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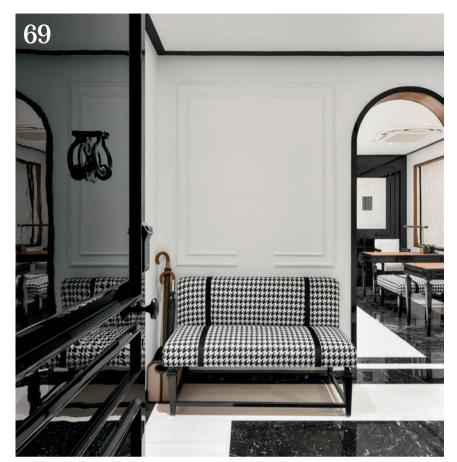


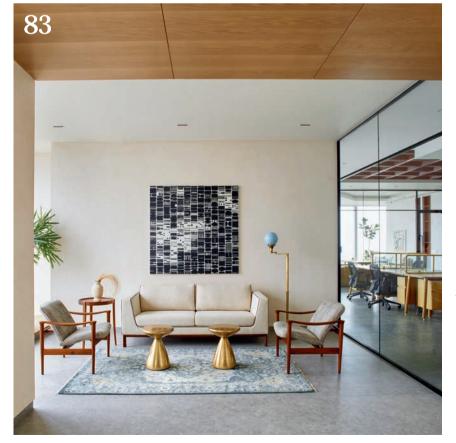
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At the beginning of the year, when we started planning the line-up for all the issues, this one seemed the least stressful. And then, as they say, life happened – in this case, D/code - and schedules were shuffled, and plans changed. So with our minds spinning on multiple axes, this issue has been put together with a keen eye out for the extra special.

I'd like to give a big shout out to our curator for D/code South, Shernavaz Bharucha, for her indomitable spirit and unstinting support on this absolutely tumultuous journey to Bengaluru. And now, let me tell you a little about our labour of love. This satellite avatar of our flagship D/code IP that takes place in Mumbai, is finally here! After multiple date changes (I will not go back to talking about our pandemic woes!) and logistical upheavals, I'm so glad we decided to stand our ground and go ahead with the event as planned.

And so, yes, I'm thrilled to bits and looking forward to welcoming all you design people to the gloried halls of D/code 2022, the South Edition, curated by Shernavaz Bharucha, and brought to you by all of us – you included!

Ronitaa R. Italia

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D/code is India's India's leading luxury lifestyle show from the Times Group. Now in its fifth edition, D/code aims to redefine the way we experience the luxe life. An initiative of Home & Design TRENDS magazine, D/code is a platform for the best architectural and design talent to be showcased under one roof. D/code 2022 is a sum of thinkers, art, technology; the convergence of all design that makes up luxury living. The start of a global design revolution, D/code 2022 is an ode to the present and a celebration of the future.

India's leading luxury lifestyle show brings together designers, architects, decorators, product designers, art and artists, who have answered the call of designing and making living a stylish affair. For D/code South 2022, brands have designed new collections, with the aim to launch them in the company of the architecture and interior design fraternity. Speaking of categories, we have art, landscaping, lighting, technology, furniture, furnishings, automation, furnishings, home décor, accessories, basically the entire gamut of transforming a home to realise one's aspirations. Each brand brings to the fore home solutions that enable the best in home design. From handcrafted, bespoke and collectibles to large-scale and intuitive automation designs, this year at D/code the range of ideas, designs and focus are distinct in nature and exciting.

From the interiors to the outdoors, there's something for every space of a home. Be it the

living room, kitchen, bathroom, patio, garden deck or children's room...D/code South 2022 addresses every space of a home.

HIGHLIGHTS

India's most anticipated luxury design show, D/code is in its fifth edition, and is considered to be the rendezvous point for the architecture and design community in India. The itinerary is an high-octave one — innovative design pavilions, panel discussions, high-powered visibility and networking opportunities. D/code this year has collaborated with some of the best in the industry, and here are the key highlights for the design fair:

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Shernavaz Bharucha, the curator of D/code South 2022, blurs the boundaries to take the glorious heritage and crafts of the South of India to the world. The arena will shift the spotlight to the understated, yet immensely gifted artisans that work tirelessly and create works of art admired the world over. Now's the time to take a bow and salute the talent responsible. The schedule is specially curated to highlight this vision.



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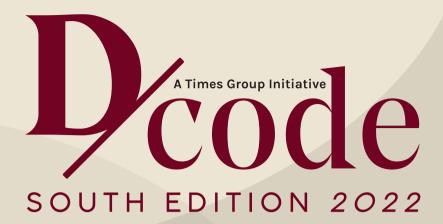
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SHERNAVAZ BHARUCHA: THE CURATOR

eing one of the most successful interior designers of the country, Shernavaz Bharucha has executed a powerhouse of substantial work that spans across India as well as internationally. Steering clear of confirmative styles, her eponymous firm works on luxurious residential, commercial and hospitality projects everywhere, and in her experience, what she mostly deems is completely understated is the abundance of talent in the south.

As the curator of D/code South 2022, she wants to bring to notice the immense potential down there to the rest of the country. She aims to facilitate both ends of the spectrum by introducing local artisans and their artworks to the stalwarts of the industry, allowing them to bring more economical, yet unique options they can take to their clients. This allows the artists to be utilized to their full potential and also gets the architects to dabble their hands at new intricacies. With both parties benefiting from this communion, and Shernavaz being the mediator,

it's a win-win situation.

"We are working on some of the most luxurious and large-scale projects here, where people spend a lot more money on their homes compared to anywhere else in the country and yet, they go unnoticed and fly under the radar. Furthermore, some lesser-known exotic crafts such as the channapatna woodwork and mandala pottery from Auroville are beyond stunning, which also I am excited to bring to D/code South 2022", she gushes proudly.

Over the last two years when the world was battling the pandemic, Shernavaz has managed to use and introduce fresh local talent, which she is plans to bring to people's notice at India's first curated luxury design show. "What excites me the most about D/code South is the dialogue it will facilitate between the unknown artisans, designers, and craftsman of the south with the rest of the country, which I get to encourage through collaborations. This cause is extremely close to my heart", she gleams.

SHERNAVAZ BHARUCHA: THE DESIGNER

Having lived half of her life in Mumbai and the other half in Bengaluru, Shernavaz Bharucha has come a long way since her foray into the world of design that commenced at the tender age of only seventeen. She studied design



D/code is encouraging design, art, architecture and decor to reach new realms of success, and what better platform than this for me to be able to shed the spotlight onto South India's treasure-trove of talent?

- Shernavaz Bharucha, Founder, Shernavaz Interiors

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at Rachana Sansad, Academy of architecture in Mumbai. While at design school, she started working at Talati Panthaky Associates, one of the most popular and successful names in the country. Always a go-getter, she took the opportunity of approaching Talati to work for him when she met him by chance. Jet-setting her future, she converted her dreams into reality and eventually incepted her own eponymous practice in Bengaluru, which has catapulted into the highflying entity it is today.

