

MOVA1™

interior architecture

VARRUN MOTIHAR, FOUNDER, MOVA1

My interest in Design is particularly informed by a consciousness of the way interior environments influence human experience. I am always aware of how a meticulous design selection can promote and support spaces for harmonious interaction. This awareness is what motivates my practice.

Varrun Motihar is an Interior Architect and Furniture Designer whose practice, established in 2009, spans residential, hospitality, food and beverage, and commercial retail and office environments.

His work has been published in leading design journals, including ***Architectural Digest India***, ***Elle Décor India***, and ***Good Homes***.

He has been recognized with several industry honors, including ***Good Homes*** **Interior Stylist of the Year** (2015), *Elle Décor India* and **India Design ID's Top 10 Living Spaces Designers** (2019), and selected by **Design X Design** at the **Alliance Francois**, New Delhi as one of the **Top 20 Designers Under 35** (2016).

Varrun serves as a recurring jury member at the **ACETECH** India Design Exhibition.

Varrun Motihar has a Bachelors Degree in Economics and International Relations (2005), American University, Washington DC and a Masters Diploma in Architectural Interior Design (2008), KLC School of Design, London



DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

MOVA1 *is dedicated to creating spaces where functionality and aesthetic come together to provide environments that advance the experience of pleasure and productivity in one's settings.*

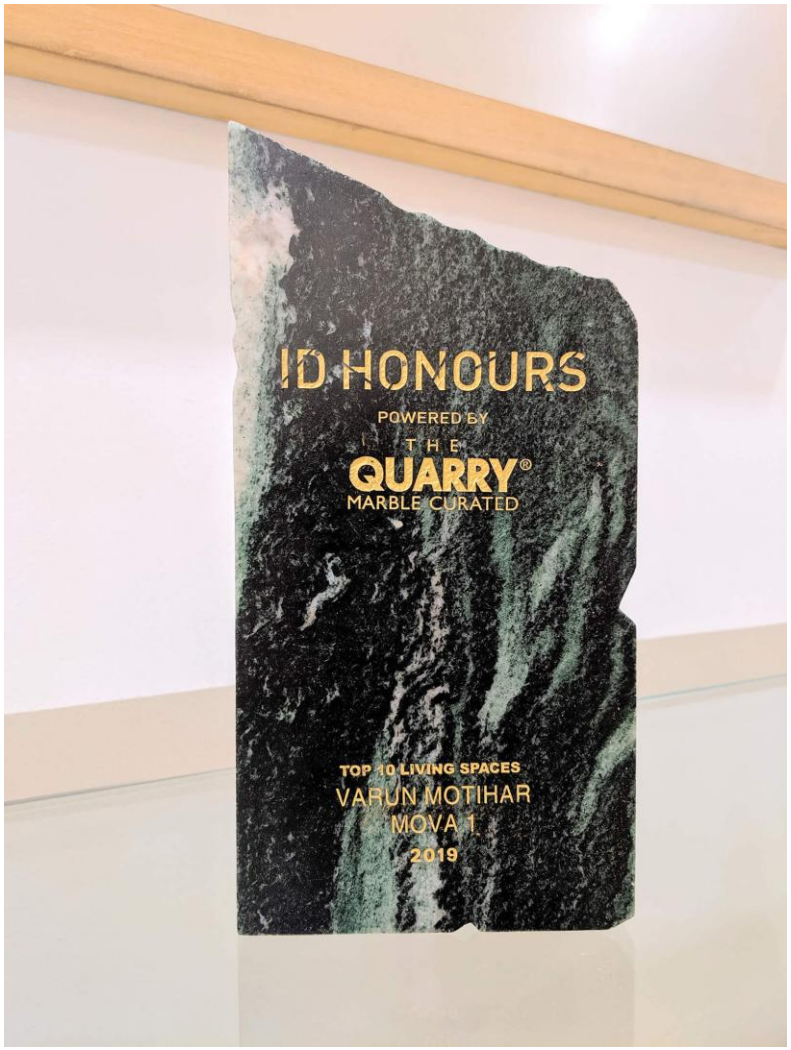
Our work is defined by a quiet, considered approach to design—warm, minimal, and meticulously detailed.

Each project is guided by a rigorous design process, where spatial planning, proportion, and materiality are explored with equal precision. Drawing from classical systems of proportion and contemporary ergonomics, we seek clarity through restraint, balancing symmetry with subtle asymmetry to create spaces of enduring character.

Our practice undertakes architecture and design projects across a range of scales. Every project is developed holistically, integrating bespoke furniture, lighting, and joinery into a cohesive architectural language, with an enduring commitment to craftsmanship and creativity.



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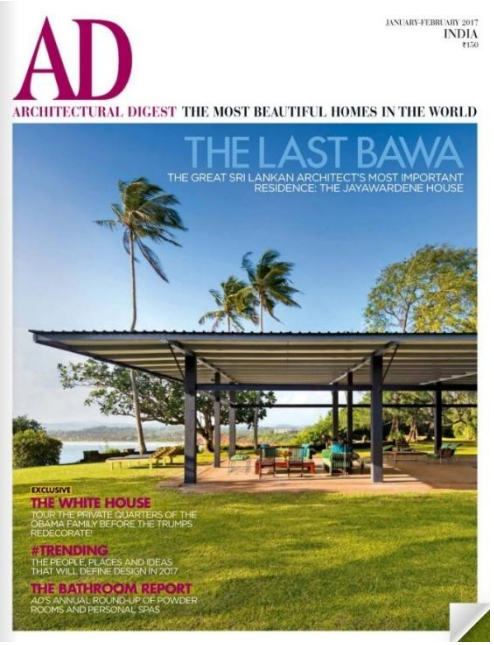
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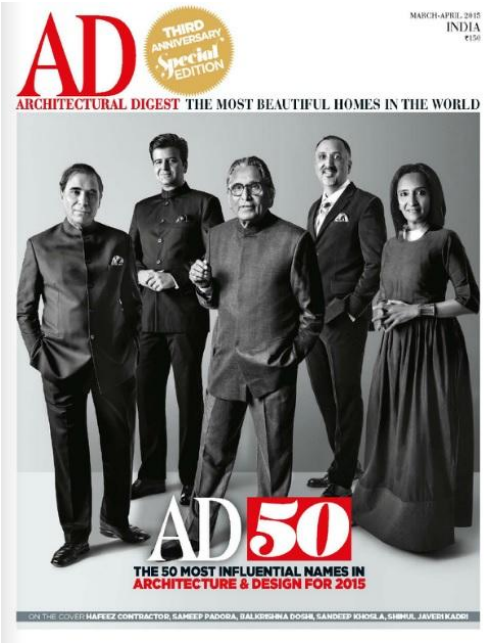
VARRUN MOTIHAR AWARDED TOP 10 LIVING SPACE DESIGNERS @ **INDIA DESIGN ID 2019**



