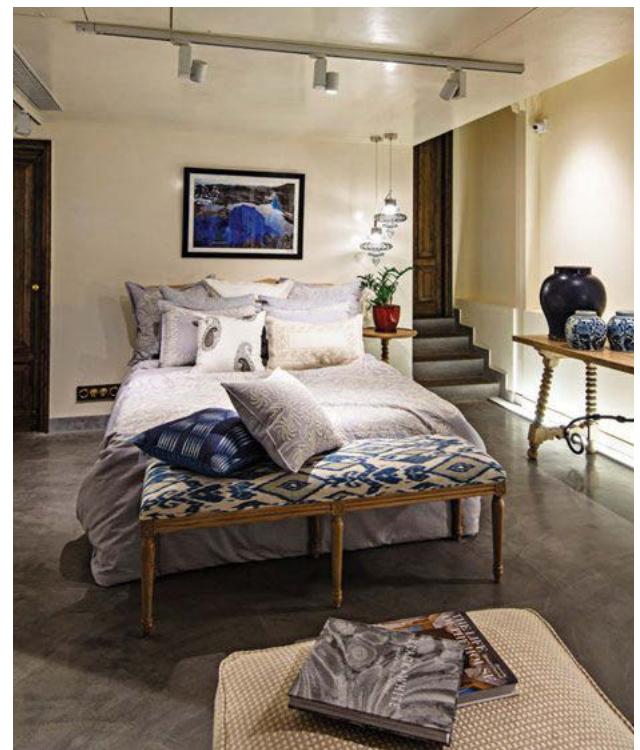
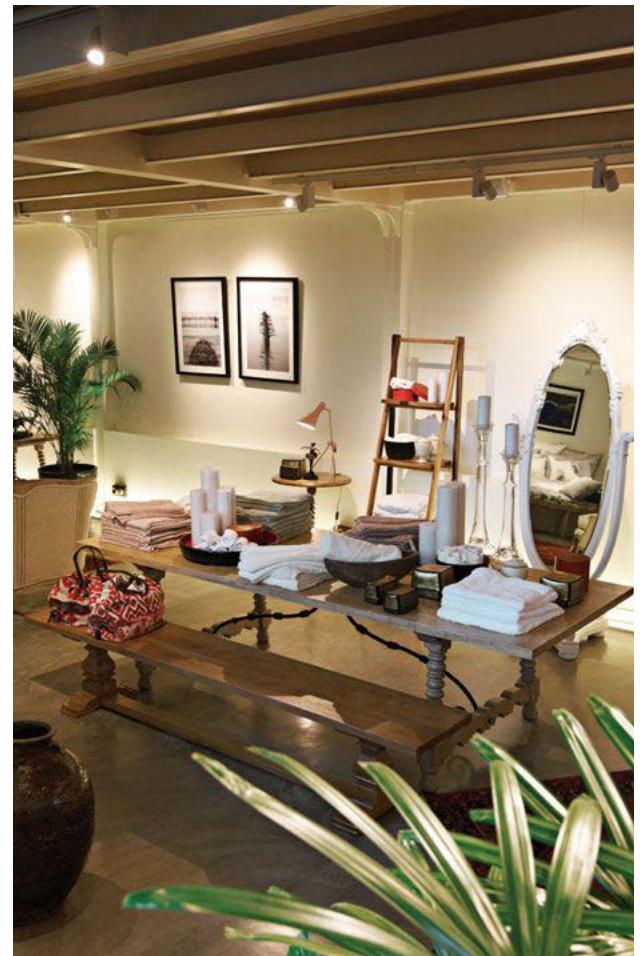
Editor's Pick

to your space. Designs inspired from scroll pattern of chateau gates, embroideries done by nuns in a French convent and antique laces reinvent the past to present alluring and lively home styles.





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Bespoke SPACES

Anuradha Bhalla and Jeena Shetty's new space styling venture, Fabula Rasa, in Mumbai is a fine combination of elegance alongside a sense of daring.

Impressions: Keshia Dsouza | Images: Prachi Damle
Anchored by: Benoy Sebastian





Fabula Rasa's space styling services integrate furniture, art, lights and accessories to complete the look of your home and other personal spaces. The furniture line is designed inhouse whereas the lights and accessories are sourced in line with the brand's philosophy.





A varied use of staining/polishing techniques allow for extensive colour play the furniture line. Fabula Rasa also heavily features handpainted patterns, metal bases for tables, consoles, mirrors and other accent pieces.

"OUR ART OFFERING IS A COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES BY ESTABLISHED AND CONTEMPORARY INDIAN ARTISTS. THE LIVE ART INSTALLATION IN THE STORE IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE WONDERFUL OPTION OF INTEGRATING A 3D ELEMENT ONTO FLAT SURFACES TO CREATE THAT PIECE DE RESISTANCE OF YOUR HOUSE."

- Anuradha Bhalla





"THE FASHION AND HOME INTERIORS WORLD IS PRIMARILY DOMINATED BY BOLLYWOOD STARS AND INDUSTRIALIST WIVES WHO HAVE DIFFERENT SENSIBILITIES AND TARGET AUDIENCE. OUR FOCUS IS ON COMBINING STYLE WITH WORKABILITY TO OFFER OPTIONS THAT ARE HIGH ON DESIGN AND CUSTOMIZATION."

- Jeena Shetty



The IT Store



The furniture follows the contemporary design language but with classic detailing. Wood and paint, two traditional tools of furniture design, are used with a new freedom to achieve distinctive details.



The fashion line offers multi-designer labels in Indian and Western styles. New and established designers share shelf space in a selection of semi formal and formal ensembles.





Artitude by Design

Jugaad Factory is a place where an unusual combination of materials are used to create innovative products. Handcrafted, handpainted, printed or personalized as required, it also undertakes projects on wall art and installations for offices, stores and homes. Rajeev Saran fills us in on what the group has been up to lately.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh
Images: Jugaad Factory



How did you discover that dead things can be brought back to life?

I saw people throwing things as junk and garbage. I realised these products have too much potential in terms of material strength. It's just that people are not aware of the right usage or putting them back to a right shape. This is where I stepped in. I got my hands on a few interesting tools to make pieces of art. These products included bottles, wooden planks, pots, stools, etc. And, the end result is amazing.

How would you describe your style?

My style is to create something new around a product that has already had an existence. The initial stage of product making has many challenges but it is also right to say that the end result is fun.

Talk more about the challenges you face in bringing out creations under Jugaad Factory...

We invest a lot of our time in research and development. We are in the process of launching a range of new products for our buyers this year. We are also working on new strategies for the brand that will include marketing activities to increase visibility amongst the right customers. The journey so far has been fruitful. What we are churning out of Jugaad Factory is unique in the market and we don't have any competitors as such.



What would you describe as being key to your success?

Each project comes to us with a challenge. But after achieving the required design, texture and colour, and getting the product to reach the stage where I can call it a divine piece of art is what we look forward to. This requires a lot of research and hard work. And, I feel success comes along with hard work.

Tell us more about the new product range from Jugaad Factory. Any plans to cater to new segments?

We've come out with quirky posters, kitchen prayers, colourful lamps, painted pots, shoes, T-shirts and much more. For upcoming product range, we would like to keep it covered for few months. But, just to give you an idea, the brand will be launching technical products for home use. Apart from selling our products on known e-portals, we also plan to launch our own online portal for convenient shopping experience.

Where do you get your inspiration from?

I take inspiration from nature, friends, family — actually everything. It's funny but I also

take inspiration from little things in life, while shopping, talking to a friend, staring at an object.

What materials do you enjoy working with the most?

All materials are easy to work with — be it metal, wood, iron, fabric, ceramic, glass or any other. Everything is manmade and you just learn by burning fingers.

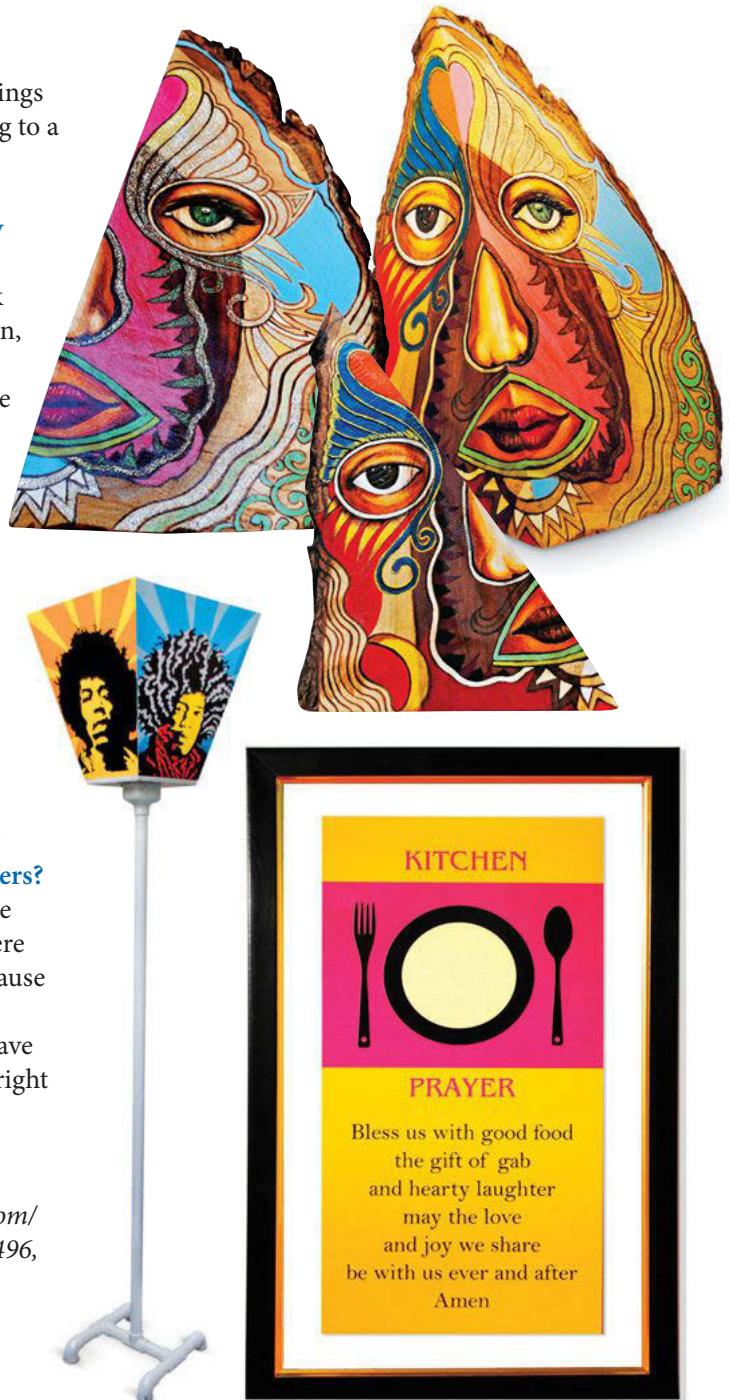
According to you, is design an art or a science?