When asked about her ideology on luxury design, she said, "It has everything to do with upgrading your lifestyle. Since I primarily design homes, I want my clients to be able to come back to a safe haven after hectic days and unwind in the lap of luxury, an oasis that I created for them. To me, this is the true essence of luxury design". A world traveler with some of the most affluent clientele in the country, Shernavaz believes that traveling has played a huge role in inspiring her design sensibilities. It is these trips, be it for work, leisure or scouting that she derives unique ideas and concepts. Social media is also a way forward, through which she keeps herself duly updated with all-things-design.

With a career spanning over three decades, she has seen the undulations and progress of the industry, evolving with drastic design developments that commenced with manual work, that has now been taken over by the rapidly evolving technology. She has faced severe execution challenges on her projects out of the country as the work ethic vastly differs from India, and yet, the end result has been spectacular.

Concluding on a fond note about her clients, she said that one of her most quirky work experiences has been on a private jet with clients who carried fresh milk for their family members with them... while in another instance, she was treated like royalty by her actually 'royal' clients! This is why the allure of south doesn't leave her, making her the perfect choice to curate D/code South 2022.





Whatever you are designing, do it from your heart and the rest will follow. Don't let adversaries or challenges deter you... instead keep at it because... at the end of the day, you know who you are and what you bring to the table.

⁻ Shernavaz Bharucha, Founder, Shernavaz Interiors



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2 This 3,500 sqft London penthouse displays a thoughtful contrast between the furniture, lighting and blue colour pops that add oomph, all while preserving an opulent classical aesthetic throughout.

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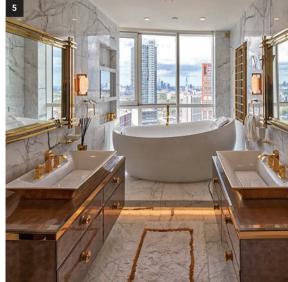
- **3** Dripping with elegance and luxury, the presidential suite at The Serai Bandhipur has a rustic vibe to its innovative interiors. The textures roof adds to the charm, creating a comforting ambience. Photography: Rahul Gudipudi
- 4 A dreamy resort with hand plastered white walls, spacious suites, thatched roofs and an open courtyard make up the design core of this resort. Locally sourced materials and karigars added to the suitability of the project. Photography: Rahul Gudipudi
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 5 A relaxing spa-like ambience resonates in this classic, yet
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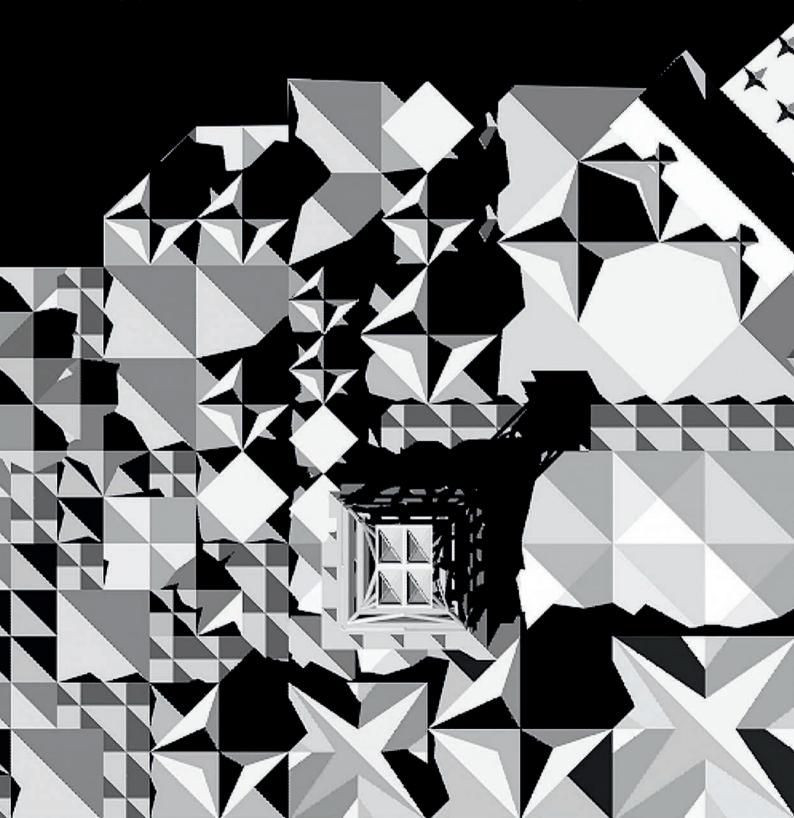


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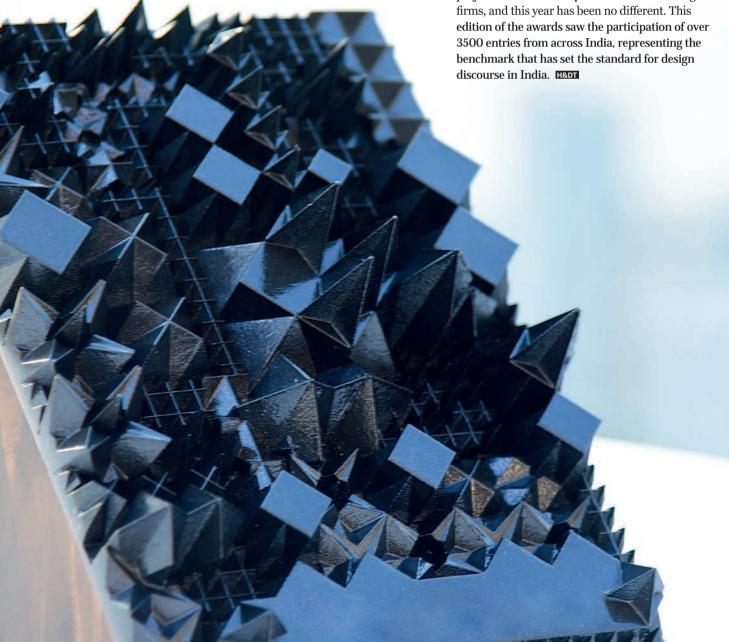


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of land amidst a serene landscape



"I chanced upon what I would consider the most gorgeous parcel of land around Bengaluru, and I knew that all these years of honing this passion for design and architecture needed to be rightfully translated into an abode."

- Sujay Reddy, Principal Designer, Nestates Projects











"The bedrooms in the villa have been designed while fulfilling the desire of basking in views of the hills in the north and those of the courtyards to the south. Vast picture windows have been punctured into the headrest walls, creating a serene visual backdrop to the resting space."

