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Winds of change...

The only constant in life is change... These wise words by Greek philosopher Heraclitus of Ephesus must have crossed my mind a little more than usual this month. We've moved to a new office in suburban Mumbai - our vistas are no more tall glass buildings; instead, there are trees we can gaze at for inspiration and to add to the drama, a copious amount of sunlight bathes our office desks. Of course, change comes with its dose of surprises - a little one from the team is flying off to greener pastures very soon. But as they say, let life take its natural course. Let reality, be reality.

Thankfully, change has been a helluva good thing for the spaces we feature this month. Take for instance, our cover story, the 8,400 square-foot un-characterful penthouse which architect Akshat Bhatt from the experimental studio Architecture Discipline transformed for a client who moved base to Gurugram from London — the result is eye-poppingly awesome (for want of a better expression) through and through. In a different realm is the second home designed by P& D Associates in Bharuch, Here, a prominent modern exterior cocoons a contemporary home with subtle hints of the traditional. Yet another fascinating project is ITW Consulting's Bengaluru office. The minds of interior designer Smita Thomas of Multitude of Sins and her team of artists should get all the applause for transmuting this 2,500 square-foot space into a futuristic avatar with some little inspiration from movie classics - Her, Passengers and Blade Runner 2049.

I strongly believe all art should be public.. hence, I feel what architect Andrea Milani of Italy-based Studio Milani created for HMG Stones in Bengaluru after a thorough brief from its owner Anand Reddy is remarkable. Here, premium natural and semi-precious stones are displayed like works of art — and it is innate not just to those visiting the store, but by standers too. We round up our projects this month with the Kube club and lounge designed by Saga Design Architects. What architects Mayur Gujare and Deval Shah made out of a weather-beaten terrace with raw framework of columns and beams is a story you have to read. And yes, our Bazaar pages feature a selection of exquisite and breath-taking handmade creations spanning furniture, furnishings and accessories, Later...

> Deepa Nair Editor

editor's pick The Soulful Creations series of

serveware and accessories from CuroCarte is not just gorgeous in its avatar, but in its very being too - it does not harm the environment in its manufacture, use, or disposal,









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In a world where most things are mass produced, handcrafted creations are a symbol of hard work, creativity and painstaking labour all wrapped up in a personal story. Celebrating this spirit and beauty of everything handmade is this ensemble of furniture, furnishings and home decor accessories

Habitat

054 BRIMMING WITH BRIO Filled with character, the design of the 8,400-square-foot Gurugram penthouse - by architect Akshat Bhatt of Architecture Discipline - juxtaposes well-designed modern interiors with a blend of furniture and art to spectacular effect.

070 STRIKINGLY SUBTLE By employing a pastel colour palette, elegant materials and textural elements, P&D Associates design a bungalow in Bharuch that speaks of quiet elegance and minimalistic beauty.

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With movie classics such as Her, Passengers and Blade Runner 2049 as stimulus, interior designer Smita Thomas of Multitude of Sins creates a modern, colourful and exciting office space for ITW Consulting in Bengaluru.

Off the Shelf 086 A CUT ABOVE

Taking the shape of a turtle's shell as its muse, architect Andrea Milani of Italy-based Studio Milani creates a gallery-like atmosphere for a showroom in Bengaluru - designed to highlight the splendour and uniqueness of marble, granite and semi-precious stones.

Space & Spice THE KUBE ROUTE 094

Created by architects Mayur Gujare and Deval Shah of Saga Design Architects, the stylish Kube club and lounge in Mumbai boasts of a raw aesthetic achieved through the inspired usage of everyday materials, lighting and greenery.



Write back



OUT-OF-THE-BOX

The entire May 2018 issue is extremely eye-catching and is a brilliant showcase of some amazing design talent in the country. I could hardly believe these super stylish stores and showrooms are in India. Only when I read every word of the article that I truly realized that Eigerbuck Chocolatier is a store for chocolates. At first glance I thought the feature was on some ballroom in a palace or a hotel. I've always liked the work of Aamir & Hameeda, but with this out of the ordinary project that celebrates Renaissance art in all its glory, I became a fan. The Kohler Experience Centre in New Delhi designed by Studio Lotus too looked nothing like a bath fittings store. The materials, the finishes, the chic way in which the washbasins and bathtubs are displayed really impressed me. RAIIV LOHIA, NEW DELHI



DIFFERENT DESIGNS

We are so used to a set format when it comes to the layout of a fashion store that when something like the Twelve AM:PM store in Bengaluru comes along, it can instantly attract you or make you question. In my case, while I could not immediately relate to the design, once I read the article and understood the thought behind it, I was amazed. Really loved the way Play Architecture has reinterpreted





LETTER OF THE MONTH

I really liked the idea of dedicating the 13th anniversary issue on retail design. Nowadays most stores and showrooms pay a great deal of attention on the design and the impact that a space creates apart from the products that are on display is tremendous. Therefore, the idea of using a picture that focusses on a single element (lights) from the Dbel Studio for the cover too was extremely refreshing. My favourite project of the lot (difficult as it was to pick) is the Bombaim store in Kolkata designed by the firm Open to Sky. Loved the way architect Aminesh Nayak has used concrete on the flooring of the entire store that is situated in a colonial bungalow. What I found most interesting about the Bon Vivant Collection store was the way the space flows without the need for walls. The Cube (featuring the bedroom collection) is a perfect example of this. Loved the idea of mirrored ceiling and suspended veneer partitions here. What a great effort by the team in compiling such a stellar issue. Kudosl SMRIDDHI SAXENA, BENGALURU

the idea of a Zen garden into a 3D matrix. Same goes for the way lights which have been showcased at the Dbel Studio. By the masterful way in which the lights have been incorporated into the design scheme, architect Sanchit Arora of RADIS has turned this studio into a light-art gallery. ANNA ROSARIO, PUNE



SPILLING LUXURY First of all a huge round of applause for the stunning

anniversary issue of Better Interiors. I am a fan of ayurvedic products and Just Herbs being one of my favourite brand I was happy to know that the brand choose to go offline. The cozy retail outlet designed by Arch Lab seems adhering to its brand value with the use of biodegradable material palette, I also loved the Fiona Solitaires store designed by interior designer Ruchi Sharma. The custom made display cases, the clever usage of large mirror to make the area look spacious and the stunning facade took my attention. Last but not the least the magnificent Dtale store in Kerala has a breathtaking facade and mesmerizing ambience. I am still captivated by it! KAMALPREET KAUR, LUDHIANA



PLUSH DECOR

The interiors of the jewellery brand Outhouse in Mumbai designed by Vritima Wadhwa has such a vibrant feel and look that I can't wait to step in the store. What caught my attention is the white shelves and cabinets, and the wall and floor lamps. However, the highlight of the store are the huge round mirrors with brass frame along with the white wicker backdrops. Another striking store design featured in the anniversary issue was the A D Retail store in Bengaluru showcasing a spectacular arch carved from wood instilling the necessary drama required for a store which is a part of a warehouse. I am sure the architect Akshya Heanial's design philosophy has given justice to the client's expectations. Good work team Better Interiors. KRUNAL SHAH, MUMBAI



INSPIRATIONAL

DESIGN The anniversary issue of Better Interiors is no doubt a plethora of design inspiration for a student like me. For instance, the Dev Mobile store in Rajkot designed by I-Con Architects is worth appreciating. The brick jaali, usage of waste wood and glass, the open to sky court... is all enthralling. Also, the 8,000 sq ft Beyond Design store in Gurugram is a fine example of aesthetics imbibed in true luxury. Hats off to the editorial team and many congratulations on your anniversary issue. SUHANA KAPOOR, NEW DELHI





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Round About

A ROUND-UP OF WHAT'S NEW IN STORES, PRODUCTS, ART SHOWS AND MUCH MORE.

QUICK TAKE

MONTAUK RANGE BY VILLEROY & BOCH

Villeroy & Boch's new Montauk collection of tableware awakens the most beautiful associations of summer, sun and beach. A delicate rope structure graces the edges of white plates, bowls and platters as a characteristic relief in a clear, minimal design. Crystal glasses and stainlesssteel cultery in a matching Montauk look complete the table collection.

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ASTER CUCINE LAUNCHES DOMINA

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Aster Cucine has launched
Domina Kitchen range which is
available in India through
Ottimo. Domina kitchens are all
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shelves showcase a perfect
blend of design and function.
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a pop of colour and style to
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Encraft's first experience centre in New Delhi



ENCRAT, THE PREMIUM UPVC windows and doors solutions provider, has opened their first experience centre in New Delhi. Locared at 70, Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase 9, and spread over an area of 5,000 sq. ft. This new space will showcase life-size products, actual doors after windows for customers to take a look at their functioning. At the centre's fabrication department,

one gets to know how a window or door is manufactured At the Window Testing area, the products are checked for performance with water, wind, rain etc., against EN Standard using KS Schulten, Germany test rig. Through this centre the brand aims to address a multitude of questions that plague a customer while looking for perfect windows and doors.

Delhi Art Gallery gets a new identity

ESTABLISHED IN 1993, Delhi Art Gallery

(earlier known as DAG Modern), completed 25 years of operations this year, and to commemorate this milestone, the gallery launched its new identity - DAG with the release of its new logo and website www. discoverdag.com. The new identity reimagines DAG not as a gallery, but as an institution. The portal makes Indian art universal and accessible, bringing people together in a world without boundaries.

Bosch launches top loading washing machines



BOSCH HOME APPLIANCES, , HAS LAUNCHED TOP loading washing machines in India, prior to its global launch. Many households in India still prefer to hand wash their new and favourite olthes as they feel washing machines damage them. Resonating with this challenge, the brand has launched top loader washing machines with No Damage technology to cater to this consumer requirement. Some of the discerning features of this washing machine include Power Wave wash yestem; innovative design pulsator and Dynamic Walter flow that results in perfect wash without dramaging clothes; and a Varioinverter Motor that is powerful, silent and built to last with 10 years warrantly on motor.