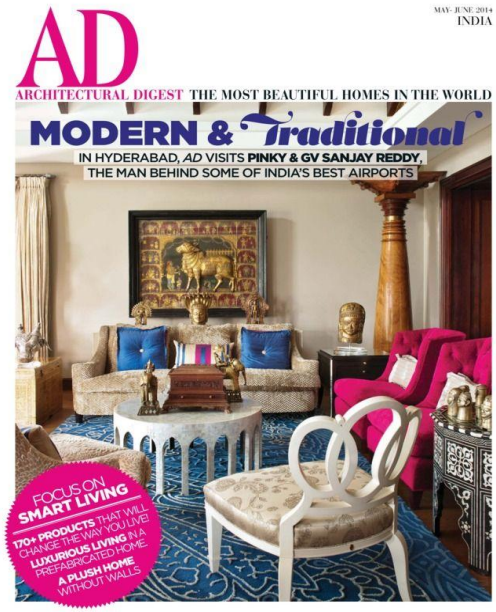


VARRUN MOTIHAR, *INTERIOR DESIGNER AND SPACESTYLIST 2014*,
BBC GOODHOMES DESIGN AWARD













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***ELLE DÉCOR** COVER FEATURE*

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A tropical art-filled home in Siolim

AV*ARC's Varrun Motihar designs a colour-rich triplex in Goa

13 MAY 2026 | BY RHEA OSWAL

ELLE DÉCOR FEATURE (2026)



Unbound links of commonality

This remodelled New Delhi den by Varrun Motihar hides two residences within

18 JUN 2025 | BY POOJA PRABBHAN SRIJITH

ELLE DÉCOR FEATURE (2025)



A plane puzzle—New Delhi home by MOVA1 surprises with its balanced wooden compositions

27 JUL 2022 | BY SNEHA GANDHI

ELLE DÉCOR FEATURE (2022)

HELLO!





JINDAL RESIDENCE, PRITHVIRAJ ROAD, NEW DELHI, **HELLO!INDIA** FEATURE

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***ELLE DÉCOR* FRANCE**, *PARIS RESIDENCE, FURNITURE DESIGN FEATURE*

IN COLLABORATION WITH ***GCG ARCHITECTS***, *PARIS, FRANCE*



ELLE DÉCOR FRANCE, *PARIS RESIDENCE, FURNITURE DESIGN*

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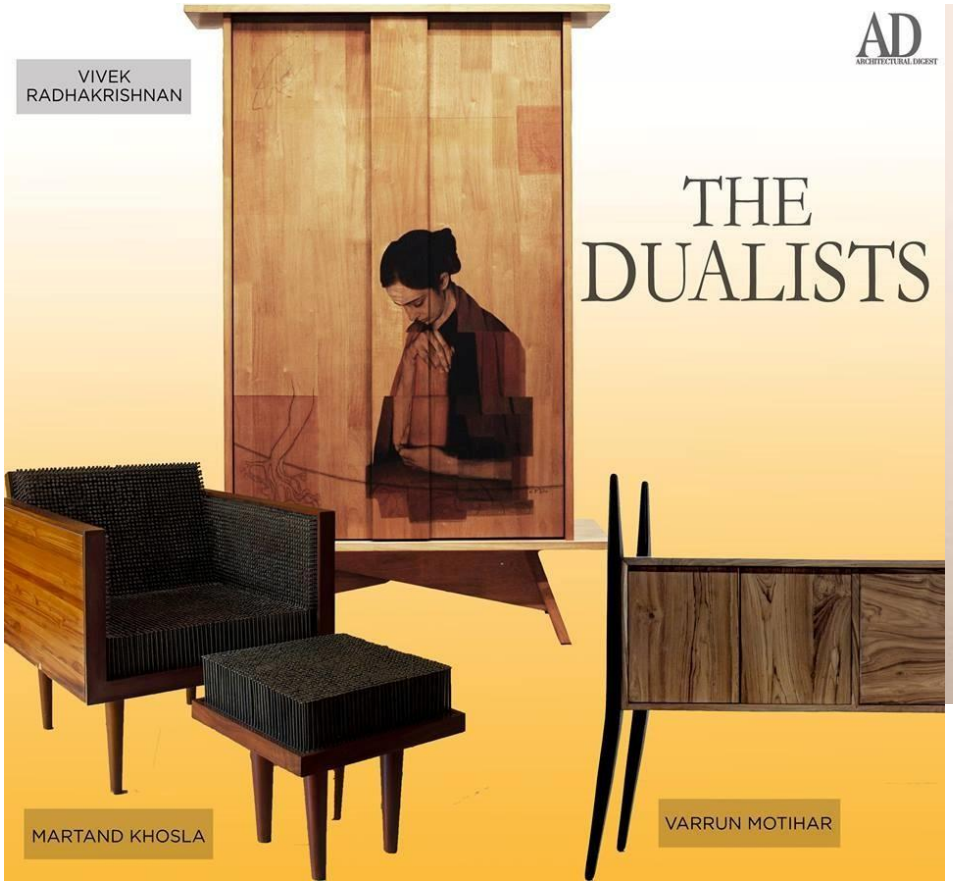
VARRUN MOTIHAR, 20 UNDER 35 ***ALIANCE FRANCAISE,*** *DELHI, 2016*