- Sujay Reddy, Principal Designer, Nestates Projects



The Pench Collection

Design by Prateek Sabharwal

Set in the Sconi and Chhindwara district of Madhva Pradesh and spread over an area of 750 sq km is the Pench National Park. The 'super mum' of the Pench forest fondly known as Collarwali Bhagin, served as the muse for the first piece of this collection.

The T-15 Chair draws inspiration from the flow of animal movement. The chair's stance is ever so slightly tipped forward, like a tiger on the prowl. The brass back is an ode to the radio collar worn by the T-15 tigress who single-handedly helped revive the tiger population by birthing 29 cubs.

The Seeng Mirror is the next piece in the Pench Collection. It is a study in minimalism, inspired by the horns of a deer. The sleek wooden sections are anchored onto a solid marble base and present itself as a perfect piece for a bedroom corner.

Furthermore, the Doh Coffec Table and Console are inspired by the Pench River. The pitter-palter of the rain on the river creates a ripple pattern that the brand has tried to bring to the fore through traditional Indian tableware, made of Kansa. The sleek metal sections try to capture the movement of the river as it meanders through the arid landscape of Madhya Pradesh. The Bookshelf and Bench are an extension of these influences, and work as sculptural pieces or just conversation starters.







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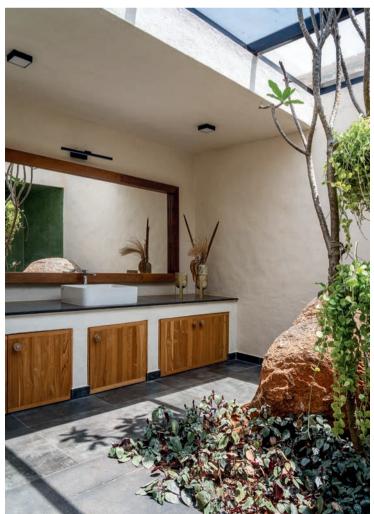
This residence in Chikkaballapur, Karnataka, conceptualised by Sujay Reddy of Nestates Projects, reinforces the simple charm of living in close connection with nature. The built form extends horizontally, culminating in a single-storey home with spaces choreographed in a way that green pockets in the form of courtyards, along with a water body, are interwoven with the living spaces, establishing a dynamic inside-outside relationship. Spread across an acre, the residence establishes a quiet yet compelling presence amidst its rugged landscape.

"The intention was to execute the villas using less raw materials and reuse a lot of wood and antique pieces that I had collected from travelling to Karaikudi, Auroville and Goa," says Sujay.

The thoughtfully curated palette includes locally sourced materials, paired with muted, earthy hues, while Sujay's unique finds infuse the interiors with a characterful touch. For instance, the entrance features handcrafted doors that Sujay came across in a yard in Karaikudi, an old Rajasthani door has been envisioned as the bar countertop, and many more creative interventions such as these, afford the home a distinctive identity.

"I've had the opportunity to watch the vision of my home make its way from paper into reality. This home is an escape from the cacophony of city life and a slice of paradise for me to lose myself within," says Sujay.







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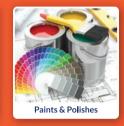
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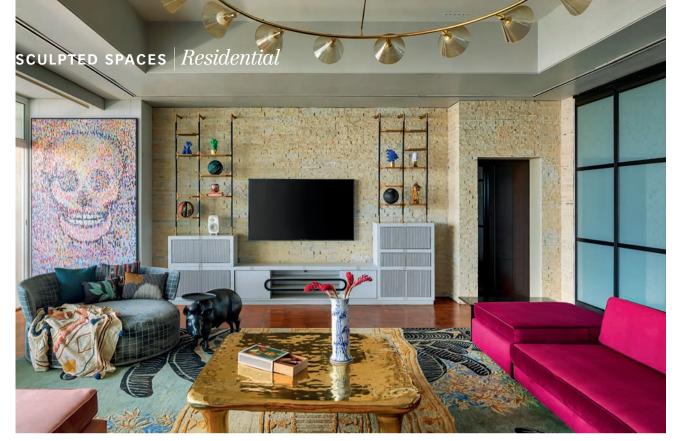


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"We loved working with contrasting elements for this space. From a monochromatic coffee table to bold prints on the soft furnishings topped off with a circular chandelier, each element adds character."

- Noorein Kapoor, Founder and Creative Director, Noorein Kapoor Design









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(LEFT) Glamour comes in all forms to the den, starting from stunning city skyline views, continuing with soothing green sofas from Roche Bobois and a halo ring ceiling light among other elements (RIGHT) The C-shaped sofa is colour blocked with two different fabrics, splitting it into two halves – an unusual highlight of the main living room.





"We commissioned a magnificent circular ceiling light in the living room with a grand diameter of ten feet. This masterpiece enhances and adds to the scale of the space, making the living room appear larger than life."

- Noorein Kapoor. Founder and Creative Director. Noorein Kapoor Design



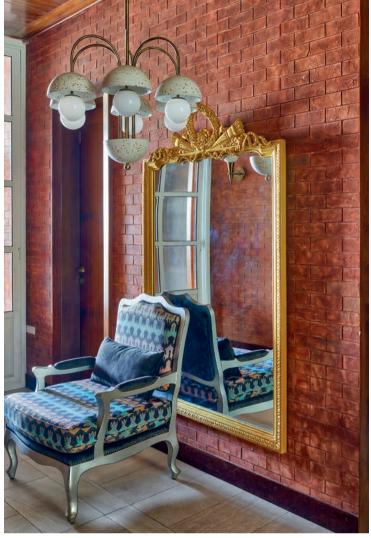


Prolific philanthropists, the owners of this home have opened their doors to give shelter to several animals in need, a noble cause that has actually been burrowed into the styling and conceptualization of it. When approached for the design, Noorein Kapoor, founder, NKD who fondly calls the project 'a compassionate circus', was tasked with revamping the entire space, which she has executed with flawless expertise. The pristine location adds to the allure, displaying an allencompassing sweep of the Arabian Sea dotted with the glittering Worli-Bandra sea link.