Dreamline home fashion collection from India Circus



DREAMLINE, FUTURE GROUP'S HOME FASHION BRAND, HAS launched an exclusive collection in association with India Gircus by Krsnaa Mehta. The India Gircus collection from Dreamline features a wide range of home furnishing products designed by Krsnaa Mehta himself. This special collection takes inspiration from the rich Indian heritage and is a celebration of our vibrant culture. It uses motifs from glorious Mughal royalty, traditional filoral as well as animal patterns, the famous road side cutting chai and many more. Products on offer include artists linen bed sheets, smart bed runners, wibrant cushion covers, chic dohors, stylish towels, comforting chair pads and much more.

Saffronart to host 200th Summer Online Auction



SAFFROMART, WITH LIGHTEEN YEARS OF EXPERTISE AND leadership in pioneering art sales in India and abroad, will host its 200th Summer Online Auction on 19th and 14th June 2018. The auction will present 150 exceptional works of modern and contemporary indian art. The artists represented span the evolution of the Indian art scene from the pre-Independence period to the present day, illustrating over a hundred years of art history. Each work epitomises the achievements of these artists, and has been chosen bearing in mind its provenance and instortical contribution to Indian art. From Tyeb Mehta's rare and Iconic Kali (1989) and Raja Ravi Varma's Untitled (Shiva) to a large, other canvas by Manjit Bawa and 5 H Raza's Paysage Provencal - I (Cagnes), 1951 will be on auction A total of 32 contemporary works by artists Subodh Gupta, Anju Dodiya, Jagannath Panda, Justin Ponmany to name a few, will be auctioned.

Lutron opens new experience centre in Chennai



LUTRON NDIA. AMANUACTURER OF ENERGY-SAVING, WIRELESS lighting and shade control systems, has inaugurated its new experience centre in Chennal. Spread over an area of 5,000 sq ft, the experience centre cum office space showcases a mik of Lutron's lighting controls and automated shading solutions such as Lutron HomeWorks QS and Lutron's residential motorized shading solution. The experience centre features seamless integration and intelligent controls of shades and lightings with the press of a button. Apart from these, the centre showcases the extensive product range of Lutron with scalable packages for customers with different needs and home sizes.

Foster + Partners masterplan new capital of Andhra Pradesht



LONDON-BASED FOSTER + PARTNERS HAS DESIGNED A NEW capital for Andra Pradesh. Located on the banks of the river Krishan, this new administrative capital Armavati will mark the change in state boundaries between Andria Pradesh and the newly created state of Telangana. Spread over 217 5g km, Armavati will centre on a governmental building with a needle-like roof. This governmental complex will stretch 5g km long and 1km wide, with ribbon-like lakes weaving around tree-lined boulevards. Over 60 per cent of this core area will be occupied by greenery or water, with cycle paths, water taxks and routes for electric casp providing green transport options. Shaded streets and squares have been designed to encourage people to walk. A high court complex and mixed-use quarter with 13 urban plazas (signifying the 13 state districts) is also part of the masterplan.



BIG designs prototype cabin in New York





designed a prototype house — the A45 — for the prefab-housing start-up Klein led by Danish interior designer Soren Rose. Inspired by the traditional A-frame cabin, the A45 takes on an angular form conducive to rain run-off and easy construction. The 180-square-foot timber cabin can be built within four to six months in any location. The prototype Nordic abode constructed in Upstate New York has a minimal footprint of 183 square feet which includes an open-plan living and sleeping area with small cooktop, bath and a lofted area. Source: Dezeen

Yin & Yang house by Penda features rooftop garden

ARCHITECTURE STUDIO PENDA FOUNDED by architects Chris Precht and Dayong Sun, has designed the Yin & Yang house near the German city of Kassel for a young family that wants to live and work in the countryside. The clients also wanted to live off-grid and have a self-sufficient lifestyle, where they can produce most of their own food at home. However, the compact nature of the site meant that the only space available to grow fruit, vegetables and herbs is the roof. Penda therefore designed the roof as a series of terraces incorporating planters that will create a usable garden occupying most of the building's footprint. Inspired by the Yin and Yang sign, the two main areas of the house are intertwined - one half for living, the other for working. The unusual roof shape features stepped levels that ascend from the centre of the house. The slopes surrounding the garden, channel rainwater to the ground where it is stored and reused on dry days to irrigate the plants.





Everything is Black & White 4th May 2018 to 15th June 2018 Palette Art Gallery, 14 Golf Links, New Delhi 110003 Tel: (011) 41743034

Through black and white paintings, the show proves that you don't need colour to be striking. This show is a radical new look at what happens when artists cast aside the colour spectrum and focus on the visual power of black, white, and everything in between. A Balasubramanium, Akbar Padamsee, Amitava Das, Gurusiddappa, Jeram Patel, Parvathi Nayar and Rameshwar Brotola are some of the participating artists.



Indus Streams & Delphi Hills 1st June 2018 to 10th June 2018

1st June 2018 to 10th June 2018 Jehangir Art Gallery, Gallery No 1, Kala Ghoda, Mumbai 400001 Tel: 9930300064

Indus Streams & Delphi Hills is an experimental analgamation of Indo-Greek Art & Culture. The show gives viewers a glimpse into the Indo Greek ancient era and draws parallels between European and Indian art. Through her works artist Dr Rekha K Rana endevous to reconstruct the history of the visual arts and cultural grandeur of these two great civilizations. The technique used for paintings in this show is mixed medial on cannot in the show it is mixed to the control of the con

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art Walk

ARTIST JASLEENA SINGH REVIVES OBJECTS OF THE BYGONE ERA WITH HER BRUSH USING RETRO COLOURS.



ARTIST Jasleena Singh

always had a love for old objects and heirlooms. She is a follower of decadence and treasures beautiful poetic forms in objects and what she deems as perfect workmanship which makes any subject worthy of appreciation. It was during her MFA course at the College of Art, New Delhi (2016) that the artist explored this theme thoroughly. She began working on a realistic representation of humble objects like an old family radio, a typewriter, a lantern, a cane chair and old mugs. Her maiden debut show Yesterday Once More, that took place recently at the Lalit Kala Akademi in New Delhi, was a three part compositional set of all her realist works - the lantern series, the tea series and the retro series. Each of the series was a study of still life and socio cultural lifestyles. The artist has played with the different moods and thoughts of these vintage objects by placing them in the present. The deft use of old texts and paper, calligraphy and different fonts on canvas as a background makes this bond between the past and present even stronger. The artist specializes in ink and acrylic painting, with support mediums like canvas and wood. Previously, Jasleena has participated in group exhibitions at Gallerie Nvya (2017), India Habitat Centre











(2017) and Lalit Kala Akademi (2009).



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Eco Beat

PRODUCT DESIGNER TESSA SILVA-DAWSON TURNS MILK INTO AN ECO-FRIENDLY BIOPLASTIC TO CREATE FUNCTIONAL PRODUCTS FOR HER PROJECT PROTEIN.



PRODUCT DESIGNER

Tessa Silva-Dawson

PRODUCT DESIGNER TESSA Silva-Dawson, who studied product

design from the Royal College of Art, London, has used cow's milk to create a natural alternative to plastic from non-renewable sources. Skimmed milk is routinely wasted in large quantities at raw dairy farms in the UK due to the separation process required to make butter and cream. For her project Protein, Tessa decided to save this material from being poured down the drain by turning the milk protein called casein into a bioplastic. The designer sourced waste milk from a dairy farm in Sussex, which throws away 3,000 litres of skimmed milk every week. Similar to cheese-making, the production process used heat to separate the curds from the liquid whey. The curds were then dried out in an industrial dehydrator and mixed with a natural plasticiser to turn them into pellets. Although referred to as plastic, casein also possesses qualities comparable to natural binders, and modelling materials such as clay allowing a lot of creative freedom in designing products. Tessa created a series of table tops, tableware and vases using compression moulding technique. She then added pigments and dyes to the plastic substitute to create marbled and dappled effects, then finished the















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Swish List

Bespoke lighting from a master designer, automobiles turned into furniture and more...





THE DECOR KART

inspired by the effortlessly beautiful European and oriental decor styles the Decor Karr's new collection of exquisite home decor accents will definitely rejuvenate your home space. It includes hand-painted Porcelain remple Jars in the decorative jears and urns category. These jars showcase Chinoiserie art, a western decorative style of art, furniture, and architecture, prevalent in the 18th century which was inspired by oriental motifs and techniques. Also, a range of Celadion tableware products including platters, bowls, soup bowls, cake stands are available. The tableware products are made of ceramic and exhibit at Celadion shade. An extensive range of Ceramic Garden Stook hand-painted in a variety of colours ranging from subtle pastels to gloss gold is also on offer.



CARNITURE

Cariture alters old automobiles into unique pieces of furniture and home deor accessiones and goes by the mantra—recycle, reduce and reuse. These emotive works of arr are first conceptualized a basic design after which elements are added for comfort and functionally while maintaining the authenticity and character of the automobile. Once the furniture is created, it is tested for strength, quality, durablity, and capacity and then painted in the desired colour. Desks made from car trunk lids are the most common offering, besides usepension pieces morphel into lamps, truck springs as bar stook, truck beds shaped into bookshelves. the possibilities are melless.



WISMA ATRIA INTERIORS

Wisma Atria brings the Italian Splendid Furniture Collection by brand Emmebi to its store. The collection consists of meticulously designed and carved sideboards, dining table, side tables and chairs. Each masterpiece is made in Italy and showcases a blend of style and exclusive designs. The brand works with different designers hence each piece has a thought process behind its design and inspiration taken from places, nature and other concepts. The table collection is available in round, rectangular and straight shapes with finishes like matte, lacquer and bronze. The chair collection includes refined swivel armchair with a pouffee covered in velvet in colors of beige, black and white. The sideboard collection comes in various designs inspired from cube shape. They have a matte lacquered metal structure and are available in a glossy finish.









Latest from the brand is The Norway Coffee Table island which is composed of three individual tables which when combined together becomes a centre table. The slender metal frames in an antique brass finish along with tabletops composed of fine hardwood in a mix of chic wooden finishes occupy minimum visual space while making a striking statement. You can choose between a single colour or multicolour wooden finish options. Besides, the coffee table design lets you customize its appearance with minimal effort with the help of a instruction sheet provided in the toolkit. The coffee table is available from ₹ 35,900 onward.