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INDUSTRY RECOGNITION





ACETECH GRAND JURY *(2019 + 2023)*

SELECT CLIENTS:

- Sanjeev Bikchandani, Chairman, Info Edge, Panchsheel Park Residence, New Delhi
- Abhuday Jindal, Managing Director, JSL Limited, Prithviraj Road Residence, New Delhi
- Max Estates LTD, 222 Rajpur Road, Dehradun
- Max Estates LTD, Delhi One, Corporate Towers, Noida
- Gautam Kapoor, Co-Founder, Shiprocket, Dlf Phase 1 Residence, Gurgaon
- Gopal Singh, Head Of Chamber, Chamber 20A, Neeti Bagh Residence, New Delhi
- Arjunjit Singh, Director DSS Group, Friends Colony Residence, New Delhi (ELLE DÉCOR FEATURE)
- Nikhil & Nitin Mohan, Chairman & MD, Blackberrys, DLF Magnolia Residence (GOODHOMES FEATURE)
- Manoj Kohli, MD, Softbank, DLF Aralias Residence(ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST FEATURE)
- Gaurav Jain, MD, Ricket Benckiser, DLF Magnolias Residence
- Kunal Vajani, Partner, Wadia Ghandy & Co. Anand Lok Residence
- Mukund Prasad, Chairman, Leisure Hotels, River View Retreat, Jim Corbett Park
- Misha Vadera, Chairman, Hans Hotel, Anya Hotel, Gurgaon, Crescent Mall, New Delhi
- Ajay Swarup, Chairman, Globus Spirits, Friends Colony Residence
- Nimisha Jain, MD, Boston Consulting Group, DLF Magnolias Residence, Gurgaon
- Ravindra Bhandakhavi, Partner, Trilegal, DLF Magnolias Residence, Gurgaon
- Rishabh Vir Shah, Director, Mukund Steel (ELLE DÉCOR COVER FEATURE), Worli Residence, Mumbai
- Sandeep Singal, Chairman, West Bridge Capital, CWG Residence, New Delhi
- Gaurav Mehta, Partner, The Raine Group, South Extension Residence, New Delhi
- Rakshay Dhariwal, PCO, Bar & Brasserie,(TIMES FOOD AND NIGHTLIFE AWARD- BEST COCKTAIL BAR IN DELHI AWARD 2014/2015)
- Hungry Monkey, Bar and Brasserie, Delhi
- Vera's Patisserie, Patisserie and Café, Siolim Goa
- GCG Paris, Furniture Design Commissions, ELLE DÉCOR FRANCE, DESIGN FEATURE

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ONGOING,NEETI BAGH RESIDENCE, NEW DELHI