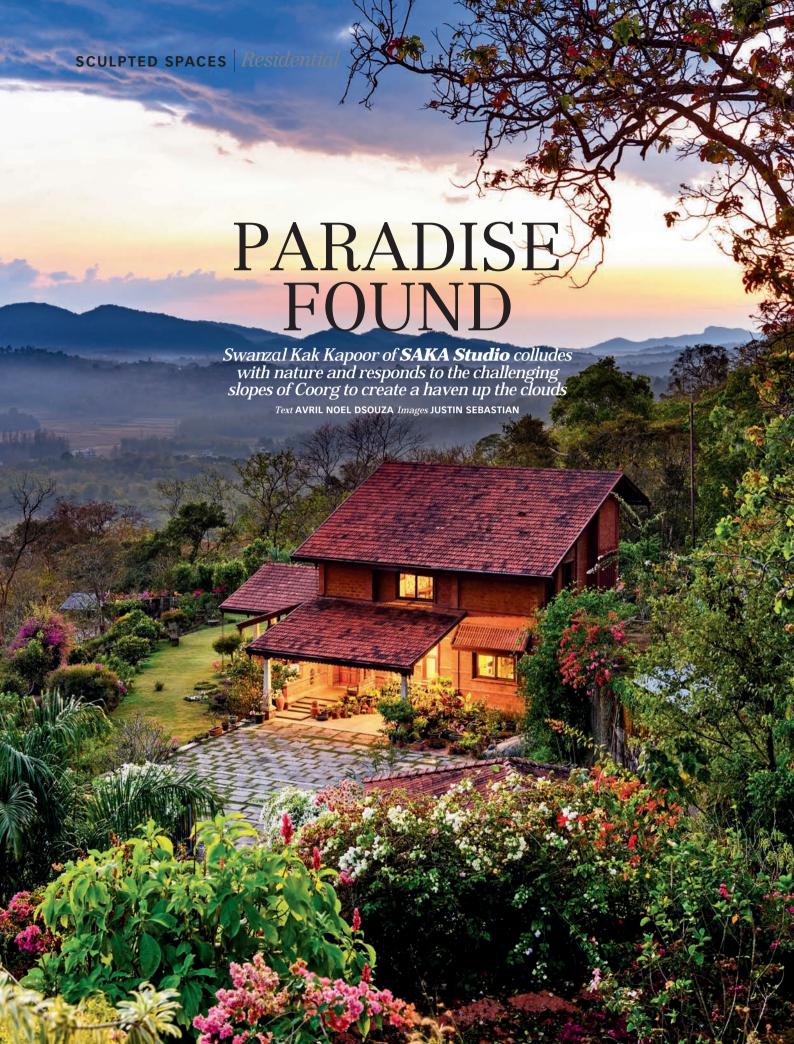
Strewn with amazing art pieces in the right nooks, the home is impeccably styled, giving it a complete makeover it direly needed. The entrance lobby, music room, formal living room and den were completely upscaled, using existing and new design elements, handpicked to create the unique piece of design it is today.

When asked about the key design solutions that drove her to incorporate smart planning, Noorein said, "The usage of a switchable smart film is a dynamic solution in converting the music room to a guest room whenever needed. The multifunctionality of this room stems from the placement of a sofacum-bed and the ability of the film on the divider to be clear and frosted as and when needed".

A home that is for all, humans as well as the animal kingdom, the space is made cohesive and yet, each corner makes a statement, showcasing a wonderful juggle of roles, coexisting in harmony. H&DT









"The Varadarajan House is a second home built in the Bittangala Hills in Coorg.It was primarily built as the homeowner was a keen gardener and wanted to experience a home and garden in Coorg."

- Swanzil Kak Kapoor, Co-Founder and Principal Architect, SAKA Studio







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Swanzal was particular about embedding this new home in the cultural continuity of place was a significant intention. Especially because Coorg has managed to preserve its culture to a large extent.





"Like with most of our homes, the design came together through connecting the functional requirements while examining the form and details in parallel. The more public spaces were placed on the lower floor connecting to the deck and the bedrooms were placed above."

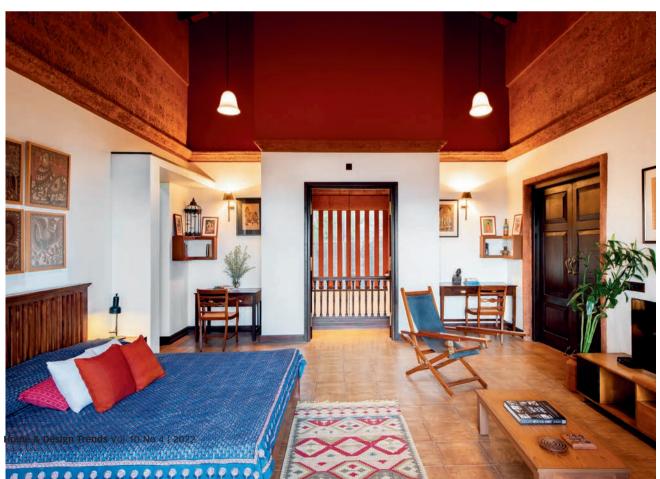
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"To achieve a look in sync with the overall terrain we decided to use natural and locally available materials like laterite and granite."

- Swanzil Kak Kapoor, Co-Founder and Principal Architect, SAKA Studio





"Our initial vision for the home was a series of flowing, interconnected interior spaces that opened to the deck and consequently the valley below."

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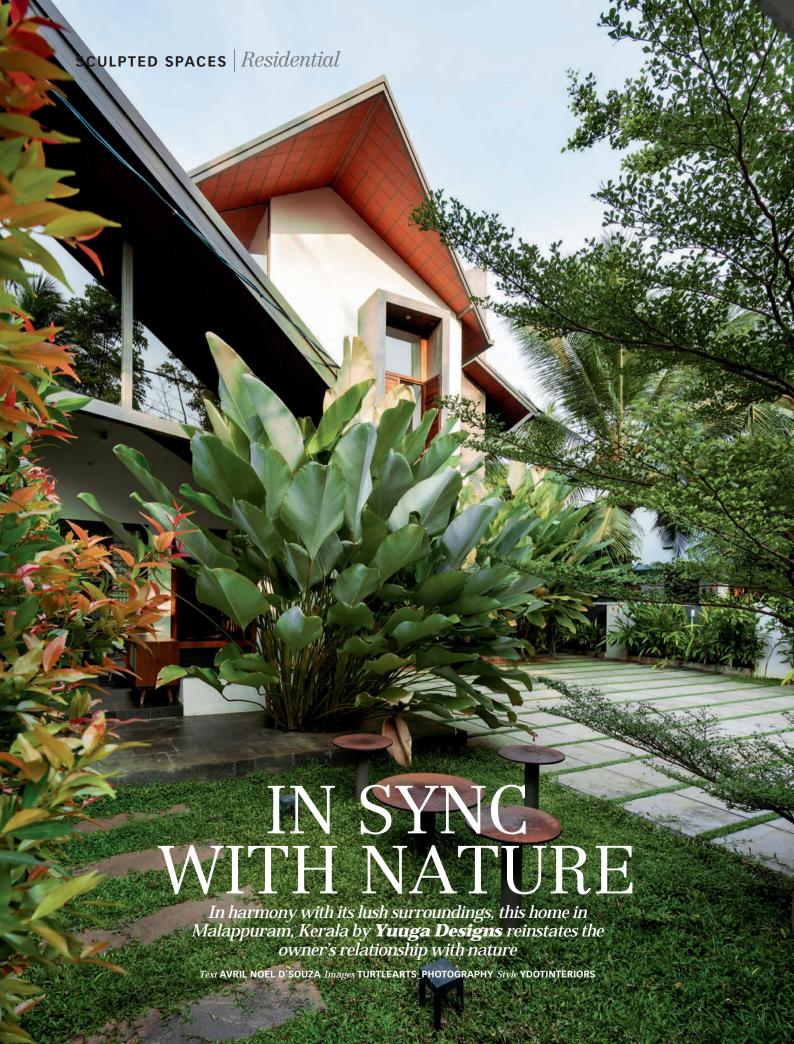