Design is a mix of art and science. Because you can't create a divine piece without the use of some kind of technology. So, both art and science go hand-in-hand.

What advice do you have for young and upcoming designers?

Believe in yourself and believe in the design. Join places where you can grow your talent because everything will not be in the books. It is always better to have a firsthand experience and a right teacher.

To know more about Jugaad Factory, visit www.facebook.com/JugaadFactory or visit: D-3/3496, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 70.



THE Thinking ARTIST

Jenny Bhatt's spiritual growth as an artist is defined as much by her mental faculties as by her creativity. This Mumbai—based artist believes that art should move you emotionally and intellectually.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian

Jenny Bhatt, an established artist who has been exhibiting her work since the mid—nineties, has evolved over time. This is, in part, owing to her experimental style and the exposure to the creative possibilities offered by technology when working at a digital design studio. Now, she is engaged in solo and group exhibitions along with publishing pieces on art. Across her chosen media, the colours come across as vibrant and the strokes as free. Positivity exudes from her works. Most are about colour and through colour, the exploration of the self. As far as influences go, she borrows images from different sources like Vedantic Theory and Pop Art. The award—winning artist has

never viewed art and design as being hierarchical or completely separable. Her style can be classified as pop surrealist or neo—pop. Over time, humour has also become an integral part of her individual voice, and now she has started exploring it in various forms—painting, writing, digital interactive pieces, sculptural objects, design and most recently, stand up comedy. “My work is concerned with the urban mind, especially, the urban Indian feminine identity,” says Jenny, who believes in a ‘whole brain approach’—rather than an intuitive one to art, which she defines as “Creative as well as pragmatic”.

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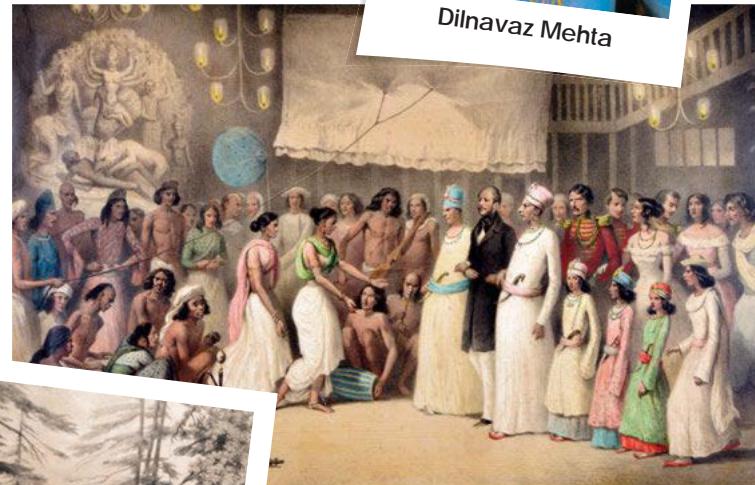
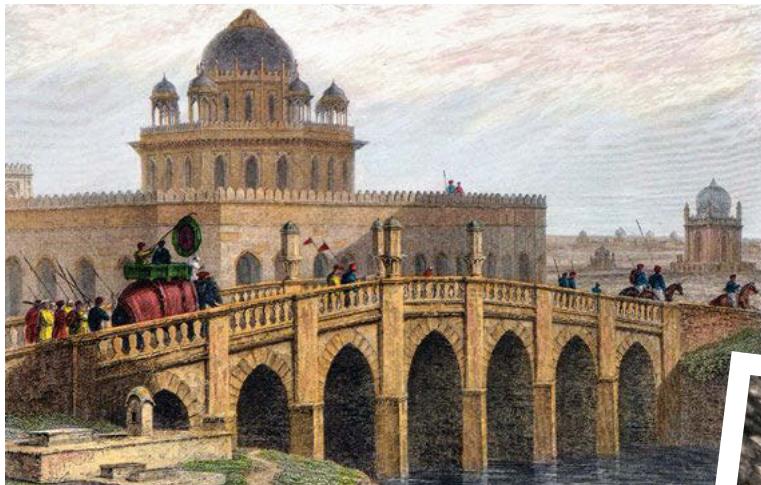
Aesthetic EXCELLENCE

Would you dedicate your career to tracking old books, maps and paintings? Dilnavaz Mehta has undertaken such an enterprise through Rare Finds and Hindoostan Revisited.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian



Dilnavaz Mehta



Art historian and entrepreneur, Dilnavaz Mehta's personal interest in old books and ancient Indian history culminated into the set up of art curating companies, Rare Finds and Hindoostan Revisited. Following the completion of a post graduation in Indian Aesthetics along with specialization in artworks and the history of Indian art created during the sixteenth to nineteenth century, Dilnavaz strove to create awareness about rare, fascinating and historically relevant books, maps and prints from Indian history through various platforms. Rare Finds is a source for purchasing antiquarian maps and books related to India (or Hindoostan) whereas you can source antiquarian lithographs, etchings, engravings, aquatints, water colours and prints from Hindoostan Revisited.

Dilnavaz's extensive research, along with an experience of more than

20 years in the field, makes these companies a great source for art connoisseurs. Through them, she endeavours to provide good quality and genuine pieces of antiquarian maps, books and prints at affordable prices. To raise further awareness about rare, fascinating and historically relevant Indian artifacts, Dilnavaz also curates regular exhibitions in Mumbai. These much-awaited exhibitions make for popular events in the cultural and art calendars of the city.

To view the latest collection by appointment, get in touch via Email: info.rarefinds@gmail.com, hindoostanrevisited@gmail.com Call: (022) 2412 1347 / +91 98202 22062

Kitchen CAPERS

Move over the mundane. Kirit Joshi, Director, Spacewood, shares ideas to make sure your cooking haven makes for a lasting impression.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh | Images: Spacewood



The Ibiza kitchen has an organic shape and smooth curves. The best part about this design is that it comes with no sharp corners. "Your dream of owning a private island comes true with the Ibiza kitchen. The shutters are high gloss lacquered and comes in array of colours," says Kirit Joshi, Director, Spacewood.



Special Feature



A huge kitchen designed using a combination of drawers and tall units with a big island, this ultra-modern looking kitchen uses Blum Intivo fittings enabling them to carry loads upto 50 kilos each. The worktop uses corian to achieve 100 mm thick look. "The island serves the dual function of cleaning and serving, thus making cooking a complete experience," suggests Kirit.





"The kitchen creates a great fusion of wood and glossy elements. Using dark walnut finish in engineered wood shutters and open units in high gloss ivory acrylic ply, it's perfect for informal dining," suggests Kirit. Specially designed floating base units can bear up to 300 kilos and the cabinets come in a simple yet sleek look. The highlight of the kitchen is the super-sized dining-cum-wash area, of course, the unique unit with roll-up shutters in glass.



The back painted glass gives this kitchen a distinct character.

With the hot selling combination, this kitchen is designed using silver foiled shutters in a ribbed look along with wenge shutters. A space divider separates the kitchen work counter and a higher serving counter makes it an ideal bar counter.

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IRON REVOLUTION

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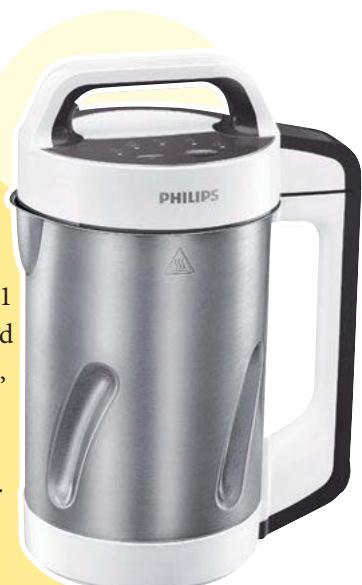
LG's latest invention the Smart Inverter 2.0 Refrigerators have taken the market by storm. With its unique smart connect feature along with a smart inverter compressor and smart diagnosis, it is sure to make the lives of its consumers easy. Above all, it's good for users who have UPS/battery.

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SOUP IT UP

Philips Soup Maker is a class act. The all-new HR 2201 is a combination of a boiler and a blender, and cooks delicious, healthy soup in minutes. Its drip spout ensures the soup doesn't spill while pouring.

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CUTTING-EDGE DESIGNS

Franke Faber India Limited will offer superior features, advanced technology and award-winning designs. Franke's current offerings include kitchen sinks, taps and bio-waste disposers targeted at the top-end and mid-segment market. This apart, Franke has also launched a collection of luxurious products such as hobs, hoods, built-in ovens, microwaves, deep fryers, barbeques, dishwashers, refrigerators and coffee machines. Price on request.