INTIKI

Intiki - meaning home, in the Telugu dialect, is founded by Anchal Khosla in May 2018. The home decor brand has come up with its first hand made collection B-9 inspired by cherished childhood memories and elements. The collection comprises of tabletop products and is an ode to the designer's childhood home and all the memories associated with it. The terrazzo coasters (featured here) are reminiscent of the cool summer flooring in old-style constructions, the glistening paraat used to knead flour inspires the brass tapas plates, and childhood puzzles take on an updated form through the cheeseboards.

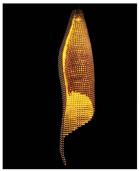




{ThingTank} Swish List











VIBHOR SOGANI

Ace lighting designer Vibhor Sogani recently unveiled four bespoke lighting collections — Casa, Drape, Fold and Palm. Inspired by the form of a weaver bird's nest, Casa expresses the strange, symmetrical, immediate, and almost consubstantial flexibility of the relationship between a man and an edifice. The curvaceous form uses stainless steel balls to gently wrap the form of the nest. The light source within is covered with frosted glass that imitates the shape of an egg and provides a uniform glow. Drape is an enticing light installation that resembles a piece of fabric draped around a woman's body. Made from stainless steel, the light source is situated at the top and is concealed to create a sense of mystery that adds to its sensuality. The Fold Series are available in wall and suspension variants and derives inspiration from origami. Crafted out of singular sheets of stainless steel, folded into diverse forms - each individual fold is the result of deliberate and meticulous thought. Lastly, sunny days, warm breeze and sunlight filtering through the fingered palm leaves are the inspiration behind the Palm. It consists of prism like surfaces that radiate light and gently draw a person into its folds and faceted formation. The bigger surface represents the leaf and the smaller reflects the cusp. The light situated in the cusp illuminates the leaf, which then reflects it at different angles with different intensities. The gold leaf plating provides it a hue that adds to the dynamic value.





SCRIPT

This stunning Ritz sofa exudes graceful lines, smooth-flowing curves and exceptional detailing. Fashioned out of the finest pure leather upholstery along with chrome-plated legs adding some bling, this sofa is ergonomically designed with a high back for neck. and head support and that perfect lumbar support. The Ritz corner boasts seats with exceptional depth. Also, its light-weight materials give you the ability to move it around with ease. While, the raised backrests that wrap around two adjacent sides of the sofa will let you sit the way you want. It also provides an extra seating space whenever required.



BENT CHAIR

The Resin collection from Bent Chair offers around 30 to 40 products including quirky mirrors, animal figurines, planters, lights, and sculptures. The manufacturing comprises of a four step production process using the poly-resin material. First, the mould is created in the desired form and then exact in the form of the sculpture. The final touch is given through a gold spray paint technology. The collection thus includes different product lines categorized into six series — Timeless Tales, Green and Glam, Mad Mirrors, Famous Five, Calm and Wild and Bent Chair Favourites. The Famous Five series (featured here) is inspired from the renowned sculptors of the world. The series depicts striking resin figurines in bright solid tins with an impeccable detailing making it an exquisite keepsake.





CUROCARTE

The luxury lifestyle e-commerce platform CuroCarte has introduced their Soulful Creations collection - a set of eco-friendly products that do not harm the environment in their manufacture, use, or disposal. The collection is divided in six categories which includes Soul Food, a stylish collection of serveware offering a wide range of ethically sourced products to choose from. Soulmate, the collection of twins offering beautiful sets of wine glasses, mugs, pen stands, platters, bowls and more. Soulful Expression includes artistic creations from eclectic vases to rustic tea sets. Soulful Wonder is inspired by unseen wonders that can be uncovered by a soul who is eager to look for them and believes in its existence. The collection offers a unique product range like curd bowl, light globe, vases, swirl bowl. Soulful Beauty is all about magic... it is omnipresent, sometimes you come across it as a form of new ideas and art, on the other hand it is intertwined with the process of creation itself. The collection offers exuberant range of artworks and statement pieces like Hot Toddy Clay Table Decor, Charcoal Doughnut Jug. Soul Art is the range of Au Naturale, has an origin story, are made uniquely by hand and have the potential to be the change that we want to see in the world! The range include Elephant candle stand, Rustic Soup set, Banana Leaf Platter set, Mud bowl. Concrete plate and more.





Artisanal Marvels

Handcrafted creations hold a personal connect, which, in this world of mass produced goods, is to be deeply treasured. Each tells a story of inspiration and painstaking hard work, and comes with its own unique touch that can never be replicated. We present you with a collection of handmade furniture,

furnishings, home decor accessories that celebrate the art of the handmade.





Timothy Oulton

The Saddle Chair has a sleek, dynamic fiberglass frame and is upholstered in a range of leathers with cowhide accents on the front and back. It is paired with the Crossglass Pendant Hanging Light and Vestige Industrial Mirror which is handcrafted from offcuts of genuine reclaimed English timber. Price on request



CuroCarte

The Multi-hued Floor Lamp uses fabric, paint and metal in its creation. With carefully stitched leather as the base and precise detailing completing its appearance, it showcases an interesting mix of culture, tradition, glamour, and style. ₹ 2,380



Baava Design

The beautiful and meticulously crafted Taj Mahal marble inlay work inspired copper enamel wall plates follow a comprehensive process using glass powder colours and copper wire.



Outlin'd

Meharaab Tea Tray comes with a set of six built-in coasters that are easily detachable. The tray can be used as a whole or as individual saucers. ₹ 3,650







Beyond Designs This wooden sculpture

on metal plates aims to infuse the old-world heritage to the contemporary homes of today. Price on request



Wicker World

Designed by Amit Sawhney, the Bubble Chair is made from irregular circles that are combined, hand-forged in mild steel and covered in beautiful natural wicker. ₹ 31,500



ST Unicom The Mini Puntero

clock from Nomon is expertly handmade in Barcelona and features a striking slanted design in walnut wood. This desk clock is finished with a stylish graphite coloured face and has walnut wood hands. ₹24,500



Sans Souci

Symphony features machine-cut tubes adorned with a brass nano coating finish. The diamond pattern is imbued with a delicate golden gradient that crowns the entire chandelier. Price on request



Cottons & Satins

The pretty Bumble Bee Bedding Collection has intricate design details inspired by nature in a palette of blues, fresh greens, neutral greys and soothing browns. The range features a variety of bedspreads, shams and cushions made from cotton and linen with plush velvet finishes and hand-embroidery. ₹ 13,900 onward





Bazaar



Baro

The Saab audio-video unit is crafted from reclaimed teak in natural polish, and champions minimalist design with angular lines and chamfered edges, which also keeps the equipment ventilated. Three drawers of varying sizes offer ample storage. \$70,000 onward



Timothy Oulton

The Spur Small Side Table is made from driftwood (collected from beaches around the world) and is juxtaposed with acrylic. Also seen is the Butterfly Mk.2 Sideboard with doors handcrafted from a single sheet of Italian marble in a honeycomb structure.

Price on request.

Fanusta

An ensemble of handmade antique silver glass jar, candle holders and lanterns would make for a glamorous addition to any table. ₹ 1,400 onward



ST Unicom

Nomon Home's Peonza would bring back childhood memories as it is a tribute to the spinning top. The object also becomes a floor mirror. The body of the spinning mirror is made of natural solid walnut and solid natural ash with details in polished brass handcrafted and polished by hand. The mirror is finished in bronze.



Wisma Atria Interiors

Add a twist to the boring corners of your adobe with these tables from Fratelli Boffi. Designed with premium quality of solid wood and glass top, the table's stand depicts the perfect swirl.

7 3, 72, 000 (each)









Shades of India

The new furnishing collection showcases a playful combination of colours and textures. The silk and cotton bedcover in lapiz blue is contrasted with a quilt in velvet featuring a floral print. The cushions are in charcoal and embroidered in zari and silk cutwork. Price on request





The White Teak Company

Add a quirky twist to your tea parties or get together with these Unlimited Refills Wooden Decor pieces which come in a set of three.

₹5,950



Crafted with natural Havana rope with soft cushioned seating, this Popcorn chair is a piece of functional art. Its design rendition of a popped kernel of corn makes a quirky statement. ₹1,14,000



This gorgeous handmade Gingham bench belongs to the

Studio Wood

Series of Figments collection. It is crafted from mild steel in a Duco finish with a beautiful cane weave and Calcecruda top. Price on request



Loom Crafts

Relax on this long chair as you watch the sun set from your patio. It comes with a side table and is made from aluminium and covered with woven synthetic fibre. ₹ 37,100 onward







Ochre at Home Geometry-inspired Twin Peg tables are crafted from solid teak wood with open pore matte finish. While one of the tables top is clad in burl veneer, the other dons a malachite.

Price on request



The Antique Stone Horse Head is from Beyond Designs' new collection of statement decor pieces called Artifacts. Mount it on your living or dining room wall for an instant bit of drama.

Price on request



Loom Crafts This sofa chair is made with an aluminium frame and covered in woven synthetic fibre. It makes for a sturdy, durable addition to your

outdoor furniture. ₹ 30.000 onward



I'M Centre for Applied Arts A slab of reclaimed wood has been paired with high shine stainless steel to give this centre table a warm yet contemporary look and feel. Price on request



The Great Eastern Home This bed, made from solid Burma teak, will add a sense of gravitas to your bedroom with its stately frame and intricate design detailing. Price on request







CuroCarte

The highlight of this desk lamp are the millions of tiny animal and floral details carved out in marble. Price on request



Baro

The freestanding Deco Bar will help you channel the pomp and glamour of the roaring Twenties. It is made from reclaimed teak with a brass top and frame and is equipped with a large storage cavity.

₹ 1,25,000 onward (brass top); ₹ 1,00,000 onward (glass top)





CuroCarte

Gorgeous peacock feathers virtually flutter to life in this vividly colourful Peacock Cone Ceiling Lamp. Red and green come together seamlessly to create imagery that is evocative of the villages and forests of India. \$\frac{2}{3}\$, 1740



Sans Souci The spectacular

ST Unicom

Depicting a tribe in motion, The Journey wall art from Artisan House crafted in brass is a masterpiece that would prove a conversation starter.