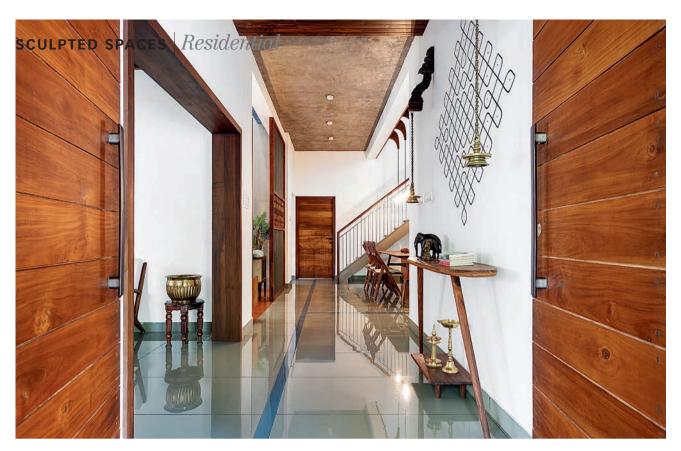


Inspired by the unbridled beauty of the valley below, the Varadarajan house, is built on a secluded clove on the Bittangala hills in Coorg. The homeowner, a keen gardener, wanted to experience a languid lifestyle and wanted this, her second home, to blur all boundaries between the interiors and the scenic outdoors. Swanzal Kak Kapoor of Saka Studio approached the design with the intent of creating a retreat that snugly fits into the slow pace and cultural nuances of this native landscape. You could say, nature dictated the road map for the spatial design, both structurally and interior-wise.

About the process behind the design of this green home, Swanzal elaborates, "We visited local estate homes to gain a deeper understanding of how traditional homes functioned. Ensuring cultural continuity was a significant intention, especially since Coorg has managed to preserve its culture to a large extent." Inspired by the brute scale of the land, the details that are synonymous with laterite, and the sloping roofs and decks of the Coorg 'ainamane'... this home fits perfectly into the overall context of the land. Having said that, contemporary flourishes introduce lightness and comforts that ensure the homeowner can cut off but still feel connected. This home is a beautiful representation of the past and the present harmoniously coexisting!







"After our initial visit to the site, we decided to design the residence to reflect a traditional south Indian architecture style that connected with the owner's cultural beliefs while adhering to climatic factors."

– Arun NV and Mithun Balan, Co-Founders and Principal Architects, Yuuga Designs



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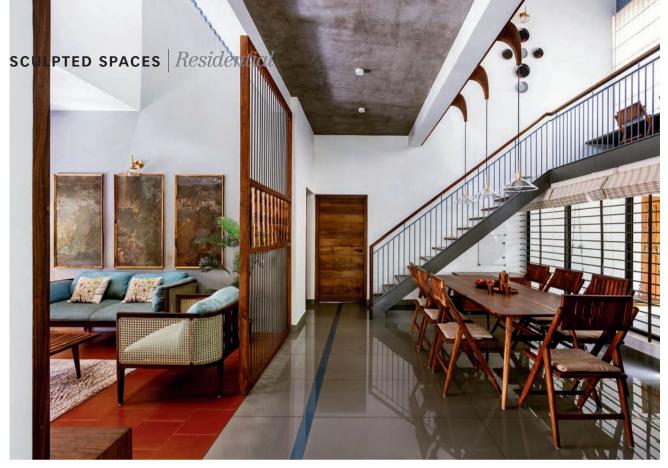




The stark presence of concrete textured walls and ceiling lends this home its minimalistic and rustic character. The entire house follows this built cues. The hint of blue in the flooring all around the home provides a fresh look.







"To achieve the specific nuances of traditional south Indian homes, we have used white and mud red colour as a visual theme, and used traditional style of furniture along with kota coloured floors and traditional athangudi tiles."

- Arun NV and Mithun Balan, Co-Founders and Principal Architects, Yuuga Designs





The bedrooms are kept minimal with some traditional touches to it. Customised wooden furnitures with a traditional styling lend character to these private space."

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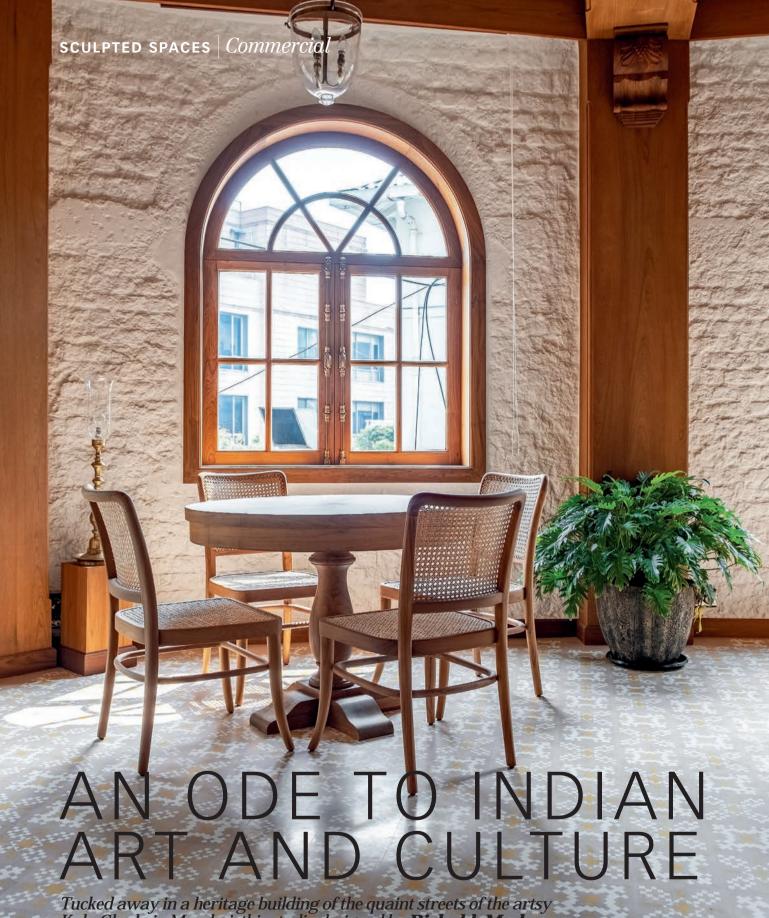


Located in Malappuram, Kerala, this 3,100sqft bungalow blurs the thresholds between indoors and outdoors. Designed by Arun NV and Mithun Balan of Yuuga Designs, the expanse of this home, from structure to interiors, is rooted in vernacular design techniques and proudly celebrates a grounded materiality and colour scheme. Furthermore, this residence, as spatial and rooted to local build techniques as it may be, is a rousing lesson on tactile layering.