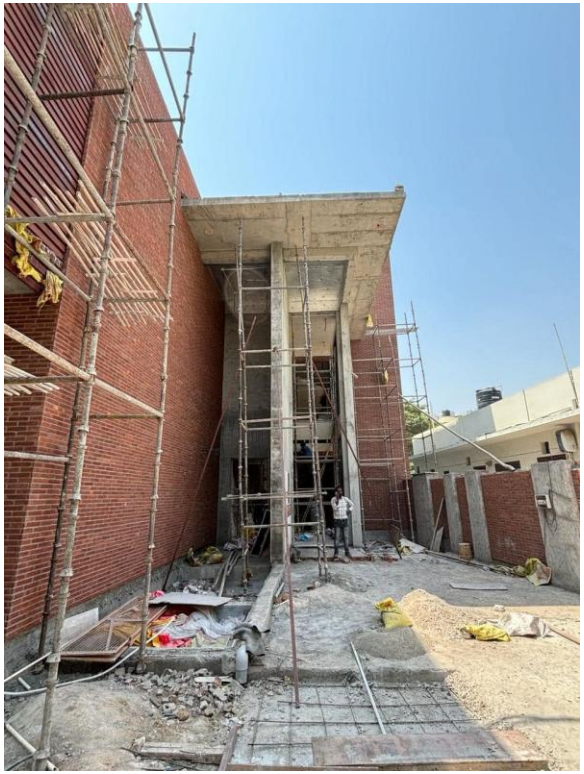
ARCHITECTURE + INTERIOR + FURNITURE DESIGN 17500 SQFT



ONGOING, NEETI BAGH CLUB, NEW DELHI

ARCHITECTURE + INTERIOR + FURNITURE DESIGN 35000 SQFT





ONGOING, DLF PHASE 1 RESIDENCE, GURGAON

INTERIOR + FURNITURE DESIGN 14500 SQFT





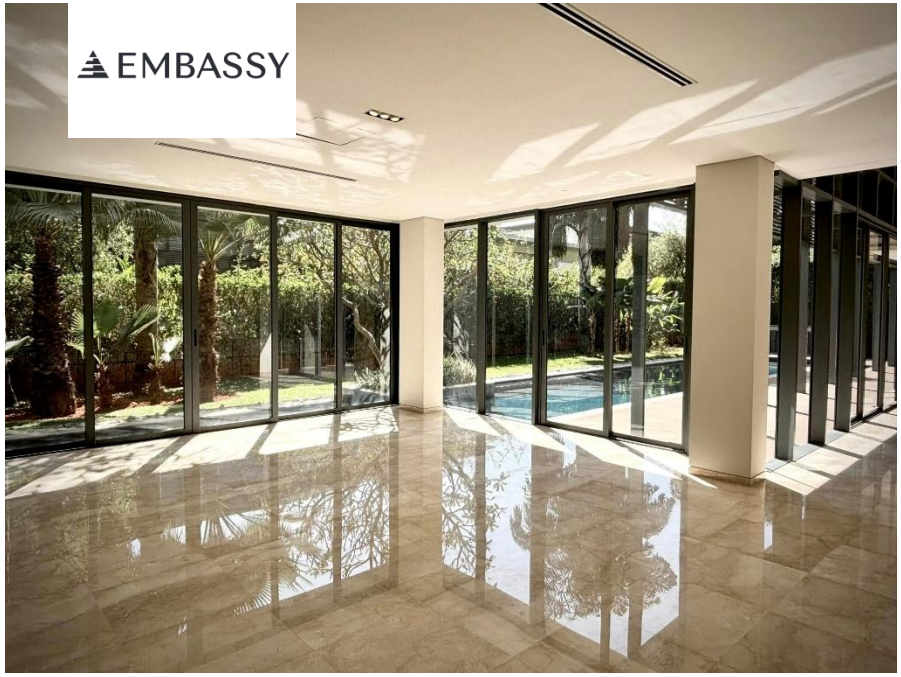
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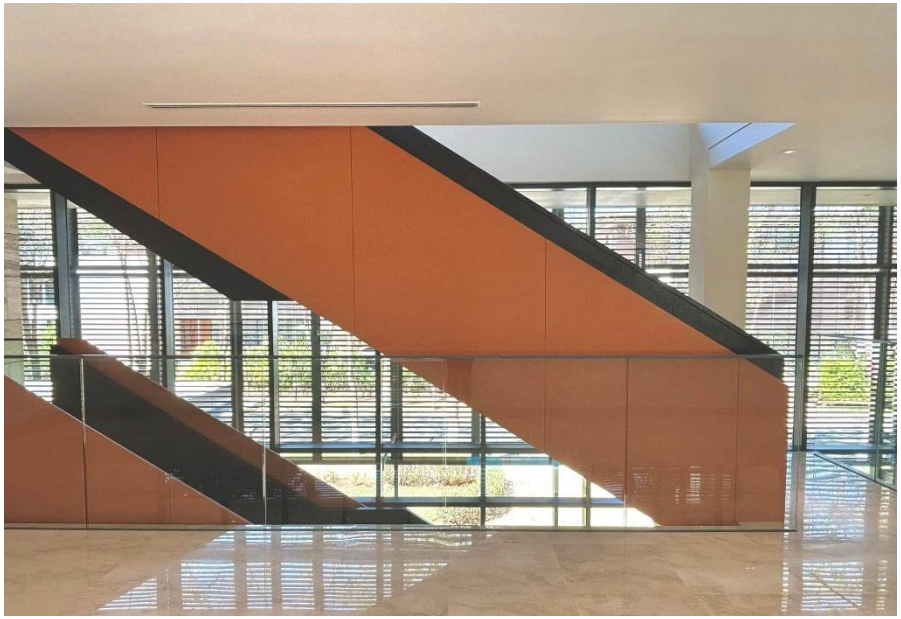