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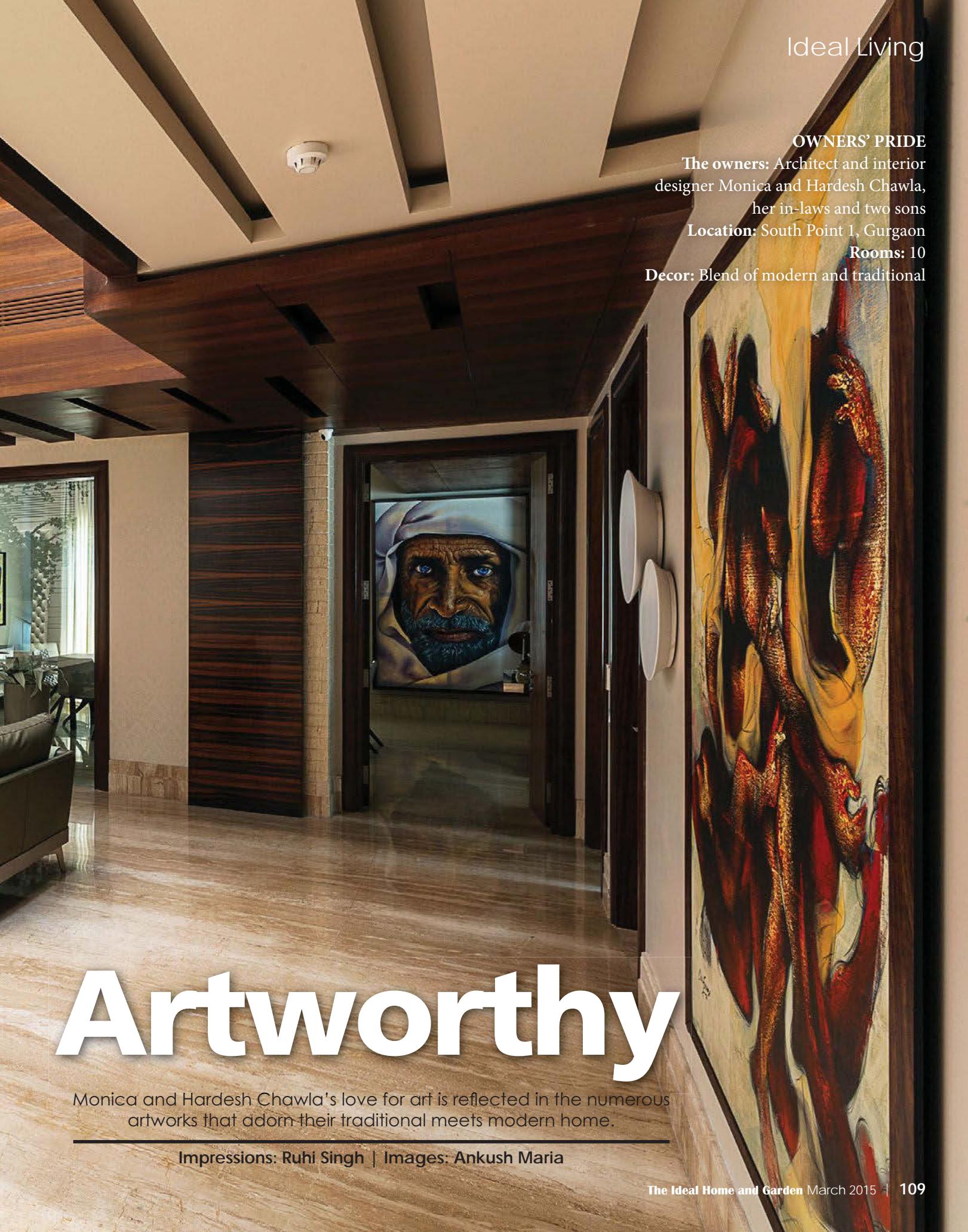
OWNERS' PRIDE

The owners: Architect and interior designer Monica and Hardesh Chawla, her in-laws and two sons

Location: South Point 1, Gurgaon

Rooms: 10

Decor: Blend of modern and traditional



Artworthy

Monica and Hardesh Chawla's love for art is reflected in the numerous artworks that adorn their traditional meets modern home.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh | Images: Ankush Maria

Although a traditional home feature, a courtyard is still sought-after by the discerning homeowner. It allows making use of the outdoors in privacy while having other multiple uses. For the Chawlas, the courtyard is a symbol of luxury.

"The idea was to create a space that was not just functional but also emanated an awe-inspiring feel. The grandeur has been achieved through a 40 ft. high courtyard with a life-

like tree in the center. The space is truly a modern interpretation of the traditional courtyard built around a tree," shares owner Monica Chawla, who runs a design and build firm with her husband.

ART INCLINED

The couple's personal interest in art is seen on almost every wall in the home. "We are not into abstract forms of art. We love figurative works by Satish Gujral, Dibyendu Bhadra, Mrinmoy



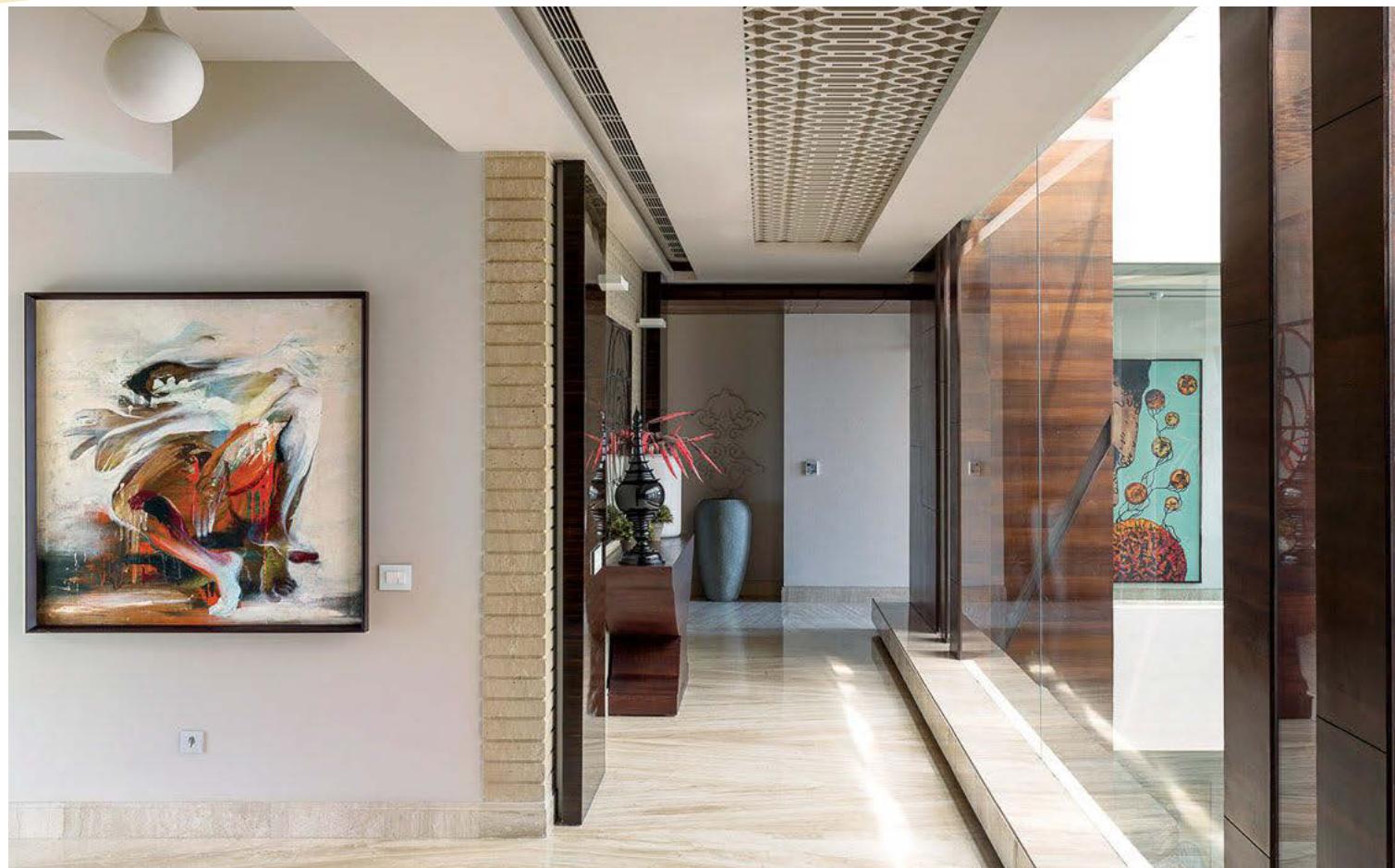
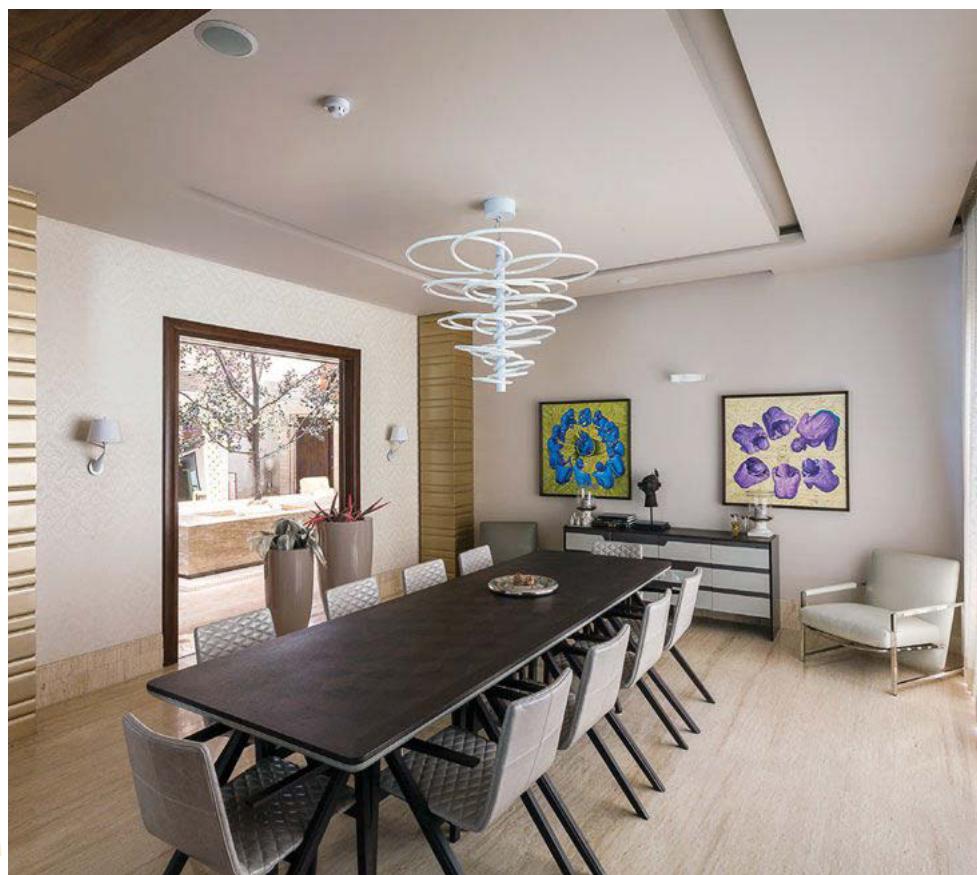