The entrance has a sitout that faces towards the west. The sit out is surrounded with plants and grass and the raw bricks on the side walls lends an earthly feel. During evening open winds from west side provides a cool ambience and making it one of the favorite chit chat place of the family.

Arun and Mithin reveal that the owners wanted a four-bedroom house and that they wanted it to be made up of spaces that lend themselves to gatherings and meetings, as the homeowner wished to conduct business dos here. Aside from that, the private areas of the home, bedrooms, kitchens, bathrooms and family quarters, needed to stay clear of these spaces. In response to these requirements and design preferences, the architects planned a spatial configuration that celebrated the expanse while paying suitable homage to family, personal time and their ever-entertaining lifestyle.



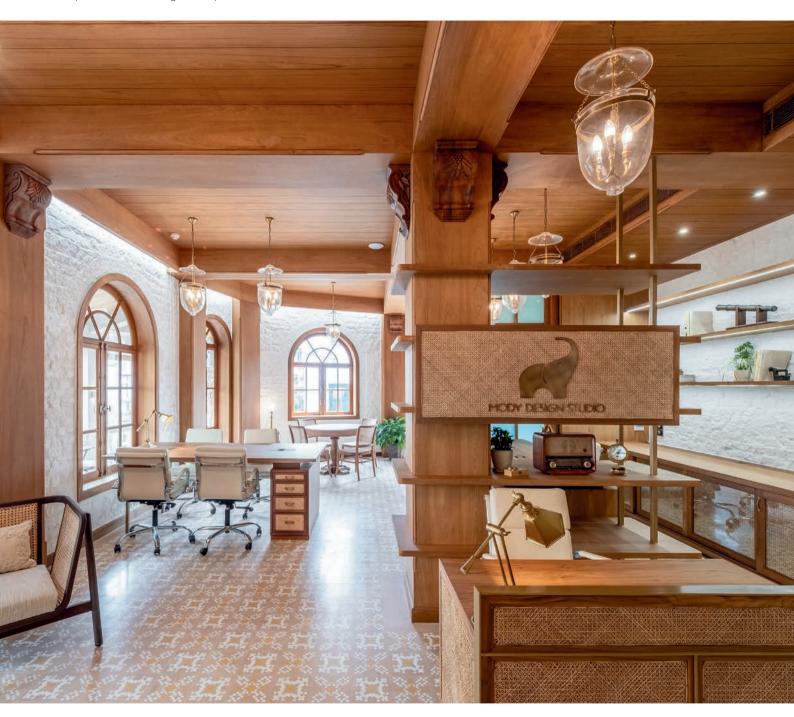


Tucked away in a heritage building of the quaint streets of the artsy Kala Ghoda in Mumbai, this studio designed by **Rishabh Mody** for his eponymous firm is a design marvel to say the least

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Woven beautifully through the entrance, and then flowing on to accentuate the furniture as well as the nameplate, Indian karigars roped in for the project have created stunning patterns with cane throughout the space.



"We wanted to bring Indian art, design and architecture to the forefront, so we drew inspiration from our rich culture by making the majestic 'Indian elephant' our logo. Once a chariot for our kings, this gentle giant representing our firm, became an obvious choice."

- Rishabh Mody, Founder, Mody Design Studio.



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Peering out from an ornate heritage building in South Mumbai's culturally infused locality of Kala Ghoda, Mody Design Studio is an anomaly to its surroundings. Drenched in an untraditional Indianness, the concept, material palette, colour scheme, and even the execution has been done with the expert craftsmanship of local *karigars*.

Large arched windows and doors complemented with white brick walls and contrasted with solid wood ceilings display a spectacular design aesthetic. A focal point comes in the form of the one-of-its-kind geometrically patterned flooring, customised by Bharat Floor Tiles. Another Indian handicraft that comes to life is cane, seamlessly wrapped around several design elements. The entrance partition of the Studio displays this material in all its grandiose! "Matching our design sensibilities, brass, that has been an auspicious metal through our history, first being used as coins, then for utensils and finally on sculptures, was used on our light fixtures, fittings



and handles," gleamed Rishabh when explaining the minimal, yet rich comeliness of his studio.

Chic curtains and abstract mosaic tiles extend comfort and warmth to the balcony, a room that is a pleasurable rarity in today's commercial spaces. Large, panelled windows and a sliding invisible cabin provides an openness, where the work ethic is encouraged through brainstorming and conversations, as opposed to the traditional desk and chair set up.

Finally, the large, panelled windows and a sliding invisible cabin gives the office an openness, where the work ethic is encouraged through verbal dialogue and brainstorming rather than at a traditional desk space.

Eliciting calm, the use of earthy tones and materials make Mody Design Studio a dream office... an envy among all its peers.

STYLISH AND SUAVE

Touted to tantalise your culinary as well as design senses, Juliette is another unique gem designed by hospitality ace **Sumessh Menon**

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"The name Juliette struck me as a sensual and feminine theme, around which the design of the entire space was spun, comprising of earthy materials like rough stone, textural jute finishes, lime plaster finish and warm wooden surfaces."

- Sumessh Menon, Founder, Sumessh Menon Associates



"Keeping in plumb with today's way of socializing through social media, a designated 'instagrammable' spot in the outdoor area with dainty floral arrangements gives diners the option of taking back fond memories."

- Sumessh Menon, Founder, Sumessh Menon Associates





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Located in the coastal suburb of Mumbai in Andheri, Juliette comes as a refreshing take to the otherwise repetitive restaurant scene. The moment you walk in through the intricately moulded entrance double-door, a soothing monochromatic theme will emanate throughout the 4,000sqft restaurant, which is carved into a lavish indoor space with seamlessly demarcated zones. Nature inspired elements envelope the 'insta-glam' setting of the space, divided into a premium dining area and a vivacious alfresco seating style, synonymous with Sumessh Menon Associates. A larger-than-life tree installation along with a stunning custom made exotic floral mushroom motif light wraps around the central seating in the premium dining area. A signature style of Menon's, artists were roped in to make unique wall art features that were inspired by pea pods. Speaking of the outdoor area, Sumessh said, "Creating a retractable and removable ceiling design for the outdoor area was a major challenge for us. To adhere to regulations, the entire outdoor facade and ceiling has been designed such that it can be completely dismantled when required". Cosy seating styles mixed with layered textures in refreshingly earthy tones, the brand-new eatery is surely going to be a go-to oasis, not to mention the finger-licking delicious European cuisine it serves. H&DT







"We wanted to ensure that the space reflected a certain oldworld charm without making it look stereotypically classical. We achieved this by implementing regency-style interiors with contemporary features."