ONGOING, EMBASSY BOULEVARD, BANGALORE

INTERIOR DESIGN + FURNITURE DESIGN 10,500 SQFT







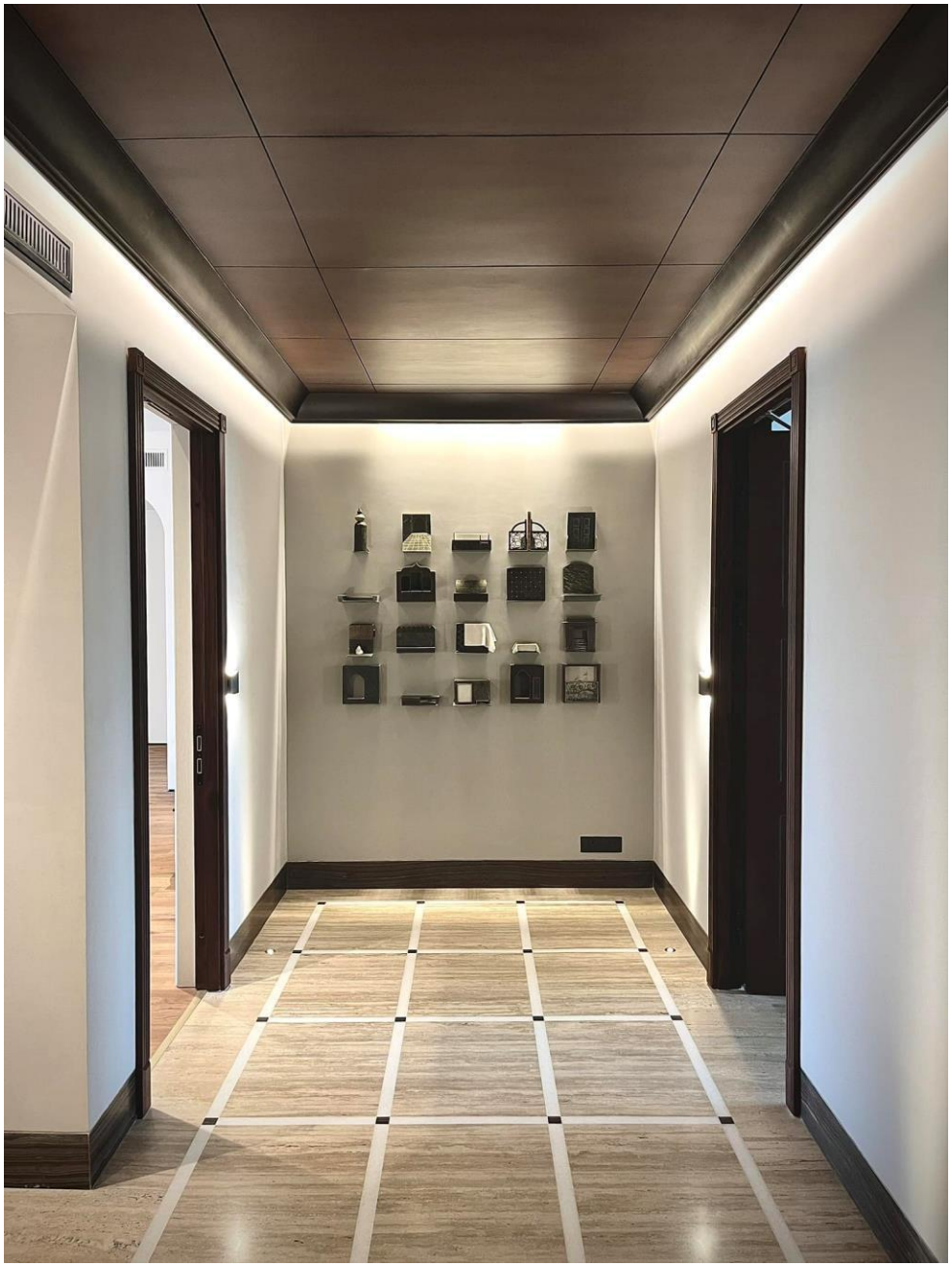




ONGOING, EMBASSY BOULEVARD, BANGALORE / INTERIOR DESIGN + FURNITURE DESIGN 10,500 SQFT