Price on request









Vilaasita

This Ollie Arc Bench is a glamorous piece of furniture for your living space. It features a sturdy iron base in gold powder coating along with plush velvet fabric. ₹21,900



Pepperfry

Taksh Handcrafted Solid Wood Two Seater Sofa from brand Mudramark is made from sheesham wood and dons a striking shade of provincial teak. ₹23,749



Tresorie

These globes are made from antique brass and nickel. Place them in your study or living area to remind you of adventures you've embarked upon and those yet to come. ₹ 1,500 (each)



Studio Wood One half of the Mayfair Console is

crafted from mild steel, walnut veneer and flexi-ply; and the other half, and definitely the highlight of the piece, is a beautiful old-world cane weave. Price on request









Dash Square This series of Dining Upholstered Side Chairs are from the Ledelle-Brown Collection, Made from ash swirl and birch veneer with Asian hardwoods and a dark cherry stain, they will be a chic addition to your dining room no matter the style of decor. Price on request



The Great Eastern Home The Stained Glass Screen comes with a wooden frame and is a pretty way to create a visual break within a space in your home. Price on request



Outlin'd

The design of the Aiyana Kaari wine glass holder celebrates the Mughal art of mirror work. Available in cork with a mirror inlay, the compact wine stand features six smooth grooves to prop up your wine glasses. ₹ 8.850



Timothy Oulton

The Hestia Dining Table is a luxurious, limited edition piece named after the Greek goddess Hestia, which translates as hearth or fireplace. The table top has been polished for a smooth, flush surface with a beautiful shine and inlaid in a brushed brass frame for visual contrast. Price on request



The Conscience of a Subconscious Mind is a two-piece sculpture made from stoneware clay which poses questions about interrelationships at his innermost level. These small sculptures are inspired from the observation of the common man and his dilemmas.

\$\frac{2}{3} 12.700







Bazaar



CuroCarte

The gorgeous Palatial Arch Table Top crafted from fine marble would be a statement piece in your living space. A white shine adds natural lustre to the marble's smooth texture, and floral motifs inspired from the Mughal era make the table top one of a kind. Studded precious stones like turquoise and lapis lazuli compliment the brilliant marble inlay art, attesting to the royal look of this table top. $\tilde{\tau}_{3,0.40}$



The White Teak Company

Titled Horse in the Woods, this sculpture is elegant yet rough around the edges, much like the spirit of a wild horse. Place it in your foyer or living room.

₹ 5.950



ST Unicom

This stunning beauty is called the Wildlife Marsh Tits by creators Malares and is cast in crystal with engraved and sandblasted motif. The sculpture is handmade in Sweden and signed at the bottom by artist Mats Jonasson. \$\frac{7}{2} 14.1.50



Igrup + Ritz

The Dunbar sofa and armchair borrow their sleek frame from the 1960s design style. They are available in natural teak polish with over 42 fabric options to choose from.



Fanusta

These colourful wooden trays showcase the dying art of Kishangarh Shaili — a distinctive fine painting style created by artist Nihal Chand which surfaced in the mid-18th century, under the patronage of Maharaja Sawant Singh. Price on request





Shades of India This furnishing collection features a rich colour palette of emerald, burgundy and mustard vellow. The materials used include linen, cotton, cotton velvet and silk cotton with embellishments of kantha work, embroidery, botanical prints, argyle patterns and so on... Price on request



Ochre at Home The subtle elegance of origami is echoed in this accent table crafted in teak wood and hammered brass. Price on request



Wisma Atria Interiors
The Pattern Room
Divider not only serves the practical purpose of bifurcating a room but is equally a work of art. It is crafted from wood, steel rods and glass shelves.

₹ 2,26,000





Claymen
Misplaced Hope is a
two-piece sculpture,
crafted from
stoneware clay,
which embodies the
fragility of hope.

₹ 17,700

Cane Boutique
With its intricate
craftsmanship, this solid
wood door is sure to turn
heads. It is reminiscent of
one that you would see in a
grand ancestral home.
Price on request





Bazaar





Iota

The design of the Arachne Chair is derived from the concept of the circle of life. It is made from Havana rope and rattan. ₹89,100

Timothy Oulton

This almost futuristic set-up features the Colosseum Console, crafted from marble along with brass detailing, the Shabby Sectional Faded and Degraded Sofa upholstered in velvets; the Inception Rock Crystal Coffee Table handcrafted in matte black metal with bronzed edging; and the Flare Side Table made from wands of selenite crystal. Price on request.



The Great Eastern Home The works of Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi find expression in this limited edition wooden bench. Place it by a window in the bedroom to create a mini reading nook. Price on request



Baro

Showcasing influences from the radiogram, the Short Wave storage unit is fashioned from reclaimed teak with Duco paint and natural polish. The fabric-covered door mimics a speaker, the metal grilf functions as a door handle and the clever construction allows for a thin rounded edge. ₹60,000 onward











Vilaasita

Contemporary yet laidback in design, the Aztec Kilim Rocking Chair comprises a neat metal frame and hand-woven kilim fabric. ₹ 28,900

Beyond Designs

These Antique Stone Sculptures are statement pieces which will add a dramatic effect to your home decor. Price on request

Cottons & Satins

The striking Ripe Grape Bedding Collection offers a variety of bedspreads, shams and cushions made of cotton, linen with plush velvet finishes and hand-embroidered details.

* 15,400





The Mediterranean Bedding Collection includes a mix of navy blue and off white shades with intricate nature-themed detailing and patterns. The range comprises a variety of bedspreads, shams and cushions made of cotton and linen with velvet finishes and hand embroidery.

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Dash Sqaure
This smart storage
unit comes in with
straight lined design
and is equipped
with drawers of
multiple sizes.
Price on request





Bazaar



Timothy Oulton

The Shabby Leather Sectional Sofa is beautifully cushioned with layers of soft ribs stitched into luxurious hand-finished leather. The deep, generous seat and reclined back offers absolute confort. Pair it with the Shabby Coffee Table, one half of which is luxuriously cushioned with leather with the other finished in reclaimed English timber. Price on request.



Loom Crafts

This dining table and set of chairs are made from aluminium and covered with synthetic fibre and are apt for the gardens or swimming pools.

₹ 41,300 onward (dining table): ₹ 10,200 onward (chair)



Sans Souci

Lure is a dreamy mobile of tiny amber and crystal glass plates with a brass nano-coating finish arranged in a pattern that makes them appear to glitter.

Price on request



Igrup + Ritz

This bohemian Kutch chair is available in thirty five fabrics but looks best in hand-woven shawls specially made by an artisan family in Gujarat. It is finished in a warm dark elm polish. \P 65,910



CuroCarte

With intricate tribal patterns based on a bead-and-seed motif encircling an ornate centre adorning its saddle, this Dokra art Robust Horse Decorative in bell metal will go places.

§ 11,500







Baro

The vintage telephone seat is made from reclaimed teak. Its features include: subtly angled drawer fronts, tapering edges, fluted steel legs, a seat made from high-density foam and underneath storage. ₹ 70,000 onward



Cane Boutique

Bring these uniquely shaped chairs that allows you to incorporate the timelessness of wood with trendy, avant garde design into your home. Price on request



Loom Crafts

Vibrant and contemporary, this multicoloured sofa chair is made from aluminium and covered in synthetic fibre. ₹ 16.800 onward



Ochre at Home

The Twin Console features oak veneer in either matte or high gloss. They are linked by a horizontal, whitelacquer porcelain-finish member bedecked with handpainted spring flowers. Use it either as a console or a beautiful divider. Price on request



Studio Wood

The Ludwig Chair is made from walnut wood with matte melamine finish. Its back is handcrafted with a cane weave. and a seat upholstered in suede. Price on request





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Brimming with Brio

Sophisticated and vivacious, a 8,400-square-foot Gurugram penthouse designed by architect Akshat Bhatt-led Architecture Discipline embodies eclectic luxury, orchestrated as a series of stylish composites.

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ARCHITECT

Akshat Bhatt

ne of the things we keep in mind is that it's a home, and not just a showcase for something," says architect Akshat Bhatt in a 2015 internet interview about one of his residential projects. "A new space is an opportunity to live differently, When you allow people unusual experiences, and if they are broadly pleasant, you will find that they will engage with it." And different, experiential and engaging are just the adjectives you'd use for the penthouse project he's recently completed in a premium luxury condominium in Gurueram.

"The site was a typical developer apartment," informs the principal at New Delhi-based Architecture Discipline, "it lacked character and the design, specification and the finish quality was not in keeping with the price of the place." While, at 8,400 square feet, the footprint provided LEFT A perforated metal and glass door gives a sense of space yet prevents a direct view into the house. In conjunction with natural light, it acts as a light screen which changes character through the day.

CENTRE The bookshelf, a memory wall of sorts, exaggerates the scale of the entrance lobby and the hallway.

RIGHT The flight of stairs that leads to the private zone on the next level.



























CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT

facilitates daylight penetration into the penthouse.

high-on-energy cooking space.

within the C formed by the study, hallway and the living room. Wrought-iron furniture allows the occupants to enjoy al fresco meals on fine days.

whose corroded appearance is in consonance with the natural aesthetic of the other elements here.



CONCEPT: To create a characterful residential space for a young family that lend itself to growing children (intellectually) and for a young well-travelled couple to entertain in.









CLOCKWISE, FROM ABOVE

LEFT The guest bedrooms:

The black-painted, teak-accented will get a striking distressed finish. At night, it's the customized track

MATERIALS

Main door Perforated metal sheet and glass Floor Parquet Bookshelf Wood Staircase Epoxy paint and timber Dining table Black-stained teak Outdoor furniture Wrought iron with marble-topped table Deck cladding Seasoned pinewood

plenty of playing field, poor planning and circulation made it difficult to use in a flow. "The place lent itself to rooms and not a sequence of spaces," says the architect. However, it had one redeeming quality natural light, and plenty of it. And that is what they decided to work with.

The brief was simple: to transform the space into a home for a young family that had lived in London for many years. The house was to have character and lend itself to growing children (intellectually) and for a young well travelled couple to entertain in. The design team decided to approach this project like a series of practical installations arranged as an experiential sequence. "An unstructured/ad hoc aesthetic is always a little difficult to explain as you have to eyeball a lot of things; it's usually about the logic of detail, scale and proportion," reveals the architect when asked







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house is replete with textural play, both tactile and visual. Warm wood, perforated metal, patterned flooring, floral wallpapers and upholstered headboards, vibrant stripes. all come together to create vignettes that are striking and removed from the ordinary.





