- Faisal Vohra, Principal Architect, F+S Designs





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"Bespoke furniture has been designed by us, especially for this project that takes inspiration from the King George IV era."

- Shamila Meeran, Principal Architect, F+S Designs

Blending perfectly into the posh vibe of the luxurious Banjara Hills in Hyderabad, Le Bureau Blanc is an office space that is designed with painstaking detailing and high-end finishes. An eight-foot-tall mirror lacquered door creates an opulent welcome to the reception from the moment one walks in.

A warm wooden arch reveals a black and white play of the office, from the floor on to the framing towards the ceiling, wrapping the whole space together.

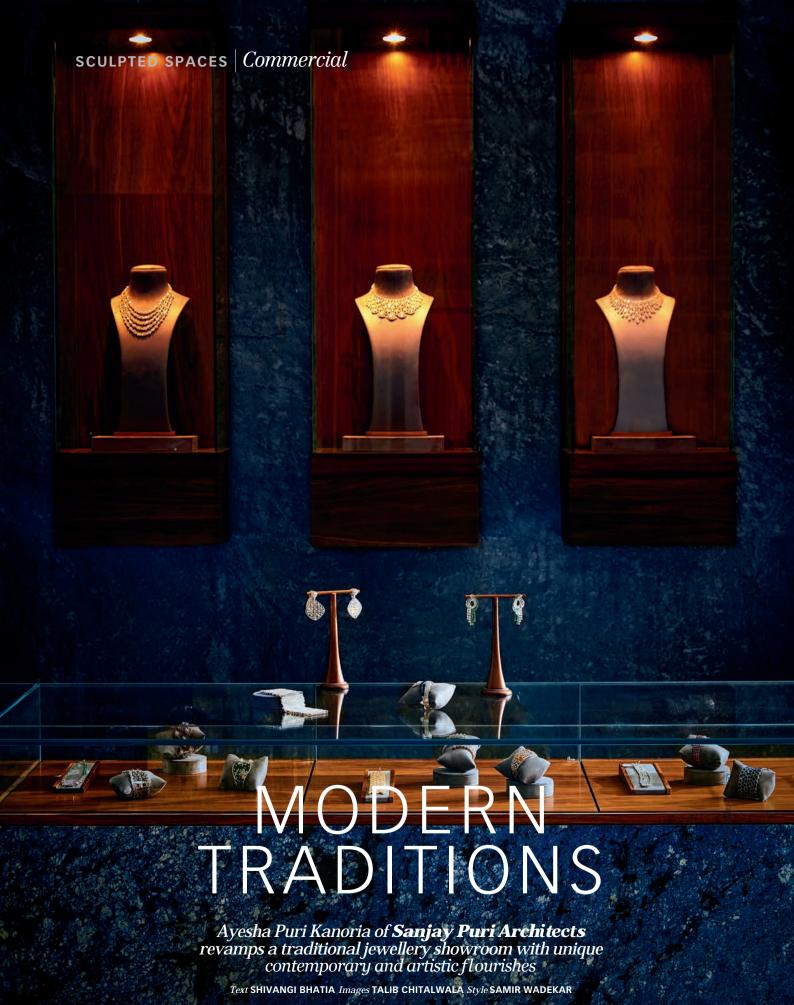
Heading on to the main office, an executive seating for the managers is visually denoted by a wide black band running through the entire span of the room. Two independent tables facing each other in the aisle with a common bench make up the visitors' zone. A large window nearby allows in a flush of sunlight and a magnificent tree to look out towards.

The CEO's cabin bedazzles with its sleek marble flooring and meticulous wall detail. "The gorgeous dual-toned marble colour-blocked in straight lines to the intricate yet contemporary boiserie work on the walls formulates the visual palette. One is welcomed by doors that have been designed to stand tall, lending majesty with their height, paneling, and the mirror-glossy lacquer finish", conclude Faizal and Shamila. HBDT











One of the highlights of the space was a 360-kilo metal swirl light installation that was hand cast and painted on site by local artists. Other interesting features were two custom wall murals at the entry, wallpaper designed by illustrators that flanked the bathroom walls and a bold fun facade made in an electric blue metal-chained framework.





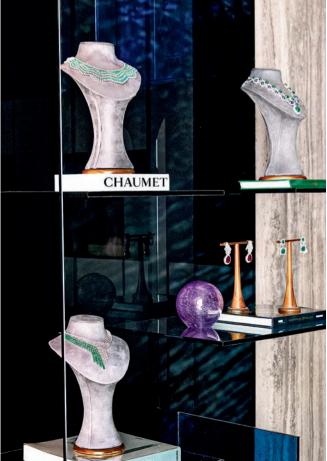
"We challenged the norms of the way jewellery in India is typically displayed by creating a high watch bar, moveable pedestal display pieces, open glass shelving units and a central open lounge that could host families seated comfortably, where trolleys of jewellery could be wheeled to them."

- Ayesha Puri Kanoria, Designer, Sanjay Puri Architects

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"Every detail of this space was custom made and crafted especially for this project. The client, our team and the numerous artists, companies and designers all collaborated continuously to ensure that we made a unique space, which would really change the way retail jewellery spaces were experienced."

– Ayesha Puri Kanoria, *Designer, Sanjay Puri Architects*



Ayesha's modern aesthetics and her unique sense of space, play out almost magically in this unique craft of space. It's evocative and pays suitable homage to the stunning array of designs one sees and admires.



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- Ayesha Puri Kanoria, Designer, Sanjay Puri Architects



Making jewellery retail experience refreshingly contemporary, the display at Mahesh Notandass showroom in Bandra's quaint Turner Road is truly a project of classic timelessness. In her signature style, designer Ayesha Puri transforms the way jewellery is seen, not simply as a wealthy, luxurious adornment but as work of artistic brilliance, showcased in interiors that bear resemblance to a museum. Redefining convention, design in the Notandass showroom completely does away with long linear seating tables for display. The museum-like vibe is further achieved by incorporating a high watch bar, limited display, open glass shelving, and moveable pedestal displays. Interiors are pulled together in a consistent space by the central seating lounge, designed to host families where wheeled trolleys of jewellery are brought directly to them. The area beautifully sits under the 360-kilogram metal swirl light installation, artistically modelled and painted by hand.