SINGH RESIDENCE, FRIENDS COLONY WEST, NEW DELHI, **ELLE DÉCOR FEATURED**

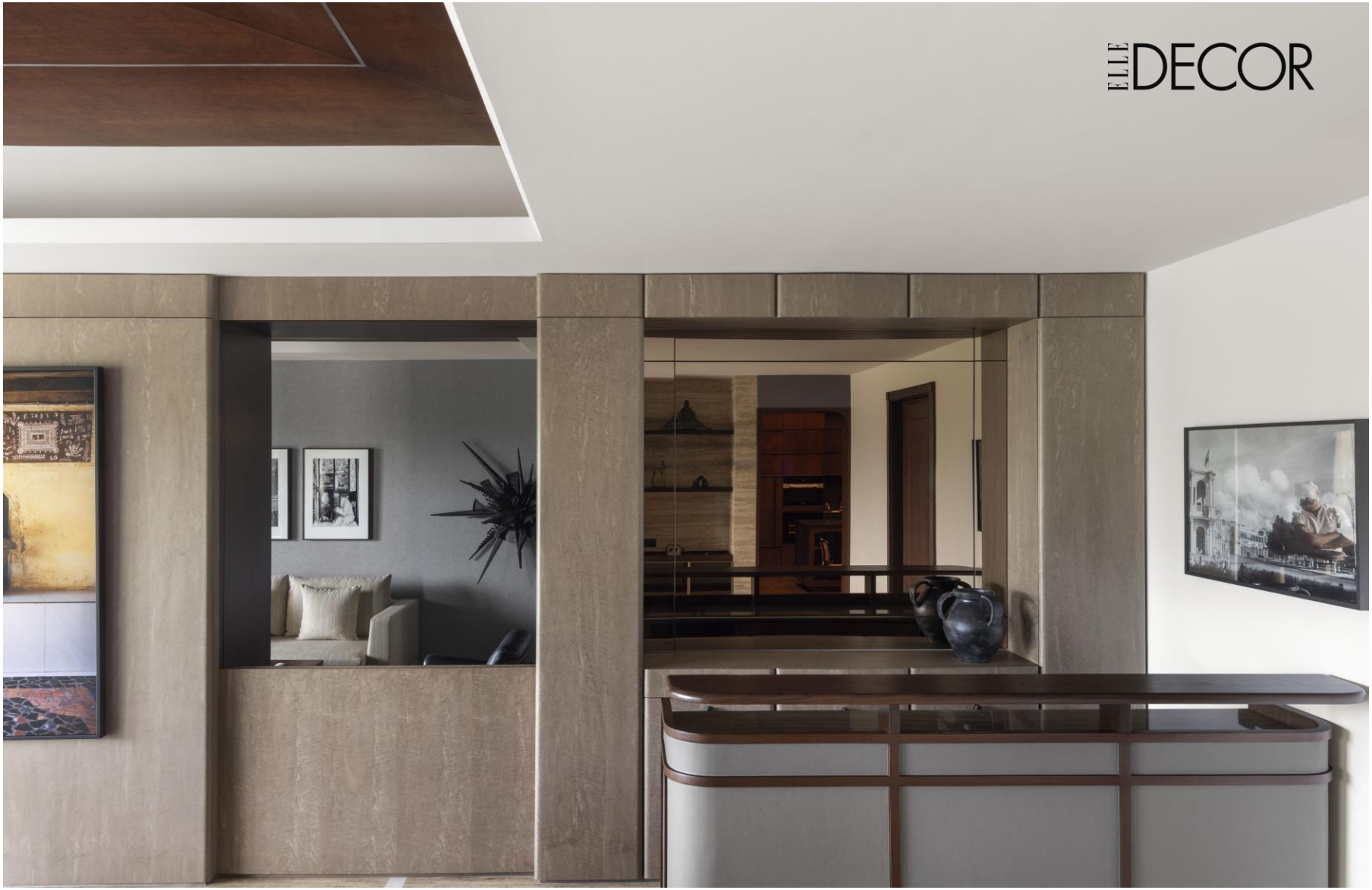




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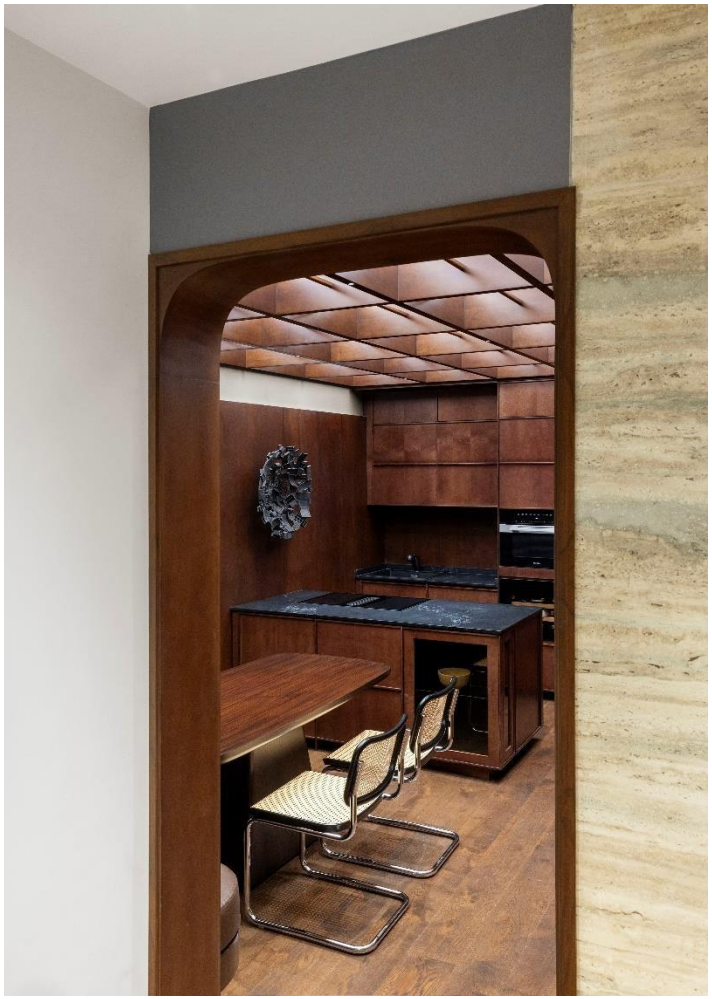