THIS PAGE The stairs that lead to grey and black sofas against an

OPPOSITE PAGE The painted glass panel in the study area serves









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how easy or difficult it was to convince the client to see things from his perspective. "This requires some explanation especially for the untrained eye. Once you're on board though, it's a fun ride. The convincing wasn't difficult."

Limited envelope changes were the only real challenge in the project as it involved restraint.
"There's always something you can do better when you're working for individual programmes as opposed to mass building."
says Asshat. The alterations involved a few non-structural civil changes to enhance spatial flow of the unkempt space. Programatically speaking, the public zone (guest room, study, living room, dinique area and kitchen Tukes up the first level; the bedrooms (one master plus two children's) but their en suites constitute the second level, with the terractie constitute the second level, with the terracte forming the last storey.

The house features a stunning neo-baroque interior with a decor that can be best described as festive, majestic and flamboyant. An in-depth knowledge of materials and surfaces provided the architect with the requisite tools to realize his unique vision of space planning. Wrapped up with frosted film, the glass-and-perforated metal entrance door provides some privacy to the family whilst









giving a hint of the house to the visitors even before they enter. The glow of natural light on the door keeps varying throughout the day which gives it a transposable character. Right in the entrance lobby is a double-height bookshelf which acts as a memory shelf for the owner's collectibles. The entrance lobby is perspective-driven wherein the bookshelf and the flooring pattern heighten the sense of depth and draw the eye of the visitor to the end of the hallway. Brass lamps are placed such that they further accentuate the linear movement. Next to the double-height bookshelf is a study that maximizes daylight penetration and uses that to a dramatic effect to enhance the overall scale and experience of the apartment.

The colour palette of the living room pivots between the shades of natural grey, we neallic grey, ivory and indigo that gives the visitors a peek into the owner's psyche—part trendy, full revolutionary. The living room is organically full revolutionary. The living room is organically inconnected to the dining area. Elements like an Indo-saracenic-style soft, origami bowls for displaying terms and Indo-French-style brass-back dining chairs help maintain a modern-classic typology. In addition to customized track lighting featuring delicate glass-domed lights fitted along pounded brass

THIS SPREAD The son's room, comprising sleeping, studying and dressing zones, showcases pleasing colour-blocking, with a cheery yellow bunk bed set against a backdrop of bright blue. The flooring here







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master suite. A floral faforic-upholstered headboard imbues the space with elegant white superson the soft and the suite suite suite. We have suite su

pipes, hand-blown glass and cast glass light fixtures finished in brass illuminate the dining and living room. The bar is wedged between these two spaces, instilling a feeling of openness and continuum throughout the first floor.

Both, the living and dining areas overlook decks: the dining room spills into a small balcony with a lusicious red bench that echoes the hue of the red and gold dining charis; while the living room is visually connected to a deck delineated with seasoned pinewood on the parapet walls and floor. This balcony, which can be accessed from the hallway, ventitates the central portion of the house and also acts as a light well. The corroded MS bowl in the terrace was purposely exposed to express its artural aesthetic. Next to it lies a wrought-iron dining table, a sibling (in form) of the teak dining table inside.

From the hallway, a staircase poised above a vibrant red-painted floor, takes you to the next level. Furnished with a teak-finish balustrade, this connecting element is painted black with an undercoat of red, so that over time and with continued use, it will assume a pleasing distressed appearance. The bookshelf element continues on the next level, too, and directs the focus on the master bedroom door











made out of antique teak. Inside the room, a floor-to-celling publistered headboard, featuring a dark coloured ground with pink and green flowers and leaves, adds a generous dose of whimsy. Following the footsteps of the booksheff and maintaining the connection between the public and private, the wardrobe separates the living and the bathroom of the master bedroom.

With a Goldlicks bed, an animated dressing table and a multi-coloured painted -timber wall, the daughter's bedroom blossoms straight rout of a firly-tale. A glass panel in the study area was specially put in to receive her creative outpouring, as well as cater to studies, leaving behind the conventional way of studying on a table —thus making the space more playful and open to expressions. Bleached grey floring expressed with nude lawneder shades tempers the vibrancy of multi-hued wall. On the other, the flooring in the son's room is science-inspired and works well with a painted teak bunk bed and the blue acoustic wall behind it.

The bathrooms throughout the house feature cuddapah stone on the floor and dados, with gold-plated fixtures and Salaysaschi wallapaers to add warmth and personality. Dominating the terrace and the pool is the den on the third floor, presenting an arresting picture with its black and grey sofas sitting against a wall of sea green and dull gold finish. The den was consciously placed in isolation, at a higher level than the other rooms, so that the family could spend moments of togetherness undisturbed by the routine of daily activities.

This stylish residence with its aesthetic vignettes is an oasis of calm in a bustling urban setting. Following an "eclectic luxury" approach that is both progressive and modern, the design juxtaposes well-designed modern architecture with a melange of furniture and art to spectacular effect.

FACT FILE: Project PIB IVY Location Gurugram Area 8,400 sq ft Principal architect Akshat Bhatt Design team Kashika Nanda Lighting contractor Bilt







STRIKINGLY SUBTLE

P&D Associates take an unconventional route to make a bungalow in Bharuch stand out with the play of delicate colours, textures and a luxurious yet subtle material palette that speaks of quiet elegance.

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Pratik Siddhpura

eauty lies in the eyes of the beholder"
Most of us have either heard or
applied this popular prover b a some
point in time. Like anything else in the
world, when it comes to architecture
to one may not be for another. Yet, despite the diversity of our

deairse and preferences, there are some structures that are usually liked by all. We all tend to be in awe of spaces that are usually liked by all. We all tend to be in awe of spaces that are surrounded by nature, with beautiful landscaping all around. The colour of the leaves, the ripples of the sea or the expanse of the sky. These can inspire anyone, in such cases therefore, the environs itself make a beautiful carwas for an architect to bring an abode to life. In contrast, we tend to cringe at the sight of homes located in congested areas or a suburban sprawl. Therefore, when an architect is roped in to build a home in a residential area that is cluttered with unimaginative, match box-like row houses, the challenge to create a space that 'stands out' is doubly difficult.

We've someone who passed the litmus test — architects Pratik Siddhpura and Devang Patel of Bharuch-based P&D ABOVE LEFT The tilted roof is supported on a triple height column with an underside covered in Mangalore tiles. Not only does it add a decorative element to the facade but it also provides shade to the balcony attached to the master bedroom

ABOVE RIGHT The teak front door is adorned with brass strips used to create a chequered pattern. Here it stands slightly ajar, offering a glimp of the foyer and the











CONCEPT: To design a simple and elegant home with airy and open spaces minus any physical barriers.

CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT

The wall panelling in the foyer is made of new wood with embosse

The dining area is marked by a teak and onyx dining table with matching velvet-upholstered chairs. The square opening in the wall allows for a view of the foyer, creating spatial fluidity.

A water body has been created in one corner of the lawn. The water flowing from the marble panel into the pond makes for a soothing and

The salmon pink walls and matchin velvet sofa in the living room adds freshness and vibrancy to the spac. The pale blue chairs coupled with the floral-printed rug makes for a pleasing sight.









CLOCKWISE, FROM ABOVE

Pristine white marble has been used on the walls of the puja area with the central panel highlighted by peacock feathers in gold-leaf and mother-of-pearl.

The family area on the first floor is surrounded by the three bedrooms. Just like the living roor the furniture here has been made from teak and velvet, while the teak mural with brass inlay adds complexity to the design.

A view of the parents' bedroom o the ground floor. An intricate bra: pattern has been inlayed on the Italian marble wall behind the bed Associates — who were commissioned to design a two-storyed bungalow in a a residential society where each house bore a similar mundane structure. The challenge was to give the 2,700-square-floot home its own identity and incorporate the client's request for a simple, elegant design with open spaces and minimal physical and visual barriers. The house comprised for bedrooms, a bitrof prom, a kitchen and dining area, a pujor room and a family zone, and was to be occupied by the client, his wife, their two sons and his parents.

The architects endeavoured to create a home with a timeless design through the use of bespoke furniture, finishes and accessories. As you walk down the lane, your eyes mirmediately drawn to the impressive and striking angular facade of this contemporary home, which is flanked by two older, winkly mates. The front facade is made of cement with grooves on the surface and does not feature any openings (read windows or doors). The awning over the porch substitutes for this solidity. The tilted roof is underlined by Managlare tiles and supported on a triple height column to prevent the house from looking static. "It also provides shade to the

balcony of the master bedroom on the first floor," adds Devang.

In contrast to the almost stoic facade, the interiors are soft and welcoming. A widechequered teak door opens into the foyer where a muted grey and beige mural of floating dandelions tranquilly marks this transition. The living room is rendered in a tasteful pastel pink with velvet upholstered sofas in the same shade. A classic golden chandelier and pastel blue chairs further bring out the femininity of the colour. The adjoining dining space is connected by a punctured wall in the foyer and carries a similar palette. The teak dining table with an onyx top features chairs wrapped in grey velvet. The adjoining staircase has a similar 'grey with wood' language - with wood railings and grey tiles. The use of these subdued tones in this area allows the pastel pink of the living room, which can be seen in the background, to be the hero. The puja room is situated between the living and dining areas, partitioned by glass. Here, a simple white marble panel with a pattern of peacock feathers in gold leaf and mother-ofpearl ensures all the attention is directed towards the solitary idol in the centre. On the

















other side of the glass partition lies a water body, which faces the lawn. On the first level, one is welcomed to a small family lounge in the centre. The space is backed by a wooden mural with an inlaid brass pattern, while a blue velvet sofa and chair recall the tones seen in the living room below.

Of the four bedrooms in the house, the client's parents occupy the one on the ground floor. "We chose a yellow and brown palette here for a spirited yet mature mood," explains Pratik. The master bedroom is located on the first floor along with the children's room and guestroom. It has a stately wooden queensized four-poster bed set against a calming blue wall. The headboard has been made of statuario marble, which lends the entire space a subtle regal touch. Various shades of Italian marble have also been used in the adjoining master bath, with an accent wall behind the washbasin finished with textured handmade tiles. The children's bedroom echoes a Mediterranean feel thanks to an aquamarine

MATERIALS

Flooring Italian marble, teak Walls Paint, teak, marble Furniture Teak, onyx, new wood ABOVE A combination of aquamarine blue and aztec white has been used on the wall of the children's bedroom.