Ideal Living

Barua, among others," shares Monica.

The home's furniture is mostly straight lined with an emphasis on easy maintenance. Couches are leather finished and the palette is kept neutral. Colour has been introduced through accent pieces like cushions, the artwork and accessories.

Monica believes in the 'less is more' concept for decor. While the overall look is minimalistic, elements have been added to lend a modern appeal. We love the way the interiors are perfectly balanced. They have opted for Tavertine and Dyna marble for flooring and Gwalior stone and Asian walnut claddings for the walls. Multiple seating options and lighting systems in the living area enhance the luxury of

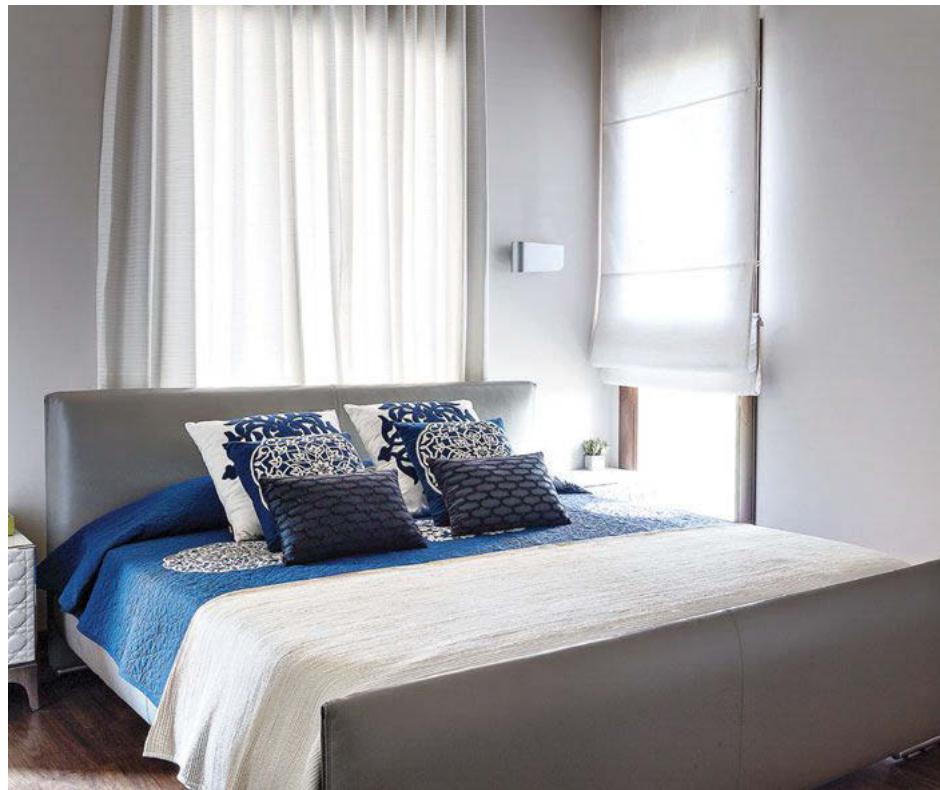




the home. The main living room also features a large, eye-catching canvas artwork depicting Goddess Kaali. The owners have complemented this with an intricate work by Romesh Gurjala.

DEFINED SPACES

The home towers to four floors with each level having a distinct setup. Covering around 20,000 sq. ft. indoor space and 3,500 sq. ft. of outdoor space, the living area, entertainment area, gym,





home office and a theatre room make up the basement and ground levels. The other two floors have been segregated as private quarters. On these levels, the bedrooms are warm and welcoming with huge walk-in closets and plenty of natural lighting. The bathroom features products from Gessi and Villeroy and Boch, and the kitchen is fitted with Bertazoni designs.

The landscaping of the home began at the time when the construction on the plot was undertaken. As a result, “Gulmohars, jacarandas, camellias and laburnums surround the plot and provide an unreal view from any corner inside the house. A large water body situated near the entrance adds to the calming effect. The front lawn features a large sculpture that instantly raises the glam quotient,” tells Monica.

The innate sensibilities of the owners lean towards contemporary style and this is reflected in their home. This stark look is complemented by indigenous touches through jaalis and motifs in traditional patterns seen across the rooms.

Heavenly Delight

There's no better way to lend zest to your holiday than setting your own pace. Head to Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa in Kashmir that will bring you alive with its stunning views, a variety of leisure activities and ultra-luxurious spaces.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh | Images: The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa



Ideal Getaways





You can't know of the heavenly beauty of a place until experienced in person. The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa in Gulmarg is such an other worldly destination that attracts many travellers for its beautiful interiors as well as stunning scenery. "The aim was to provide world-class amenities to travellers and yet keep them close to Kashmir's heritage. We have attended to every detail to make this resort unique," says Sujith Herbert, General Manager.

Situated at an elevation of 8,825 ft. in the Pir Panjal range, The Khyber sits amid seven acres of pristine pine valley. As you step into the resort, soft velvet carpets, handcrafted walnut furniture and walls decorated with beautiful photography give you a

glimpse into the luxury that awaits you at The Khyber.

The resort features 80 rooms, four luxury cottages and the Presidential Cottage. "Each room offers breathtaking panoramic views, either of the peaks or the valleys. The interiors were planned in a way that guests can feel the rich heritage and craftsmanship of Kashmir in the rooms too. From teak wood flooring, embroidered throws to silk carpets—almost every piece brings about the look and feel of Kashmir in every aspect," adds Sujith.

You can opt for the Luxury Balcony Room that features a spacious balcony decked with outdoor furniture. Enjoy your morning and evening coffee here amid snowcapped mountains and pine trees. This room also



Ideal Getaways



comes with an oversized bed, minibar, tea/coffee menu, electronic safe, chest of drawers and other facilities for a more comfortable stay. Yet, the real draw is a separate dressing area that leads to a plush bathroom with a sunken tub, where large windows allow you to enjoy the brilliant views.

When it comes to satiating your hunger pangs, the resort has plenty of options on offer. Sample Wazwan, the plentiful feast served at Kashmiri weddings at Cloves, tastefully decorated to pay homage to the grandeur of the

mountains. It features French windows; Kashmiri sheers and curtains, along with wooden flooring and furniture. The Chaikash Tea Lounge (the name is derived from the Kashmiri term 'soaked tea leaves in') is ideal for enjoying an evening cup of tea. The Tea Lounge and Terrace is an elegant patisserie-cum private-club and a delightful spot to spend quality time. You can enjoy serene views, delectable finger food, and tea in the traditional Kashmir style here. The Tea Lounge opens to a series of cascading



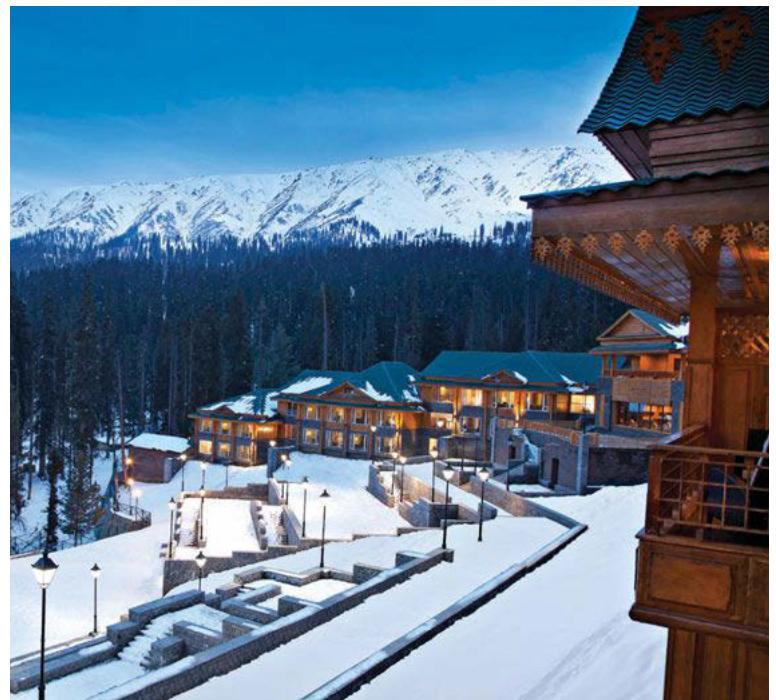


terraces that is perfect for alfresco dining. This space is dotted with numerous fire pits that bring warmth and charm to every level. For those interested in casual dining, Nouf is the restaurant for you. Later in the evening, you will breathe in the distinctive fragrance of forest pines mingled with aroma of freshly grilled meats cooked on coal fired barbecues here.