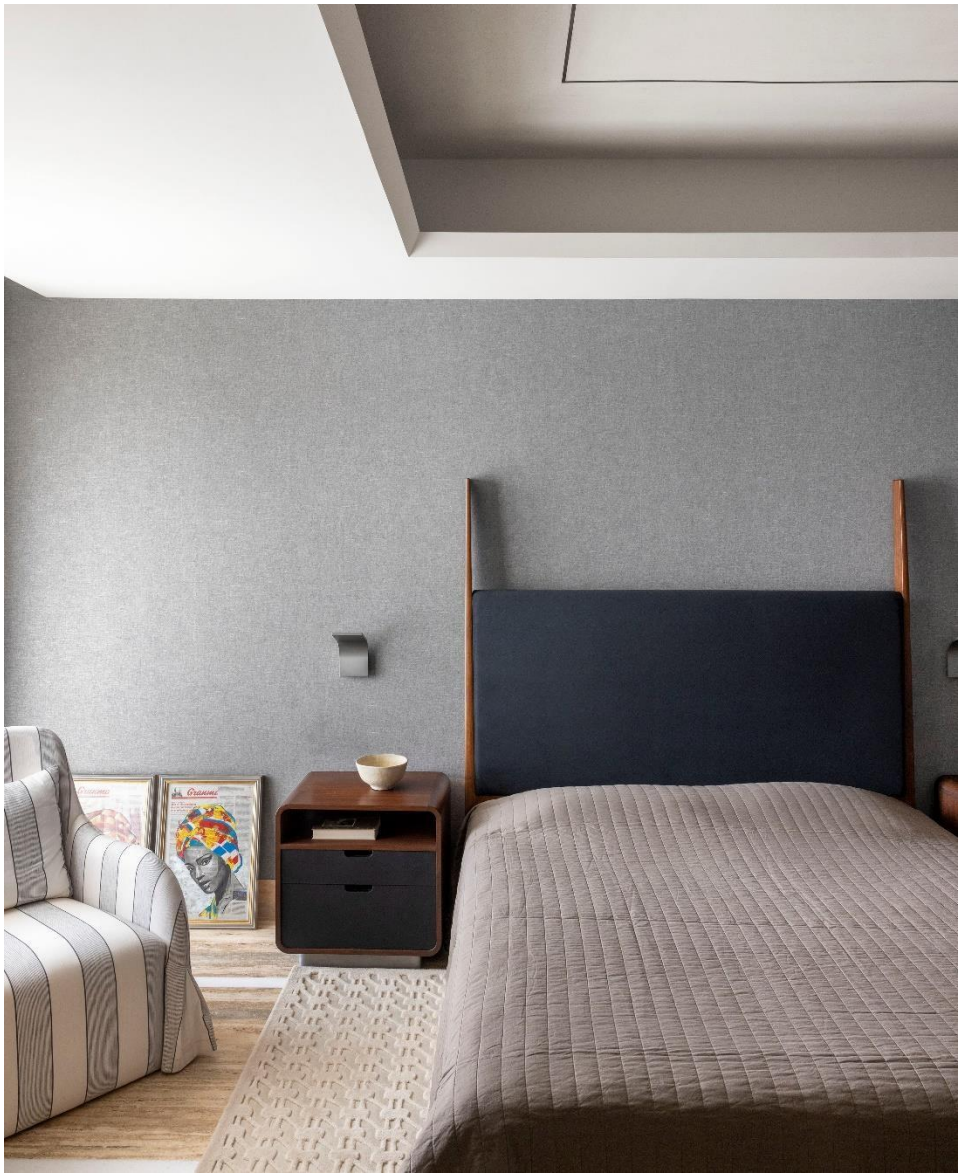

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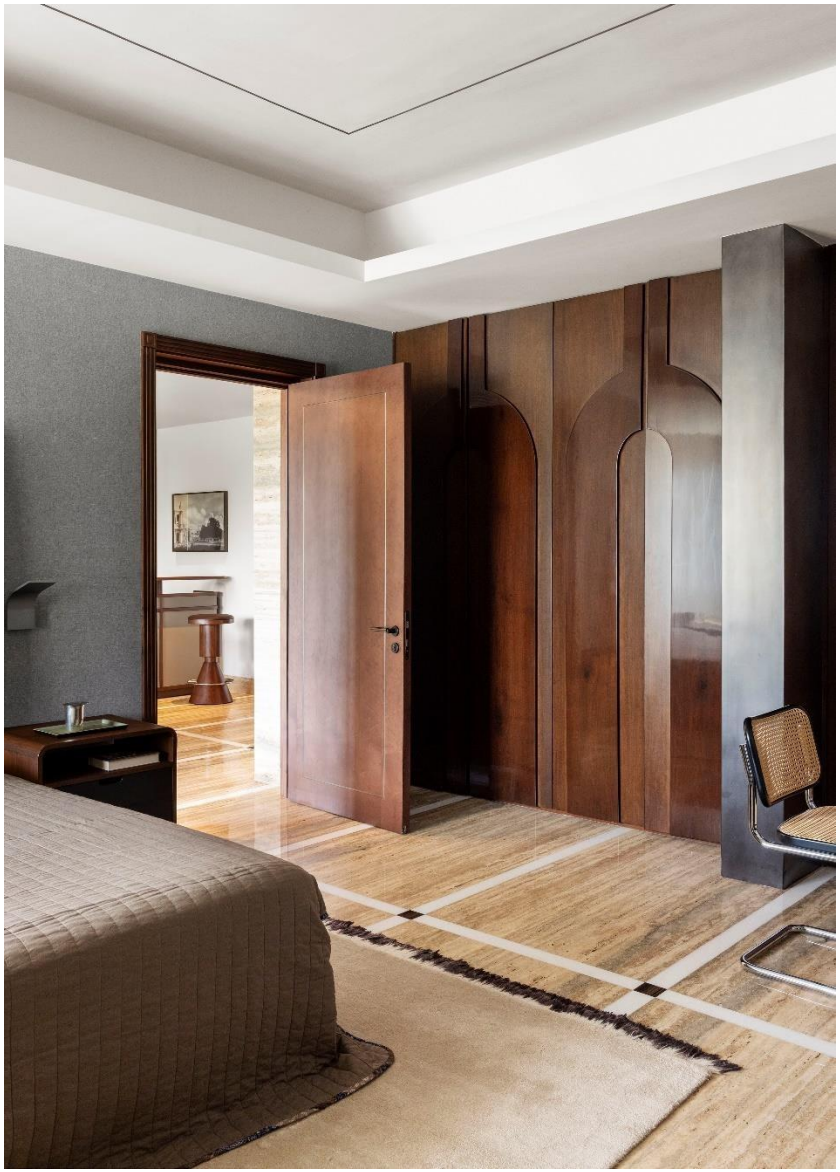