RIGHT A view of the study nook in the boy bedroom with a table made from new wood and Duco.











ABOVE A stately wooden queen-sized poster bed was designed for the master bedroom. The pale blue hue on the wall and the statuario marble panel behind the bed make for a calming ambience.

LEFT The master bath has been tiled in Italian marble and features a statement wall behind the basin that is covered in handmade tiles.

wall coupled with clean edgy lines of aztec white hues. A small study nook has been created here from new wood and Duco.

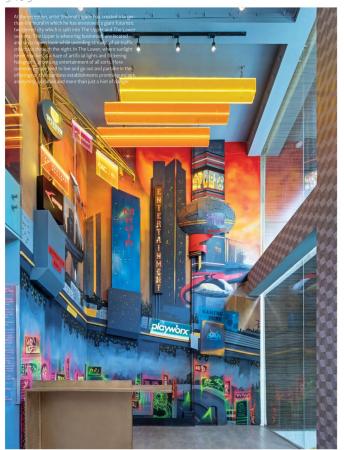
While Devang and Pratik were charged with the task of making a bungalow stand out from the others in the neighbourhood, they took an unconventional route to realize this brief. Muted pastels, elegant materials, textural highlights have been brought together to make a statement that is subtle yet impacful, resulting in a home that is a fine study in the adage less is more.

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FACT FILE: Project Yogesh Patel Bungalow Location Bharuch Area 2,700 sq ft Principal architects Pratik Siddhpura, Devang Patel Design team Bhumi Mistry, Divya Shah

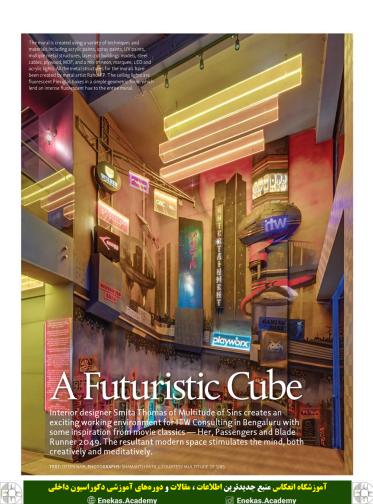














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ost often offices of media- and sports-based companies conjure up 'where work meets play' imageries. But Bhairay Shanth, the Managing Director and co-founder of ITW Consulting Pvt Ltd - a leading name which specializes in designing and executing multi-faceted brand and celebrity management solutions across sports, entertainment and media - had a different plan for the company's second office in Bengaluru at Vasant Nagar. Bhairav approached the talented interior designer Smita Thomas, who heads the multi-disciplinary design studio Multitude of Sins, with a well-designed brief. "He brought us on board to redesign and transform the public areas of the company viz, the large reception area, the ground floor work stations and the first-floor lounge. His brief to us was to break the mould and create a high-energy, unconventional workspace, which stimulates minds, inspires innovation and impresses visitors and clients - without making any alterations to the existing layout," explains Smita.

After some careful thought, she and her team decided to create a futuristic world for ITW albeit not the cold, sterile and impersonal environment you would associate with the



INTERIOR DESIGNER







movie 'Her'. Made in canvas, the age holographic concerts handled by ITW.

THIS PAGE In the open workspace and beaming with all shades of warm colours. The world they envisioned was divided into three separate zones, each inspired from a different sci-fi movie: the unique dystopian future of 'Blade Runner 2049' for an impactful and engaging reception; the retro-futuristic sets of 'Her' for a playful work zone; and the luxurious art-deco elements of the spaceship bar from 'Passengers' for a classy and captivating lounge.

> The tone for the entire office was set at the reception, which the designer tells me was an excellent opportunity to create a refreshing new identity for the company. They decided to take a risk and present the brand in a non-traditional way. The owner's requirement for displaying all their affiliate companies at the reception area for both branding and functional purposes came as a boon. This is where the first inspiration - Blade Runner 2049 - came into being, "Instead of a plain arrangement of logos, we took a cue from the movie and asked artist Shannul Ligade to design a 22-foot-tall and 20-foot-wide multi-media mural. with an upbeat take on dystopia, where the different verticals the company focuses on are embedded into the architecture," informs Smita.

With its sheer size, height, and abundance of sunlight, the main open-plan area of the reception almost mimics the feeling of a central courtyard. It serves both as a waiting area for visitors and an informal brainstorming/work zone for the









THIS PAGE An otherwise bulky and boring wall of lockers has been converted into a glant view screen which showcases a visit of future India. Using elements from Indian culture and science fiction, artist Rahul Chacko indiugled in a bit opeculative design. The architecture models seen in the artwork is a mix of traditional religious structures, modern office complexes and postmodernist buildings.

employees. Custom-made conduit ceiling lights that are arranged in a geometric pattern and extend along the length of the space provide illumination. Pale grey wooden flooring signifying concrete, geometric, patterned walls, inverted boxy bay windows, and perforated metal railing, all make subtle references to the futuristic theme.

Inspired from the retro-futurism of the movie 'Her', the work area got a colourful, evocative, and friendly upgrade. A mix of private and open-plan workspaces are decorated like a community room, and feature an electic range of graphic art, by artist Rahul Chacko, in contrasting pastel and bold tones. In keeping with the forward-thinking, futurist theme for

MATERIALS

Flooring Laminated wood The Upper and The Lower artwork Arylic, Spray and UV paints, metal; steel cables; plywood; MDF; and neon, marquee, LED and acrylic lights. Her artwork Camasa The artwork concealing the lockers Vinyl Telepods Glass, graphic films Furniture Reclaimed hardwood, solid wood, leather, Corian, cast iron grills







CONCEPT: To redesign the public areas of an office and to create a high-energy, unconventional workspace, which stimulates minds, inspires innovation and impresses visitors and clients.



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l'elepods, or private ocoths, are accessible o everyone and gets rivacy through glass doors which sport custom graphics on illms designed by artist tabul Chacko. The nigh gloss wooden wall niside is clad in bright range that lends a punch to these with the poor the private hooths. the whole office space, the mural features graphic novel-stype panels embedded into and around the existing walks, so that each panel is a window into a future experience, from cyber-cricket to space-age holographic concerts, representing the various verticals handled by ITW. These high-production snippets of exiting moments create an energetic environment encouraging the team to strive for excellence.

One wall in this open office set-up, aka the wall of lockers, is converted into a giant screen that looks out onto a vista of future India. Using elements from Indian culture and classic retro science fiction, Rahul indulged in a bit of speculative design. The architecture is an amalgamation of traditional religious structures, modern office complexes and postmodernist buildings. "The layout has been subtly engineered to project the locker fronts as individual glass panels/view screens that each form part of a bigger whole. This way, the illusion holds true without the need to alter the physical structure. The scenic view balances out the high-production snippets of exciting moments on the opposite wall, by offering a peaceful window into an intriguing world. This balance lends fluidity to the energy in the office, allowing you to switch between upbeat and meditative, depending on the view you choose to take in." asserts Smita.





9 To 5







ABOVE The movie 'Passengers' was the inspiration for the first floor lounge — if features a loxurious at deco-style bar and lounge. This large space is designed like a home with its open-plan living and dining room, kitchen and wasthroom. The giant screen and flexible seating here allows employees and guests to watch live streams of popular sporting events that the company organizes.

LEFT in line with the retro-futuristic theme, the distinction between the men and women's restrooms is men depicted through renderings of men and women from the future. The design team has toyed with fashion and grooming, as well as the idea of gender roles: the man is decked in a swelte outfit that takes inspiration from Starfleet uniforms, while the woman is wearing action-ready power armour.









THIS PAGE A Nutrition Pod occupies the first floor Lounge Teach away in the corner is a big refrigerator stocked with healthy food choices for the employees and guests to include in. To demarcate the area, Smitar created a facade with an eclectic edge using a full height, wooder French-styled glass partition, retro wallpaper, engraved wooden signage, and a antiqued mirror glass diamond pendant light. Adjacent to this nook are high breakfast counters made of wood and cast from gills with casual wooders steps. During game screenings, these auditorium style steps also provide extra seating.

Right opposite the view screen wall are a line of what Smita calls the Telepods, or private booths. These glass-walled telephone booths have been fitted with custom graphics and organized into three separate pods called Decode, Process and Uplink. The signages are acrylic lightboxes and the glass structure is custom gradient films designed by Rahul, again.

The first floor lounge is inspired by the grand at rideo-style bar and lounge from the movie 'Passengers', and is designed as a warm jewel box that contrasts with the other spaces on the ITW mothership. The layout is akin to a large, open-plan living and dining room, and intended for a plethora of uses. It features an eclectic mother of the properties of the properties

sofas in the centre for informal conversation and meetings and a long art deco-style wooden desk with leather chairs where employees can work. One of the key areas IT by specializes is in organizing popular sporting events domestically and overseas and the open plan set up and flexible seating allows employees and guests to watch live streams of the events on the giant screen installed in the lounge. Additionally, there is a conference room, a nutrition pod with specially-designed breakfast counters and an art deco-styled washroom.

Truly, Smita's sci-fi and futuristic designs have created whimsically eye-catching areas that the team at ITW would definitely like to come back to day after day after day.

FACT FILE: Project TIW Consulting Pvt.Ltd Client Bhairav Shanth Location Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru Area 2,500 sq ft Principal designer Smita Thomas Design feam Rahu PK, Rachta Murthy Graphic artist Rahul Chacko Murral artist Shunnal Ligade Metal artist Mechanimal Furniture Be Vintage Canvas, vinyl and glass prints Wall Queen Interiors Electricals Mohammad Hussain







Above Above

Architect Andrea Milani of Italy-based Studio Milani creates a gallerylike atmosphere for the HMG Stones showroom in Bengaluru. The elegant design takes inspiration from the shape of a turtle's shell and maintains a sleek yet simultaneously rough connect to nature.