Another highlight of the resort is The Khyber Spa by L'Occitane, located within The Khyber Wellness Block. This is a great way to unwind after an exhilarating

ski session, or a leisurely walk in the dense woods or meadows. The spa's set up is designed to bring in a touch of Provence to Gulmarg and also presents stunning views of the surrounding across all rooms.

"The Khyber truly embodies the magnificence of Gulmarg. The sprawling resort includes beautifully landscaped gardens and amphitheater, retail outlets, ski shop and more than 10,000 sq. ft. of meeting, banquet and event space to make this stay a lifetime experience," concludes Sujith.



Epitome

Fountainhead in Pune
boasts of lifestyle spaces
par excellence with
spacious apartments and a
plethora of state-of-the-art
amenities on offer.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian
Images: Prachi Damle



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Name of the Project: Fountainhead

Location: Viman Nagar, Pune

The Developer: The Phoenix Mills

Total Number of Units: 86 exclusive units in two towers of 13 floors each

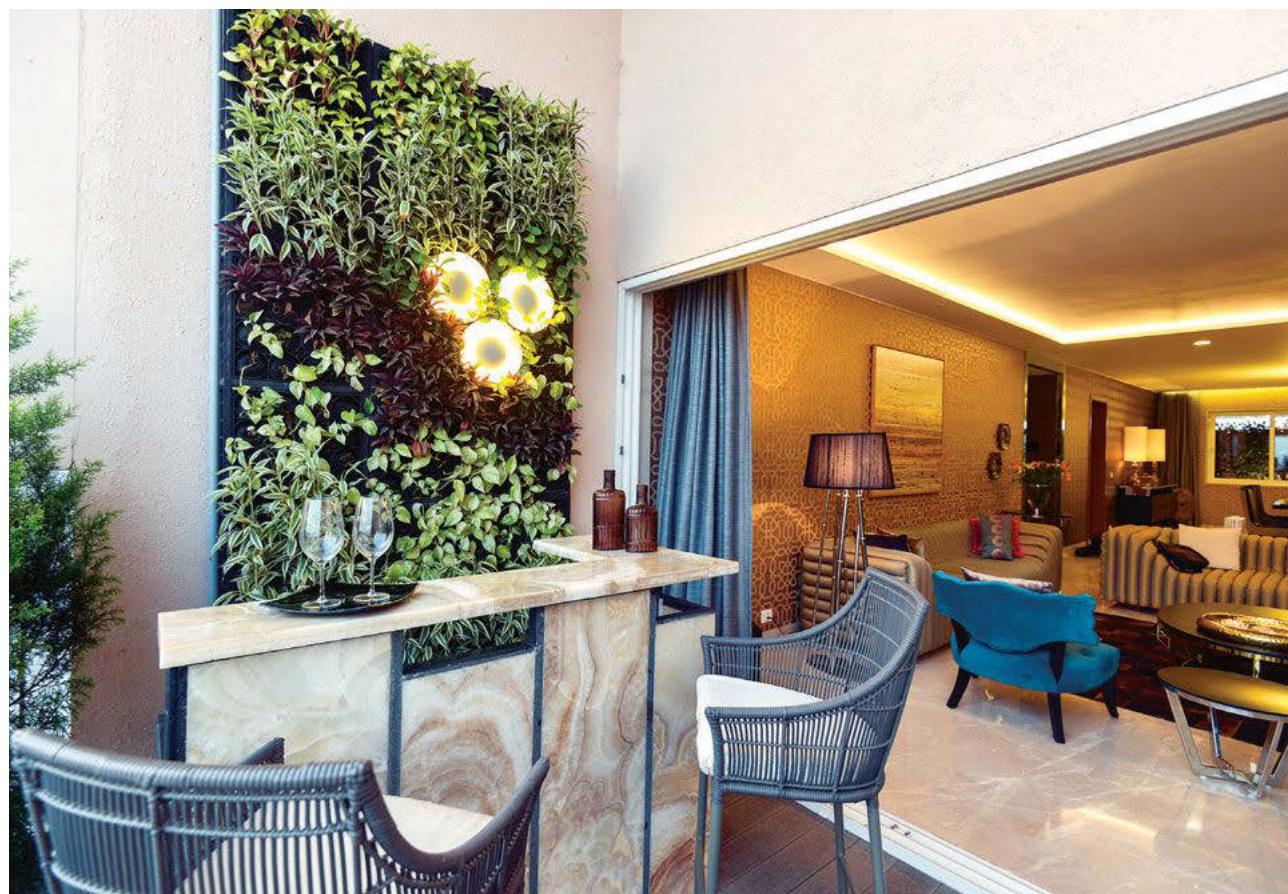
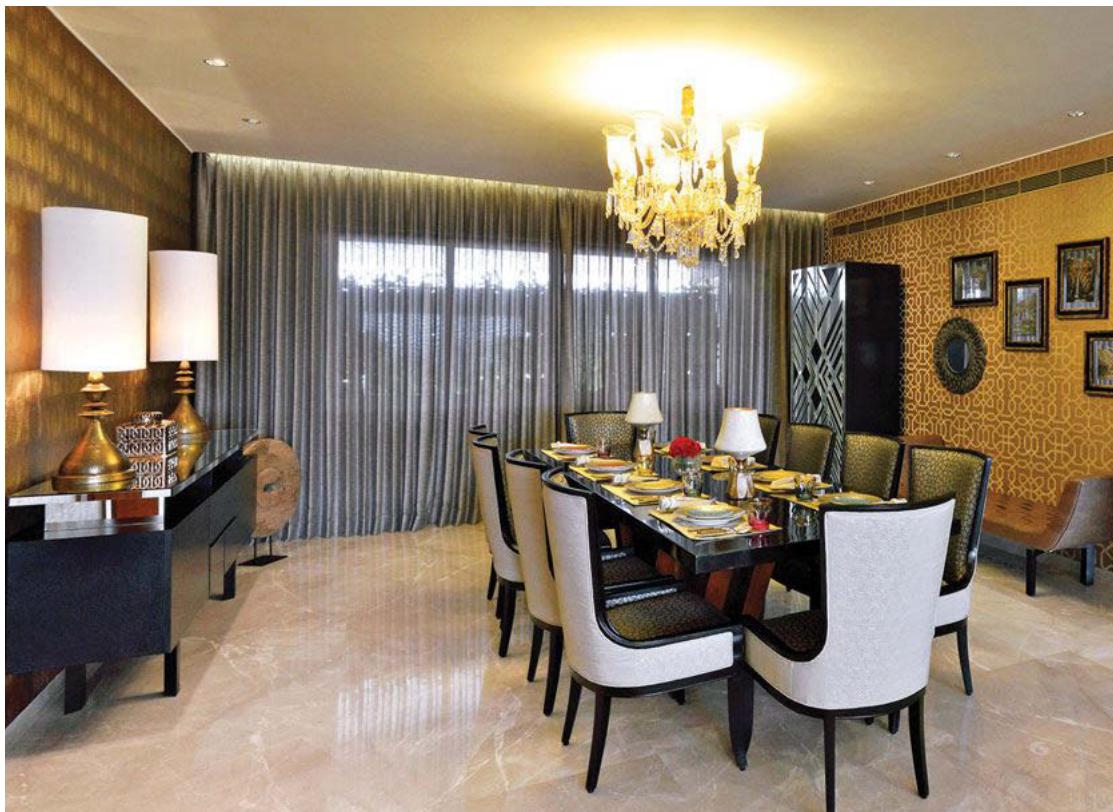
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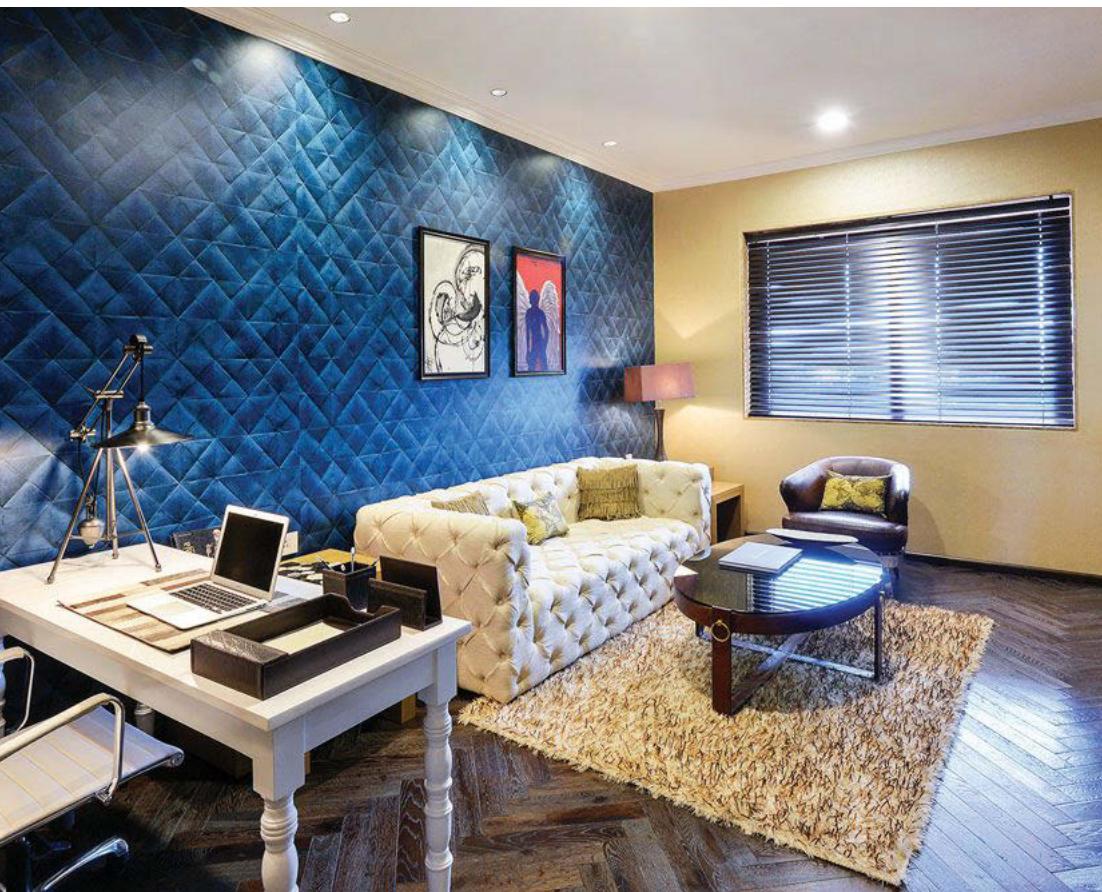
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With a number of realty firms racing to build ultra luxurious living spaces in Pune, The Phoenix Group has set out to create a new paradigm of luxe living through Fountainhead. This high-end residential project includes two towers that offer 86 apartments divided into 3 and 4 BHK homes. In keeping with the tag of being a luxury home, these will be fitted with twin grand master bedrooms; modular kitchens; multimedia enabled bathrooms with a jacuzzi that overlooks the city; separate vanity areas for him and her, and children's rooms with a separate play and study area.