What sets the legacy showroom apart is the bringing together of the old and the new, in a fine balance of trendy and timeless, producing an upscale aesthetic to attract a younger clientele, while also underscoring the heritage of the Notandass brand. HEDT



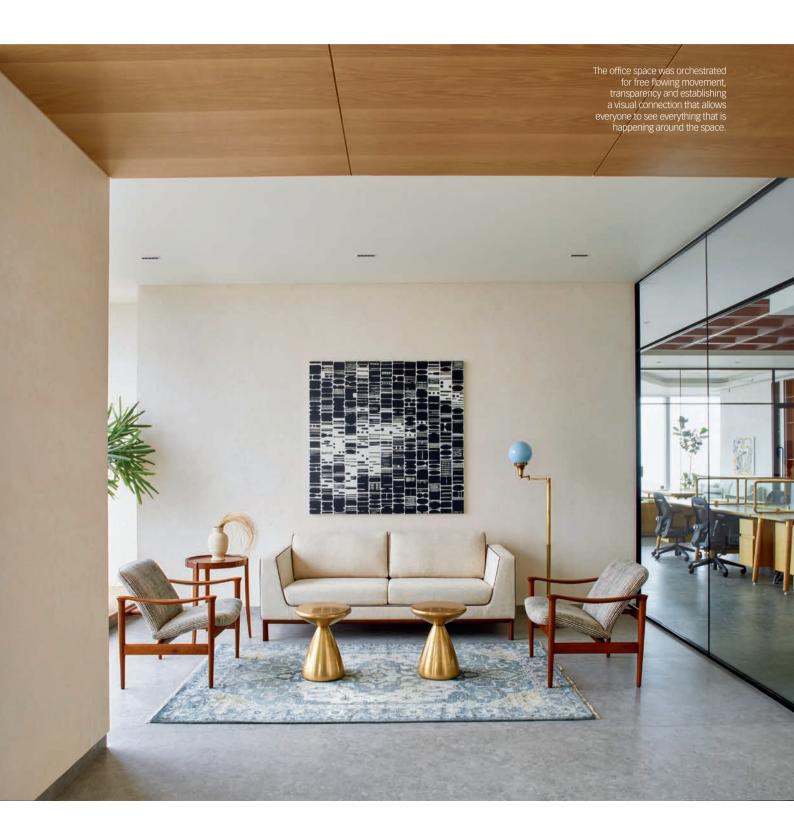






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– Ali Baldiwala, *Principal Interior Designer, Baldiwala Edge*



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A brass rod is enclosed within the insides of the panels, attached with capping on the top as well as bottom – posing to hold the wooden shelves upon which each torch rests. The brass accents end up elevating the torches even more so. Attached to the shelf, the brass plating features engravings of each country's name tags. A visual symphony, this grand feature is sublime and echoes subued luxury.



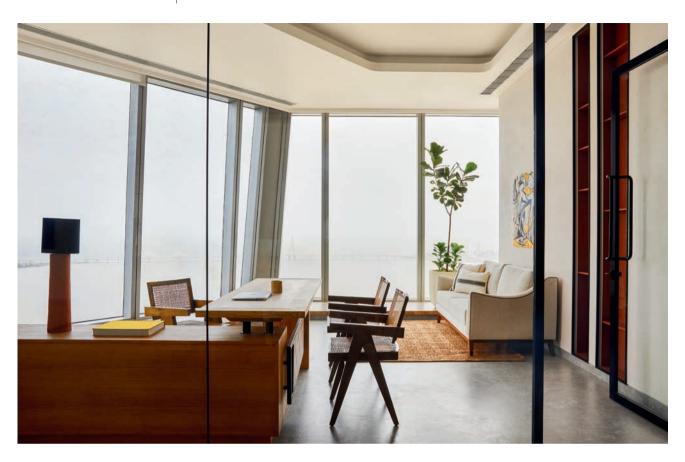


"The design highlight of this office room is the Olympic torch display - a visual treat, the rhythmic pattern of famed torches is created in a corrugated format with vertical panels in MDF and duly finished in texture paint."

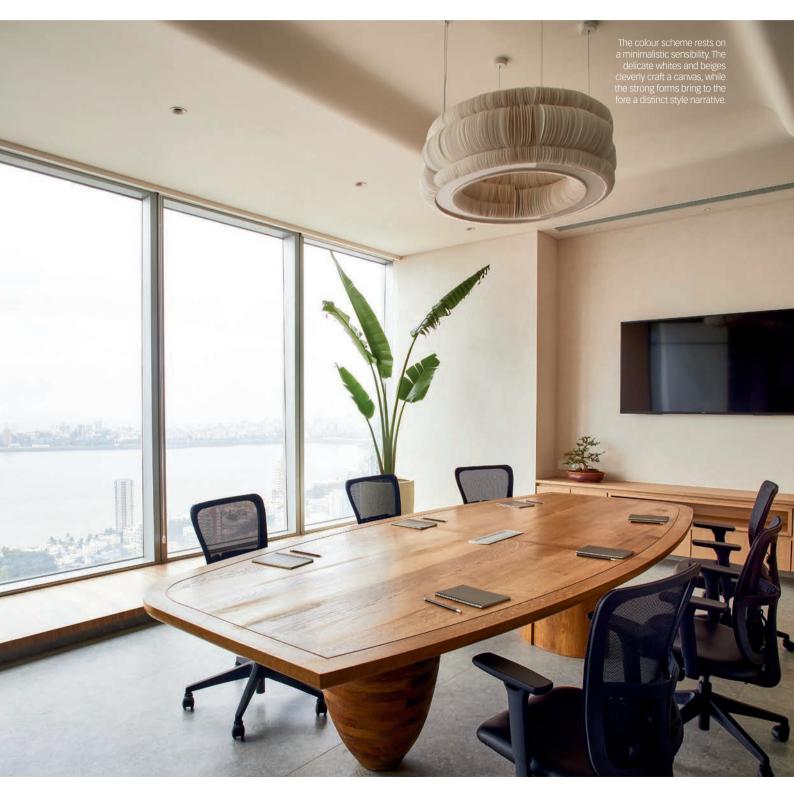
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Lighting gives the space its subtle softness and integrates the overall design. Ali crafts an evocative experience for the brand by reveling in an open narrative with visually strong vignettes.





Ali Baldiwala weaves an accuracy on the 39th floor of Mumbai's Kohinoor Square on a 3600-square feet space which combines breathtaking sea-facing premises with spectacular city views from a height. Imbuing the interiors with the quintessential Baldiwala edge, the designer creates a compelling office space that is open, airy, intentionally sparse, and sophisticated yet minimalistic. To match the tranquil outdoors, the design adopts zen-like Japanese aesthetics, in both material and layout, which exudes a sense of calm against the bustling environment, while also pulling the space together in a neat, consistent narrative.

Contemporary, the working space was designed to incorporate both utility and simplicity. Function contributes to form and the cosy, minimalist vibe is created by a trifecta of stone-finished tile flooring, extensive use of wooden furniture, and art, accessories and plants that make the space exuberate lightness. On using design to create a thriving professional environment, Ali mentions that form literally followed function in designing the space. Aligning his design philosophy with the client's vision, the space was orchestrated for free flowing movement, transparency and establishing a visual connection to everything. HEDI

Carefully placed lighting played a crucial role in accentuating the textures and the use of various natural materials, including stone, oakwood and texture paints in the office space.

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