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Andrea Milani

MG Group started off as exporters of marble and granite slabs, tiles and blocks to major international destinations like US and Canada in 1986. After gaining profound industrial exposure and knowledge in both international and domestic market, in 2012 the group launched HMG Stones to explore the tremendous potential in the marble and granite industry in India. Taking this journey one step ahead, the owner Anand Reddy, decided to open a dedicated HMG Stones Gallery in Bengaluru. To realize this vision, he commissioned architect Andrea Milani of Italy-based Studio

Milani, whom he had met during the annual stone fair at Verona where Andrea was a finalist. Anand was fascinated by the architect's creativity and design sense, and Andrea, who specializes in museum design, was excited to get on board — and the positive vibes which he got after visiting the site sealed the deal.

Anand's design brief for the showroom was not simple. "I always had an idea of 1, Sankey Road, being a premium up market location and wanted the showroom to be like a theatre or drama stage with endless new designs — the stones being portraits, and people passing by, the audience," explains Anand.



Off the Shelf

















THIS SPREAD Lush green trees surround the building. The ground man bezanine floor of the showroom can be seen through the glass facade on the left slide of the building. Certer steel bars have been used to create the strilling facade, which purposed the strilling facade, which purposed the strilling facade, which purposed the strilling facade as well. The outside barriaced has been constructed from perforated corten steel and proudly showcases the illuminated name of the showroom. The illuminated hexagon-shaped steps leading to the entrance create a beautiful effect at night. Motice the same patterns on the ceiling inside the showroom as seen through the









CONCEPT: To design a showroom

Incorporating this brief, Andrea's design took inspiration from one of the oldest living creatures, the turtle. While the turtle is distinguished by its unique asymmetrical hard shell, natural stones too are found in a variety of colours and shades and are asymmetrical in nature. "The entire concept was to associate the design with nature and give visitors a similar feel when they walked into the showroom," informs Andrea. Both the exteriors and interiors were therefore planned in a way that the natural stones and granites could blend with the other aesthetical elements featured in the showroom.

Spread over an area of 6,500 sq ft, the showroom consists of a ground floor and mezzanine. Currently, it has an inventory of more than 200 varieties and colours of marble (both Indian and Italian), granite, travertine, onyx, quartzite, limestone, sandstone, soapstone - all available in around 50 finishes. It also stocks semiprecious stones which are transparent in nature. Here customers can explore the differences of each stone, and gain detailed information about the texture, quality, grain structure and the application of stones for various purposes.

But before we enter the luxurious interiors. the impressive facade of HMG Stones needs special mention. It has been entirely constructed from glass and corten steel so that the exterior blends well with the nature outside. The iron fencing also acts as a soundproof barrier that minimizes the amount of outside sounds that can be heard inside the showroom. "We have used old steel stonecutting blades to design our building, which aligns with our sustainable use of resources." informs Andrea. A feature worth mentioning is the introduction of stone blocks (read

ABOVE Asymmetrical hexagons, alluding to like artwork you would

LEFT A reception area right side of ground floor



MATERIALS

Flooring Bellami Grey marble, Golden Empress marble, Italian Extra marble Walls Corten steel, Italian marble

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CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT The backlit Brown Sugar onyx bar counter on the ground floor is a beautiful example of the application of the material in

When you look down while walking up the tinted glass staircase, you are instantly reminded of watching

A glimpse of the Quantum Blossom marble displayed on a vertical panel on the ground floor.







seaters) around the building which, rather than restricting the showroom to just a few, encourages passers-by to sit and enjoy the view within the showroom — much like an art gallery. This conscious design introduction also makes the building a landmark of sorts with its inviting nature. The steps leading up to the entrance of the showroom are becagonal in shape and illiuminated by LED strips on the edges. This particular shape is inspired by the carapace of the turtle and the motif also recurs on the ceiling and flooring of the entire showroom, lying the exterior with the interior and further reinforcing the theme.

As one enters the showroom, the doubleheighted ceiling coupled with the life-size stone slabs on the walls and on display panels positioned in different designs, colours and patterns exude a sense of awe. Special glue and steel clamps were used to hold the stones on the wooden wall. The reception table is placed on the right on the ground floor while four vertical omega-shaped display towers stand towards the left. The low-heighted area towards the deeper end displays marble and limestone finishes. The staircase leads up to the mezzanine floor which displays exotic granites, onyx, quartzite polish and other finishes. Each of these stones are presented in their natural form.

ABOVE Various stones have been exhibited on the partition on the mezzanine floor that also includes a seating area. This space gives a feeling of viewing some spectacular artworks while sitting in an art pallery.

RIGHT Wooden strips have been used to create these hexagon lights on the ceiling. Each hexagon is of a different size, shape and angle.













ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT

The hexagon lights are reflected on the Italian Extra marble flooring of the mezzanine level. The backlit panel here displays Mangifera ony:

LEFT As with the ground floor, Golden Empress marble strips have been used on the mezzanine to replicate the exact hexagons on the ceiling. Inchiostro onyx has been displayed on the panel pictured.

Billem irrey marble has been used for the flooring on the ground level while Italian Extra marble has been laid on the mezzanine. Complementing the exquisite stones that are displayed in the showroom are the eyecatching hexagon-shaped light patterns on the ceiling which have been created using wooden strips and replicated with Golden Empress marble strips on the floor. "Each hexagon differs from the other in angle and shape just like a turtle's back," explains Andrea.

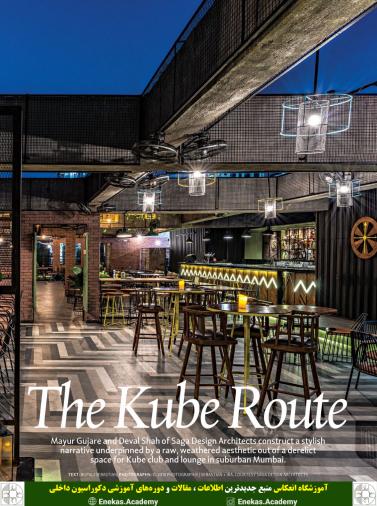
Through the incredible effort of Andrea and team, an idea was transformed into magnificent reality. The HMG Stones gallery, through its timeless design, focussed concept, and faultless execution sets a benchmark in the natural stones segment for all to witness.

FACT FILE: Project HMG Stones Gallery Location Bengaluru Area 6,500 sq ft Principal architect Andrea Milani Design team Studio Milani











ABOVE The passage that traverses almost the entire length of the club and takes you to the open terrace area One side of it is lined in 8"x8" concrete blocks designed and manufactured by local craftsmen. The concrete cubes were the result of an experiment in recycling concrete from old sites by mixing it with a few other materials.

RIGHT The passage culminates at this door, a classic '70s piece used in as-is condition. The project has used several doors and windows from old houses, aged between 60 to 75 years.





hat would you do if you were presented with a weatherbeaten terrace with a raw framework of columns and beams. Well, if you were Mayur Gujare and Deval Shah of Saga Design Architects, you'd turn it into Kube, the latest go-to nightspot in suburban Mumbai. The aged, worn-down state of the site, when they first visited if, in fact, became an important cue to the aesthetic and material direction of the 12,000-square-foot lounge that now brings together an eclectic palette of raw brick, concrete, old doors and windows and metal lattices, among other things.







CONCEPT: To create a terrace lounge using natural light, air and greenery which would feel almost like the backyard of a home. The attendant enclosed space was to be treated as a light and energy-filled den.

























THIS SPREAD Textures abound. The partitioning strategies — which use raw brick and concrete jools — and columns clad with the 3D concrete cubes lend sophisticated rawness to the space. Additionally, the brick insertions allowed the architects to mould views and create interesting sightlines.

"On our first visit, we saw a 4,000-squarefoot, low-ceilinged enclosed area that opened up to an open-to-sky terrace slab of 8,000-square-foot, with a grid of raw concrete columns and beams. The first impression of the site created a feel of stepping out from a home and into a backyard,

MATERIALS

Walls of the club lobby Wooden slats Club walls PU-coated wooden cubes inset with black mirror Club flooring Malaysian wood Passage walls Customized concrete panels and metal lattices General seating on terrace Tile, leather-finish granite, marble and wood (table tops) and metal/wood chairs Terrace flooring Cudappa-finish tiles (general area), tiles in shades of grey and black (area near the kitchen) and pastel green tiles (cabanas) Partitions on the terrace Brick, metal lattices and concrete igolis Cabanas Metal frame draped with white sheers Cabana seating Upholstered wood sofas and chairs and metal-based pinewood/ teakwood-top tables Open kitchen backdrop Metal sheeting Terrace bar counter Wood and granite Terrace bar backdrop Brick Cladding of beams on terrace Metal mesh







which would host parties with live music...
That's when we decided on the concept of
designing this space as a 'Backyard of the
House'." reminisces Deval.

With the presence of an enclosed area and an open-to-sky terace, the decision, naturally, was to create a lounge that would make use of both, in the form of a club with a dance floor and a terrace lounge. Having worked with the client on hospitality projects settler and, having established a comfortable working relationship, the brief the architects received revolved only around a few functional requirements—the number of covers, flexibility of configuration. All the aesthetic considerations was left to the design team.

While the enclosed space was beset by a narrow entrance lobby, dinginess and a diminutive height of 9 fe's, the terrace came with its static weathered structural grid — "almost like romantic ruins" — and exposure to elements. The wall of the enclosed space created a long passage leading to the terrace. Plut where is the furif there are not challenges," smiles Mayur, "Such "obstacles" always open up doors to possibilities of conquering them," Over and above these programmatic challenges was the timeline: they had to complete the entire project in four months flat!

While some may find an existing framework straitjacketing, for Mayur and Deval it gave a sense of zoning, besides serving to hold lights. Into this system, they introduced exposed brick walls to divide, add, subtract and make volumetric alterations to craft and carve seating or visual aspects in the sky lounge. In the case of the club, "we curved the wall to create an eye-shaped cut-off lobby that also widened the entrance lobby. The cut-off lobby is an introduction to the dance floor and restricts the sound from travelling out. Curving the wall also allowed the management to divert the crowd either to the club or the lounge," reveals Deval. When it came to the height, the architects did something smart: instead of drawing attention away from the ceiling, they treated it as a design highlight, with stunning DMX lights in the format of a square grid that spreads across the ceiling and drapes the bar and DJ shell. "We got these lights to bring in the energy, ambience and the music. The ceiling is conceptualized as graphic moving bars of an equalizer, pumping the music and dance."