THE HIGH POINT

One of the most impressive aspects for potential homeowners will be the dramatic views provided





by the property that is built atop an elevated podium and all apartments having three double height decks to present 360 degree views of the city.

CLOSE COMFORTS

Residents at Fountainhead can make the most of the wonderful vistas as well as the many other amenities within their surroundings. Some of these are landscaped boulevards and serene water bodies, banquet and business centres, concierge desk with personalised butler service and exclusive membership to the Oxford Golf and Country Club.

STATE-OF-THE-ART HOME AUTOMATION

Security at Fountainhead is paramount with hi-tech locking systems, a fully integrated video phone interface, fire safety systems in common areas, CCTV

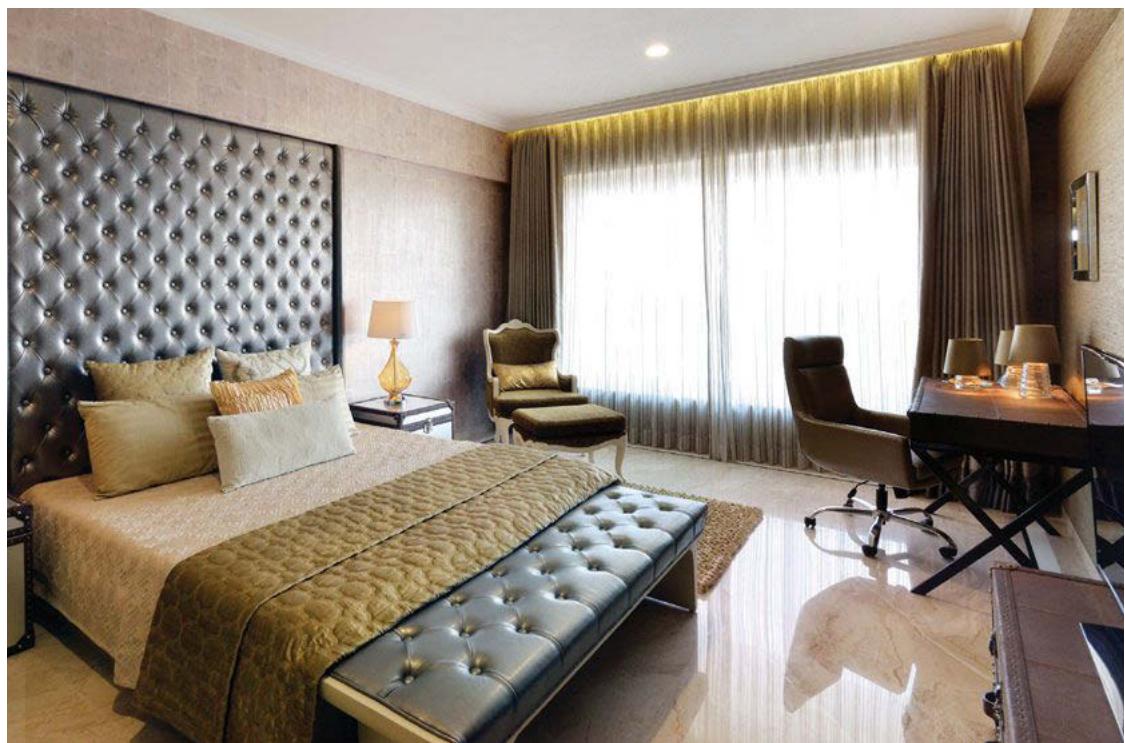
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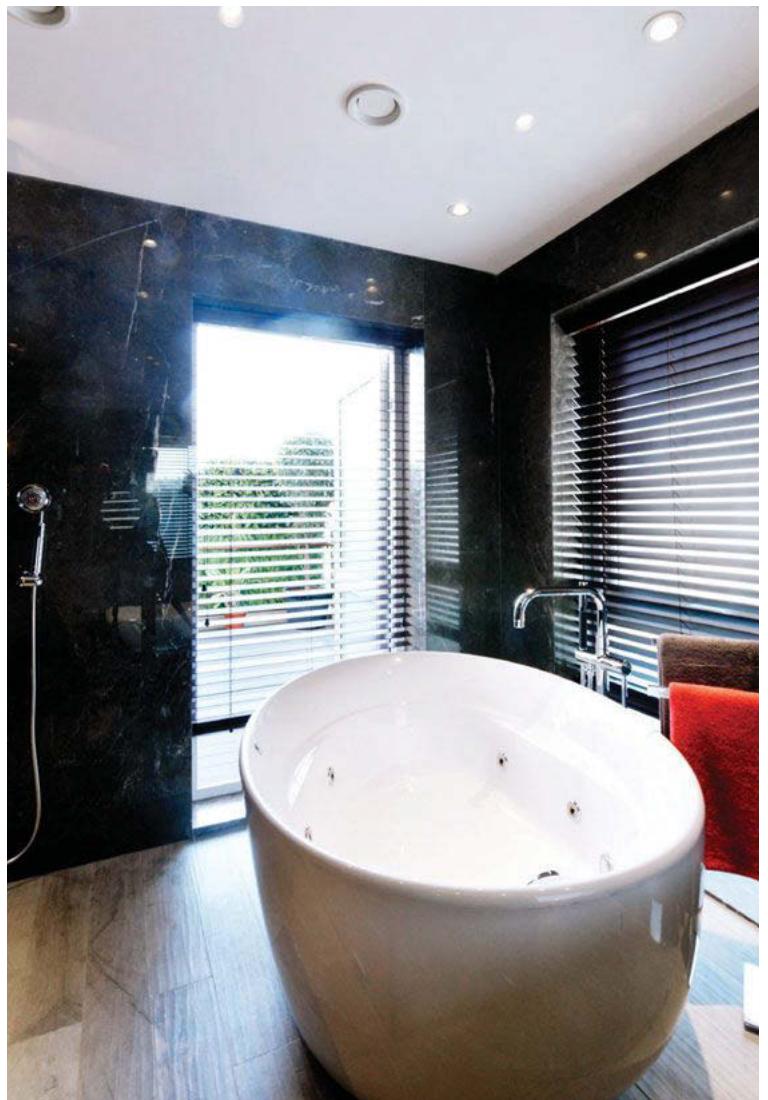
LOCATION WISE

Fountainhead is located in the upmarket, residential locality of Viman Nagar. This area is in close proximity to the airport, IT parks, hotels and educational institutes, making it a suitable purchase for families. Major attractions such as the Golf Course, Race Course, Koregaon Park and premium shopping destinations are also found in the vicinity of the two towers.

THE BRAND

The Phoenix Mills Limited began operations as a textile manufacturing company in





1905. The group has been a pioneer in converting mill land into modern, multi-purpose integrated property. High Street Phoenix was the first consumption centre developed in India.

The latest project, Fountainhead, as a living space would endeavour to ensure that you have more than just everything in your residences to truly experience a life full of living. For detailed queries about Fountainhead, email sapna.k@fountainhead.com.

Flavours of INDIA

Megha Tuli of Leaping Caravan is spending all her time reviving age-old recipes that are at risk of slipping into oblivion from the culinary map of India. Here's your chance to recreate these classics in your kitchen as well.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh | Images: Leaping Caravan



Megha Tuli

With an aim to redefine the Indian dhaba around the corner, we spent two to three months scanning the Delhi-NCR market and realised that despite Indian food being so popular, it is surprisingly difficult to get good quality Indian food at moderate prices," shares Megha Tuli, Founder and CEO, Leaping Caravan.

Located at the heart of DLF Phase 4, Gurgaon, Leaping Caravan is a home delivery brand that serves Indian food from the Grand Trunk Road. Operating out of a 3,000 sq ft commercial grade kitchen, Leaping Caravan takes inspiration from old world charm to food that is

fast fading—heritage recipes, joy from vintage and age-old Indian food. "My idea was to refresh Indian food and bring in a different style of cooking that is not dominated by cream, butter and garam masala. Most of our recipes are heritage recipes that have been handed down by families that have lived on the Grand Trunk Road. The recipes are followed closely and the food made exactly the way it was made back then," shares Megha.

With food from six vibrant locations—Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Pakistan and Afghanistan, Leaping Caravan offers a delightfully traditional experience.



Sukha Mutton

YOU NEED

250 gm mutton (with bones)
162 gm onion (chopped)
5 gm Kashmiri degi mirch
15 gm ginger (paste)
15 gm garlic (paste)
150 gm tomato (chopped)
5 gm coriander powder
3 gm garam masala
5 gm cumin powder
5 gm yellow chilli powder
8 gm salt
30 ml refined oil

METHOD

- Heat oil in a pan and add chopped onions.
- Fry till the onion turns brown and add degi mirch.
- Wait for 15 seconds and add ginger-garlic paste.
- Cook the mixture for 15 seconds.
- Now add tomatoes, coriander powder, garam masala and salt.
- Cook the mixture till the oil separates.
- Add mutton and water.
- Leave it till the mutton is well cooked.





chicken Seekh gilafi

YOU NEED

250 gm chicken thigh (boneless)
10 gm green chillies (chopped)
15 gm ginger (chopped)
15 gm garlic (chopped)
5 gm salt
5 gm ghee
1/2 egg
10 gm coriander powder

5 gm garam masala

5 gm yellow chilli powder
20 gm capsicum (diced)

METHOD

- Mix all the ingredients together and pass it through a mincing machine twice.
- Leave it for 2 hours for

marination.

- Skewer the minced mixture on the tandoori seekh and apply the layer of chopped capsicum.
- Cook in tandoor till it turns golden brown.
- Take out of the seekh and sprinkle some lemon juice.

Shammi Kebab

YOU NEED

550 gm mutton (boneless)
100 gm onion
50 gm garlic
20 gm ginger
5 gm red chilli (whole)
10 gm coriander seeds
2 gm cinnamon
2 gm cardamom (big)
2 gm cloves
2 gm cardamom (small)
10 gm turmeric powder
10 gm salt
60 gm green gram
1 glass water
20 gm coriander leaves (finely chopped)
10 ml refined oil

METHOD

- Put everything in the cooker and wait for four whistles.
- Cook normally and dry out the water till oil separates.
- Leave the mixture for cooling.
- Grind the mixture and add coriander leaves.
- Put oil in your hands and make kebabs.
- Pan fry the kebabs.





YOU NEED

1 kg hung curd
90 gm garlic
(chopped and fried)
70 gm green chillies
(chopped)
50 gm coriander leaves
100 gm rice powder

15 gm salt

100 ml refined oil

METHOD

- Mix all the ingredients properly.
- Make kebabs and fry.

Railway chicken

YOU NEED

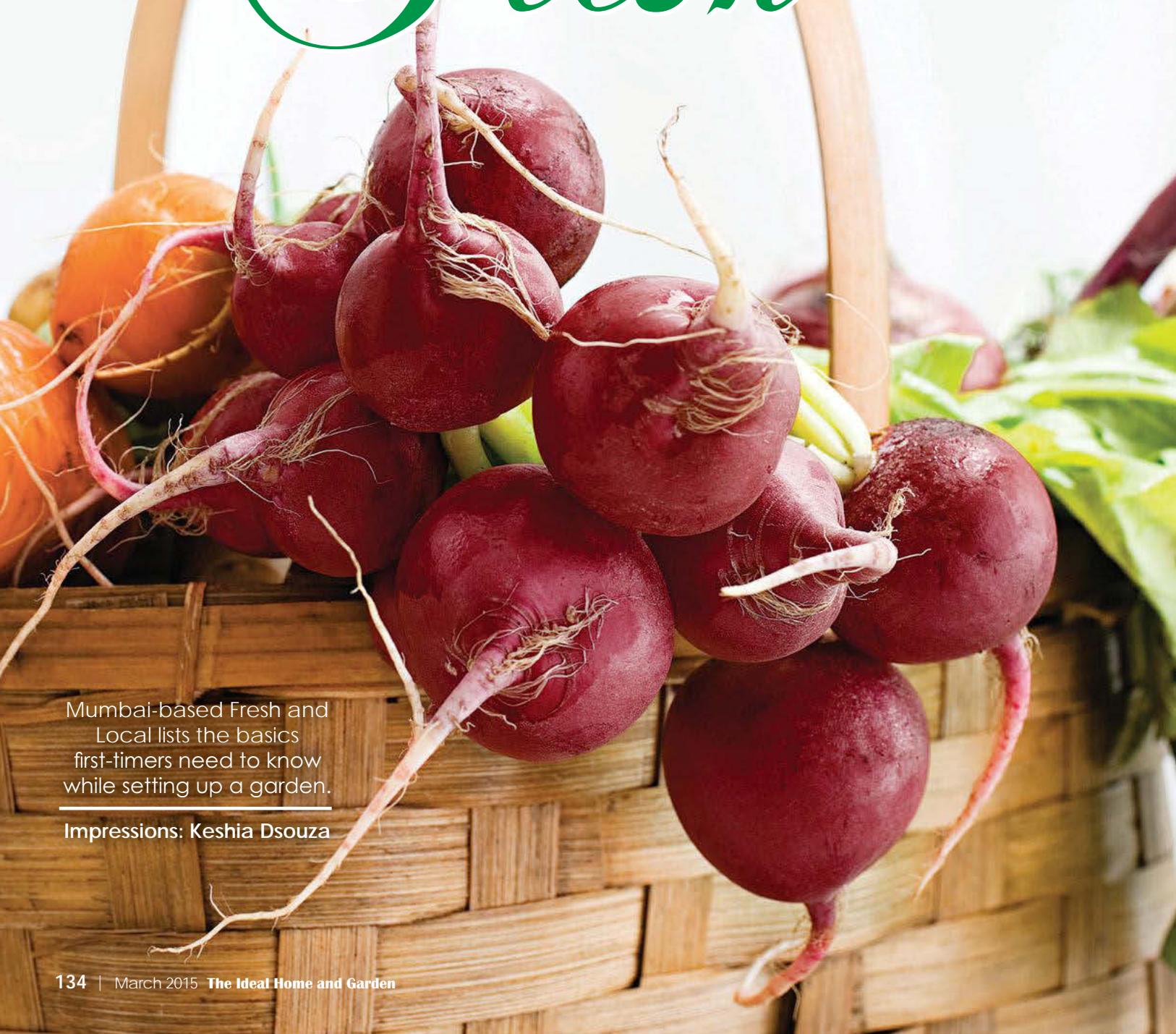
1.4 kg chicken (with bone)
272 ml refined oil
6 gm red chilli (whole)
5 gm cardamom (small)
5 gm cardamom (big)
5 gm cloves
5 gm cinnamon
5 gm black peppercorn
5 gm curry leaf
200 gm onions
450 gm tomato
15 gm ginger
15 gm garlic
20 gm Kashmiri degi mirch
10 gm red chili powder
10 gm cumin powder
10 gm yellow chilli powder
5 gm garam masala
10 gm coriander powder

METHOD

- Heat oil and add the whole spices.
- Stir and add onions.
- Cook the onions till brown and add degi mirch.
- Now add ginger and garlic paste to the mixture.
- Cook well and add tomatoes, salt, coriander powder and red chilli powder.
- Cook for 5-7 minutes on a medium to low flame.
- Add chicken and cook till it leaves some water.
- Add 900 ml of water.
- Cover and bring to a boil.



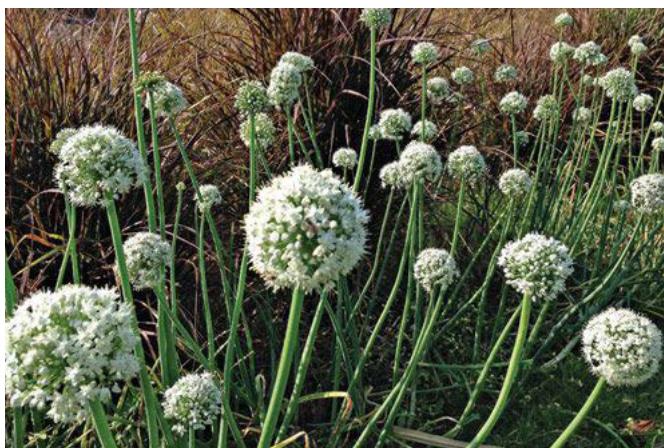
Garden Fresh



Mumbai-based Fresh and Local lists the basics first-timers need to know while setting up a garden.

Impressions: Keshia Dsouza

Fresh and Local is an initiative to transform underutilised urban area into community places that grow food. The team includes Nicola Antaki, an RIBA certified architect; anthropology graduate Aditi Punj; Adrienne Thadani, founder of Fresh and Local, and a double Unltd India Investee, and Ganesh Lokare, who has a farming background and has worked as a junior program associate for Aangan. Here, they share choicest insights on urban farming and a few picks from their numerous, green projects.



The process of creating a garden can most be divided into three parts

Step 1:

THINK THROUGH

- Assess and reflect on the space—How much sunlight does it get? Where is there most sunlight? Where is the water source? Where is the drain and in which direction does the water flow?

- Assess and reflect on what you want to grow—Vegetables, Fruit trees? Herbs? Flowers? What time of year do these grow or bloom?
- What is my budget? How should my garden look, natural and wild, or well-put together?