When it comes to the spatial configuration, broadly speaking, beyond the main entrance door lies the entrance lobby, from which you either enter the lobby (or the cut-off lobby, as the architects call it) to the Club, or move along a long passage lined with customized







the entrance passage brings you to the washrooms aka Thinking Room. 8"x8" concrete panels (manufactured using recycled concrete and a few other ingredients) on one side and a metal grid wall bedecked with fun posters — until you come across a classic "70s-style door with mouldings and glass insets. Beyond this, unfurls the terrace lounge.

The zoning of the club is simple: bar, DI counter, the dance floor and an 'arena' for VIPs. "We planned the arena as an elevated area so that guests could enjoy the dance floor, the bar and the lights. We couldn't go too high because of the height restriction, but even this degree of split-level has proved to be adequate," reveals Mayur. The walls of the club are designed with PU-coated wooden blocks which are similar to the concrete ones in the passage. The only difference is a small mirror inset in the centre which serves to display the aforementioned stunning DMX lights that add a different dimension to the spatial experience. The DJ counter is also an exploded form of this cube holding the woofer in its centre.

Coming to the terrace lounge, the area is carved into a large central 'general' seating area, a long open kitchen on the right with a backdrop of a shipping container-like metal sheeting to underscore the raw, industrial aesthetic, followed by the 48-foot-long bar.

The portion at the far end forms the L-shaped VIP area, comprising six cabanas, pockets that allow you to be part of the high-energy proceedings and yet enjoy some privacy. The general seating section is apportioned into a series of individual areas through shifts in flooring patterns. For instance, the seating section abutting the kitchen is floored in tiles arranged in striped pattern of shades of grey and black, while the remaining portion features cudappa-finished tiles. Intermittent insertions of raw brick walls and old, salvaged doors serve the same purpose, by modulating the space into cosy corners, in addition to framing views and directing the eye to interesting compositions.

The colour and material palette was dictated by the site—raw and fresh and airy. Ergo, concrete, brick, metal, rusit tiles, natural stone and old woodne elements (rew) and lots of greenery, cheery-hued light fittings and currture (refers)¹-3m² came by way of maintaining its al fresco nature. The Idea of using natural materials came from the clear thought of ease of maintenance. In fact, these materials look more beautiful as they age," says beval. In addition to their evergreen charm, natural plantation was a significant part of the material palette as the "use of plants along the periphery created a sound barrier that controlled the noise within the













Space & Spice









THIS PAGE The dark, dingy appearance of the den-like enclosed space is erased with the help of DMX lights that ape the graphic display of a music equalizer. With this clever move, the architects focused the user attention on the ceiling rather than its low height. The spectculate light-works have proven to be a big hitl







ABOVE LEFT The entire club is panelled in black PU-coated wooden cubes, much like their concrete counterparts seen in the passage outside and on the terrace. The only difference is the little sliver of black mirror at their heart, which serves to reflect the lighting and multiply its

ABOVE RIGHT The entrance to the club

terrace and also minimized its percolation into the surroundings. Besides this, the greens take the edge off the warm air, making the environment more comfortable."

In addition to materials, lighting, too, plays a role in sculpting the Ingey wall-less space into intimate pockets and varying ambiences. The general lighting is low to allow guest to enjoy the beauty of monofil/staff in rights. The lights are floated from the matrix of beams directly, or with the help of metal lattices, in groups. The futures take geometrical forms, both right and soft, and are coloured in light-hearted shades that add a striking counterpoint to the predominantly raw, earthy aesthetic. The cabanas are illuminated with find shandlellers, while elsewhere strings of bulbs, fung loosely across the beams, infuse a references enter festivity into the proceedings.

Working with a space that hadn't too much going for it, Mayur and Deval have created a go-to party destination that gets together everyday materials to build up a narrative that is replete with style and substance. A space that reveals itself step by step, surprising visitors with the variety of ambiences it has to offer.

FACT FILE: Project Kube Client BR Shetty (BR Restaurants Pvt Ltd) Location Andheri West, Mumbai Area 12,000 sq ft Concept and interior design Mayur Gujare and Deval Shah Principal architects Mayur Gujare, Deval Shah Design team Chaitali Mistry, Mayur Aer Upholstery, colour scheme, design detail and interior styling Bluesheep Plumbing, electrical, mechanical, HVAC, acoustics and interior contracting Saga Interiors & Services Furniture Saga Interiors & Services and Bluesheep.in Tiles Decoreta Plus Concrete panels Saga Interiors & Services with local craftsmen





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Fanzart has introduced the Agua let, a premium IP 54 certified mist fan. The device is constructed in shape of a jet engine, equipped with the wheels for easy mobility and durability. The fan comes with a water spray, that releases a cool, refreshing breeze and a motor that enables powerful air delivery and almost negligible air cutting noise. It provides a drop in temperature of upto eight degrees celsius over an area of 95 square metres. The fan is best suited for outdoors, and available in a wallmount version. PRICE ON REQUEST

PHILIPS

The Mario (AC3821) 2-in-1 air purifier and humidifier by Philips comes equipped with NanoCloud humidification technology, so it not only purifies the air but also maintains optimum humidity in the room. It removes pollutants and allergens as small as 0.003 um from the air, along with dust, smoke and pet dander. The extra-sensitive Allergen Mode boosts the fan speed when it detects minute increase of allergens in the air; the smart humidity sensor shuts off automatically to prevent over-humidification; and the AeraSense technology automatically monitors the indoor air and gives real time feedback on pollution levels in the room.

₹ 37, 995



PURESIGHT SYSTEMS

iRobot's Vacuum Robot Roomba 671 is a Wi-Fi-connected robotic cleaning device with powerful suction. Sleekly designed, it seamlessly navigates throughout the house, including hard-to-reach areas such as under the couch and bed. It can be used for an hour at a time and automatically returns to its charging station to recharge. The device has a three stage cleaning system and an AeroVac filter that uses tangle-free, multi-surface brushes that can remove embedded dirt, dust, mites, and allergens. The roomba can be controlled remotely via the iRobot Home smartphone app. PRICE ON REQUEST







DURAVIT INDIA

The recently launched Brisso bathroom furniture range is a refreshing contemporary approach to bathroom design by Christian Werner. The washbasin vanity units come in five different widths, the consoles are available in two different kitchicesses and can be combined with vanity units with widths of 3 come to 8 com and console washbasin vanity units of 6 zem to 100cm. The tall cabinet and semi-tall cabinet offer added storage. The furniture is available in in finishes, including real wood veneers or facquers, and in on-trend tones such as matte light blue and matte concrete grey. Matching mirror and mirror cabinets are also available with 300 law-strong LED edging light at the top.

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SYSKA LED Syska LED has

introduced Wi-Fienabled smart lights which are compatible with Amazon Alexa and can be linked to Amazon Echo smart speakers. Once synced with the Echo. Echo Dot or Echo Plus, Syska Smartlights can respond vocal commands. You can also set up routines so that a single command can trigger multiple actions, from switching on your bedroom and bathroom lights to turning on your water heater. The lights can also be controlled using the Syska Smart Home app. The app gives you the option to choose your shade of light from a spectrum of three million colours.

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ALUDECOR

Aludeor's latest 3mm fire retardant aluminium composite panels (ACP) have been launched in major Indian metros like Kolkata, Mumbal, Delhi and Chennai. They alumbal control to the singuistic significantly towards preventing building fire casualities. The panels are available at rates comparable to their non-fire-retardant counterparts, where the additional cost is calculated over the standard installation cost per square foot per month on a 10-year warranted ACP. They can slow down the spread of flames and release of heat for up to two hours, and supposes smoke as well.



ROCA INDIA

Roca has introduced a variety of products for basin and bath-shower misers that are suitable for any contemporary bathroom. The brand has also launched the Nais single lever fauet collection, which is available in cylindrical and square shapes and four height options. Besides, the ceramic cartridge of the faucer is equipose with cold start technology, which offers the convenience of cold, mised and hot water. Strengthening its eswinger collection, Roca has debuted new wall-mounted basin mixers under its Lo₂ Atlas, Lanta and Escuadra faucet ranges.





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OZONE OVERSEAS

Ozone has unveiled the Fingerprint Access Controlled Device which can be integrated with an automatic door system. This new smart device is engineered to deliver much greater benefits than just the opening of a door. It enables you to operate the automatic door with either fingerprint or RIFO zard authentication. It comes with a SD Card slot that can facilitate transfer of last access history if required, to check details of people who operated the door, and is equipped with a doorbell and sleep mode function. This system runs with a working voltage of DC 12V.



MITASHI EDUTAINMENT

Mitashi has added seven new Xtreme Heavy Duty air conditioners in a variety of sizes, viz 1 to n, 15 ton and 2 ton. These models are designed for heavy usage and are suited to homes and offices alike. The new range offers super silent operation, wide and long airflow, a hidden LED display, remote control with display, low-power consumption, auto restart, wide voltage operation range, sleep timer, arti-bacterial filter, auto clean function and turbo cooling. It has been manufactured according to 2018 energy efficiency norms.

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AISEN

From the house of Vishal Wideo & Appliances, Alsen has introduced the UHD HDR smart television ASSUD970 that offers unprecedented colour levels, life-like picture quality, exquisite brightness, Dolby Digital Audio and a wide viewing angle. The 4K UHD display is packed in a slim bezel design with zero pixel defect, thanks to the k4 forade panel. The 2O W speakers Offer sharp and loud usich tax complements the HD quality of the video. The TV comes with several connectivity options like two distinct USB ports, three HDMI ports and an AV input. It is also equipped with an advanced E-share app, Aptoide store, power-saving mode and more.

₹ 52,990





HAIER APPLIANCES INDIA

Haier's new series of direct cool (DC) refrigerators with a five star rating is available in a glass finish and beautiful floral patterns. These refrigerators are equipped with high quality, heavy duty compressors for limited energy usage that helps reduce power consumption by consuming 0.35 units of electricity in a day. They also feature a special one-hour icing technology that can make ice in just 60 minutes; it is embedded with a thick PUF insulation and longer condenser coils for effective cooling: can run without a stabilizer: and are CFC free.

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