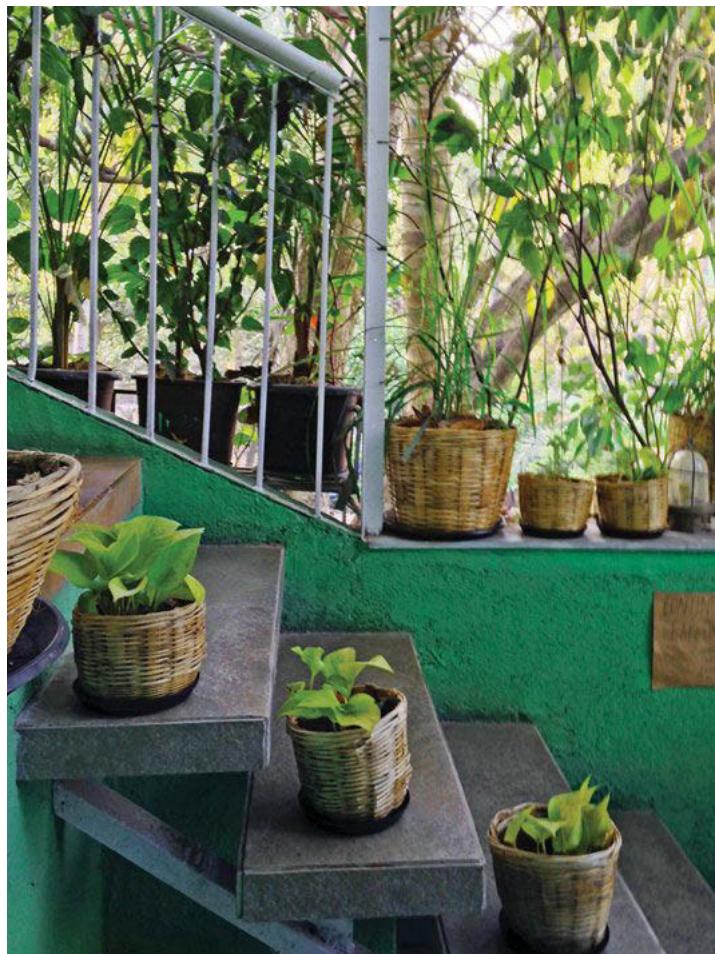
- Typically, we visit a site, assess the water source, sunlight and learn what the client wants along with their budget. This helps us move on to research and design.

Green House

Step 2:

RESEARCH

- Visit garden shops and nurseries in or around your locality so you know where to source basics like soil, cow manure, coco soil, plants
- Check out container options. There are multiple—ranging from high-end and beautiful to thrifty and simple (plastic crates or other secondhand materials). Every material has its pros and cons—clay dries quickly, bamboo decomposes with time, metal heats up and plastic degrades in the sun.



Step 3:

EACH SPACE IS UNIQUE AND CALLS FOR INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND DESIGNS:

- Elevate your containers especially for the monsoon as it allows for free flow of water.
- Instead of lining your containers with pieces of clay from old pots, use old cloth or rags. This does not block the water flow and allows for proper filtered drainage.
- Use coco soil and dry leaves to aerate your soil.



A focus on indoor/air filtering plants

- Go for areca palm that produces large quantities of oxygen during the day and removes chemicals from the air such as solvents from paint and cleaning products.
- Other options are snake plant, which produces oxygen at night and money plant—this removes harmful toxins from the air, such as formaldehyde and ammonia.
- Indoor plants won't require water as frequently, so make sure to check the soil before watering, and that water on the top has dried.

Art ATTACK

The seventh edition of the India Art Fair recently concluded in the capital witnessed an amalgamation of not just art specialists but design enthusiasts and budding collectors alike.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh
Images: India Art Fair, Manoj Kesharwani and Le Méridien New Delhi

This year's India Art Fair in Delhi featured a significant new element in the appointment of Girish Shahane as the artistic director. Overseeing both the



Artistic Projects and the Speakers' Forum, Shahane integrated a closely curated artistic programme with the fair. This brought a focus to the talks and projects to make them directly relevant to the galleries and artists exhibiting onsite and more accessible for visitors within the context of the fair.

Presenting partner YES Bank hosted a series of talks and events in the YES Bank Lounge - including conversations with artists and collectors; workshops with the Asia Art Archive; book launches for Arpita Singh with Vadehra Art Gallery, and Forms of Devotion with Sushma Bahl and the Museum of Sacred Art.

Another noticeable feature of this year's event was the significant percentage of sales made to new buyers. With 80,000 plus visitors attending, sales were recorded on average as 25 per cent stronger than the 2014 edition — with six sell-out booths, and figures indicating that the top two per cent collectors spent over ₹ 30 crore collectively.

A majority of the galleries were able to report new collectors and clientele coming not just from the capital but also from Ahmedabad, Chandigarh and Jaipur. Besides, India Art Fair 2015 hosted over 1,100 artists, of which many were from Tier II and Tier III cities. The latter not only enjoyed the opportunity to exhibit on a prestigious international platform but enjoyed positive sales as well.



There was an interactive performance by Le Méridien and LM 100 member Esther Maasdam — the global latte artist along with visual artist, Sohan Jakhar. The event was India's introduction to the newly-launched annual Inspiration Brewed Here campaign.

"India Art Fair acts as a catalyst for progress, driving deeper understanding of the country's artistic history as well as the latest contemporary works from across India, stimulating dialogue, debate, understanding and interaction not only with art specialists, but with the wider public and collectors of tomorrow," says Neha Kirpal, Founding Director, India Art Fair.

This important element of India Art Fair's mission extends to all ages and the fair was pleased to welcome 16 school groups and thousands of students who visited from Delhi and around the country to learn and engage with art in India.

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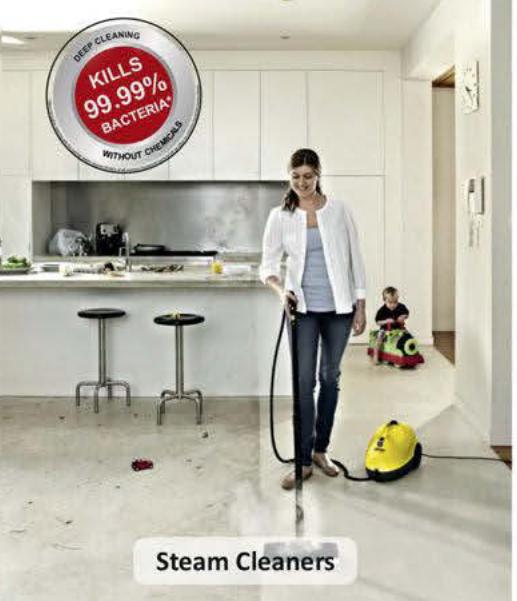
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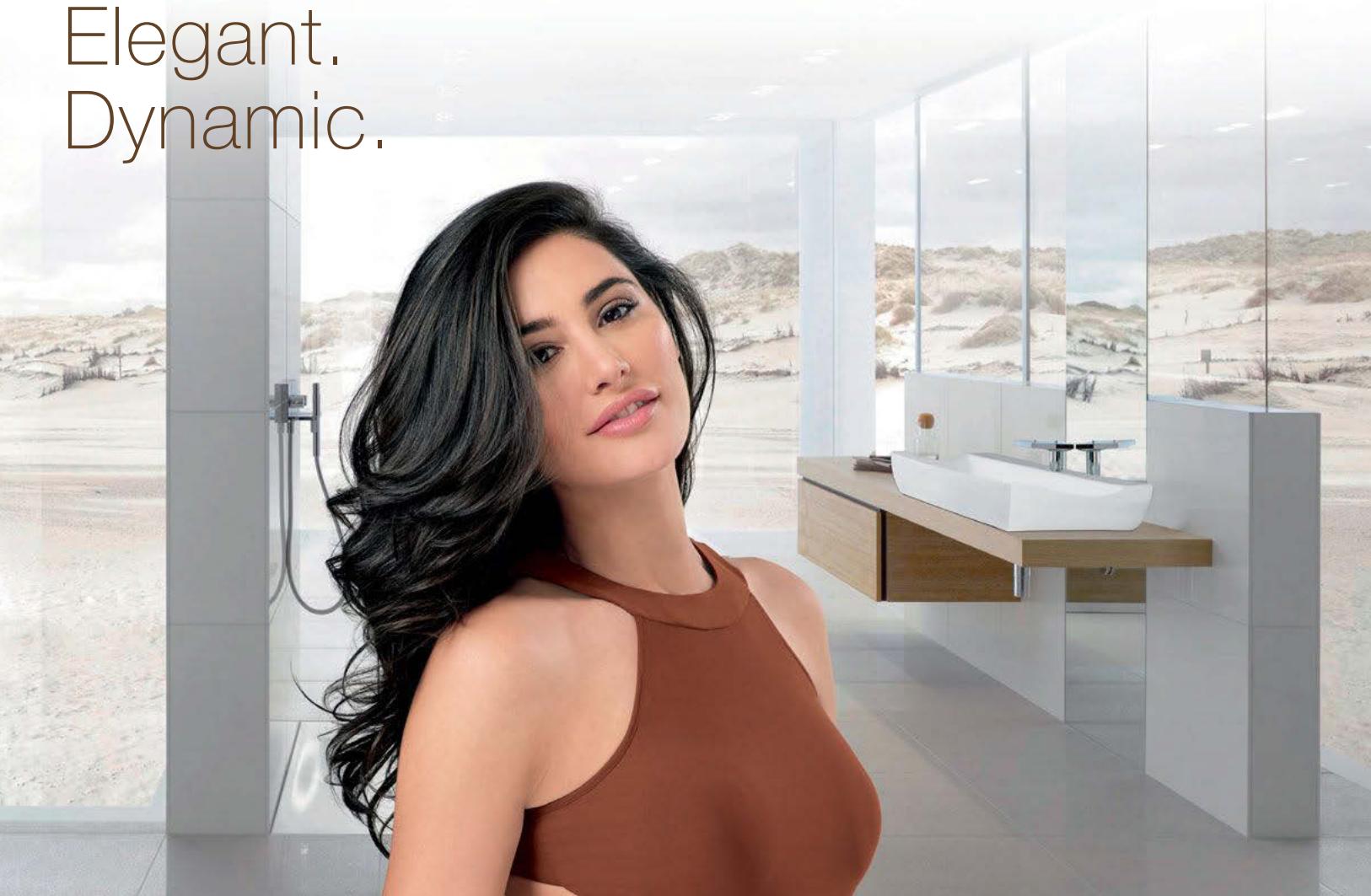
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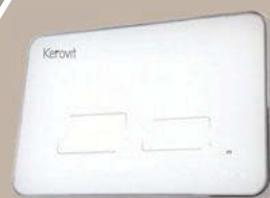
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