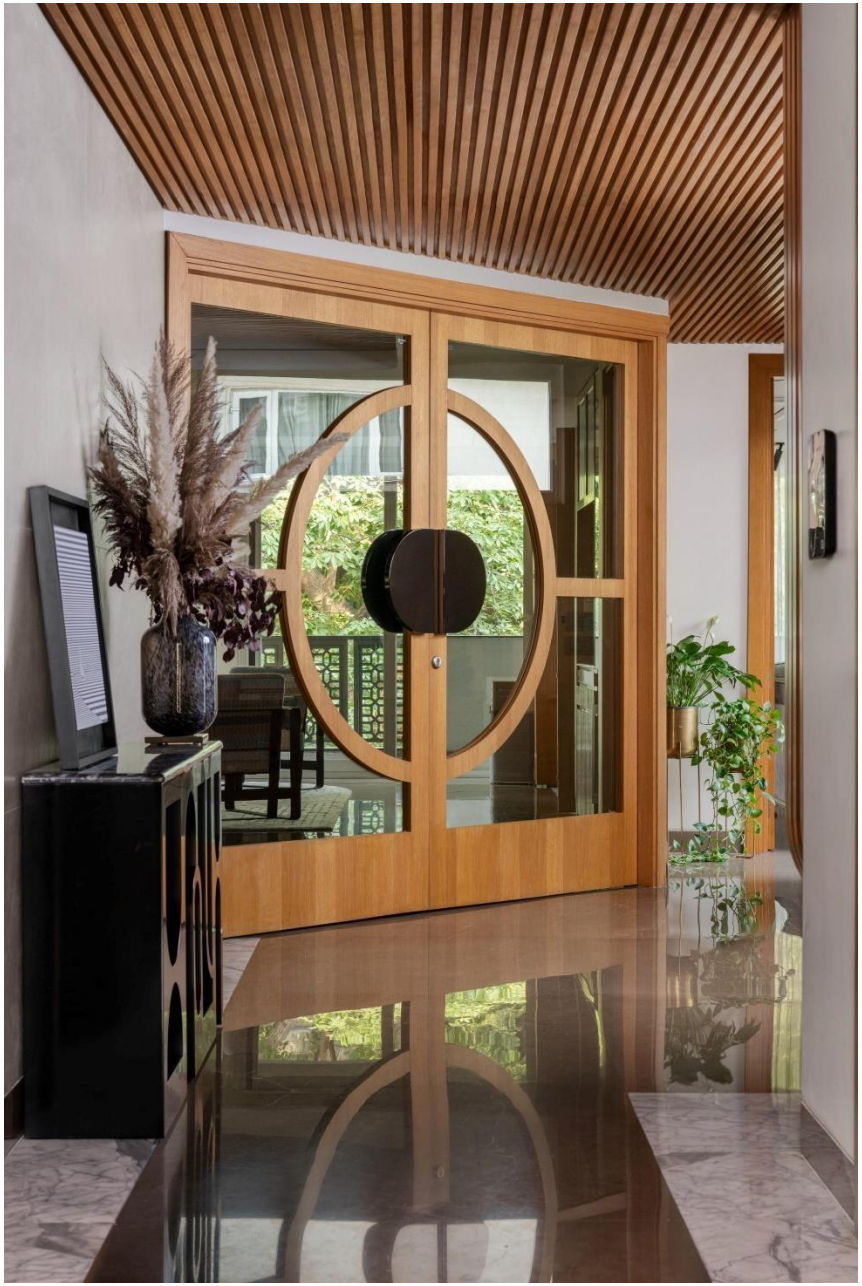




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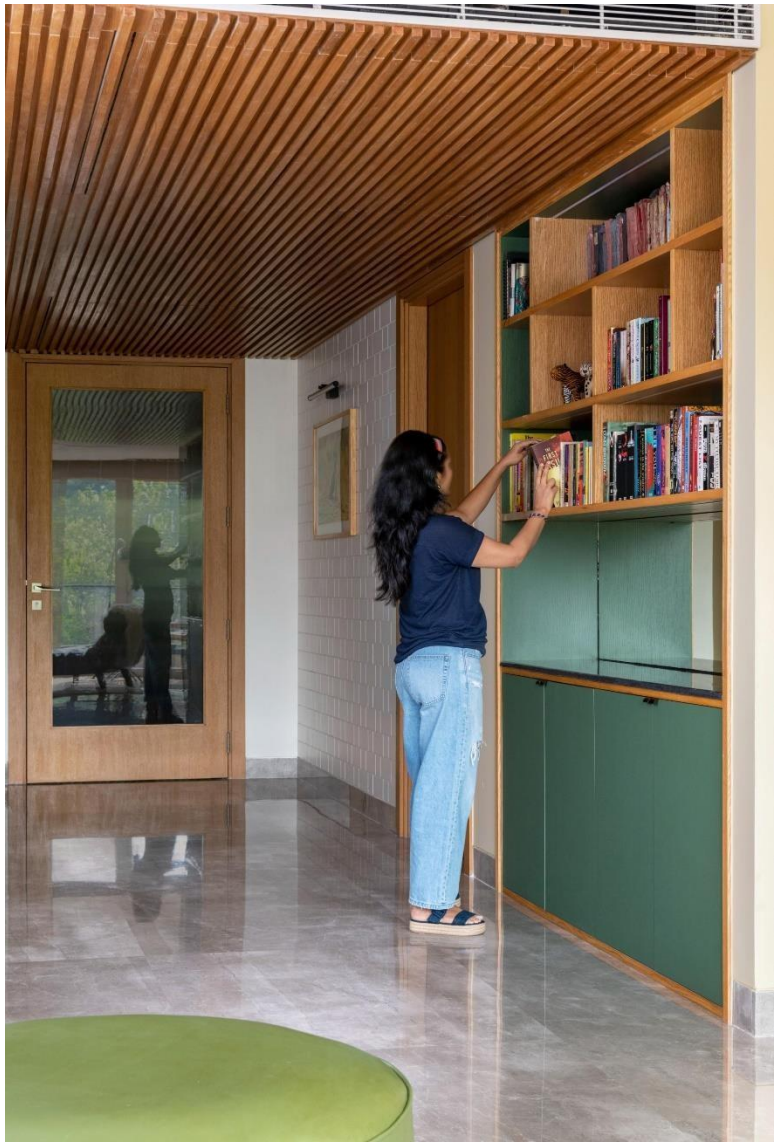
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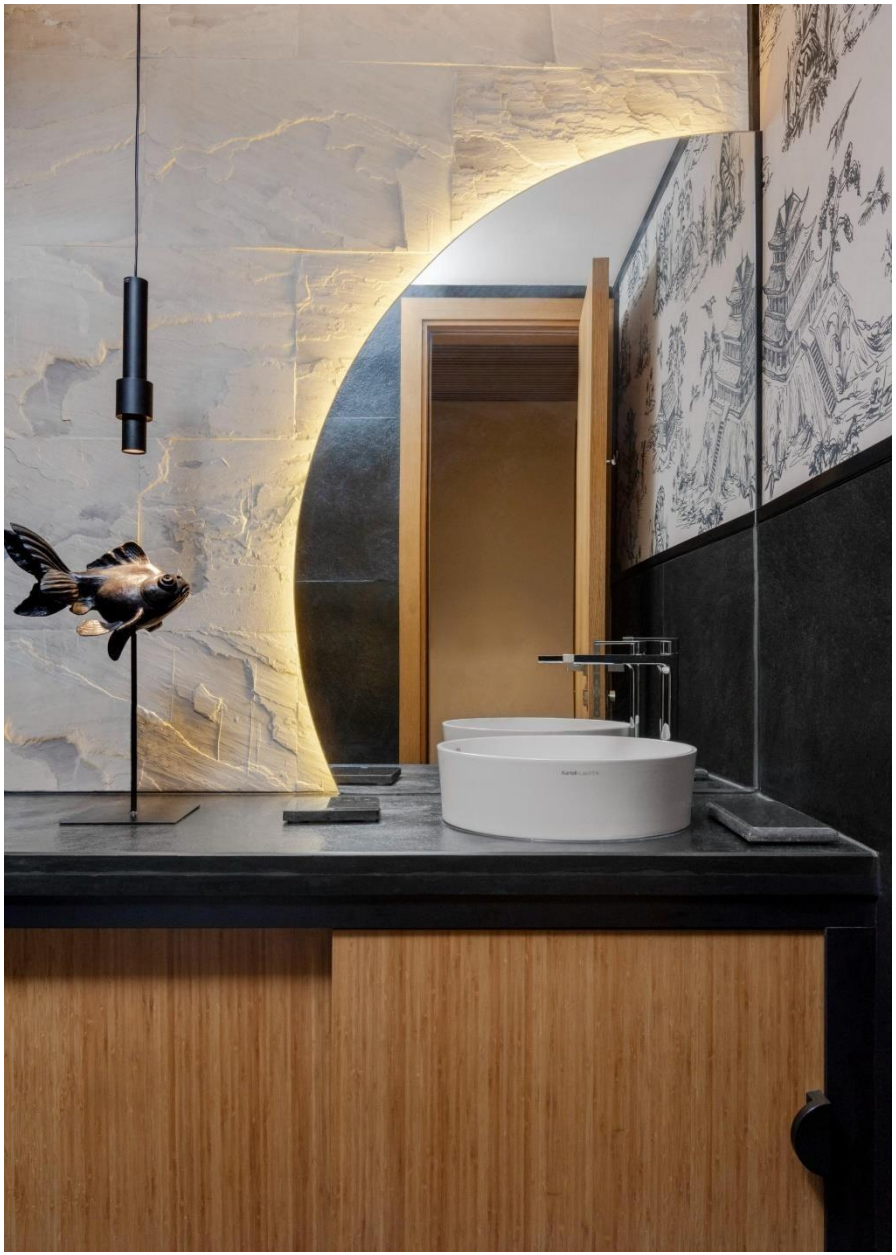

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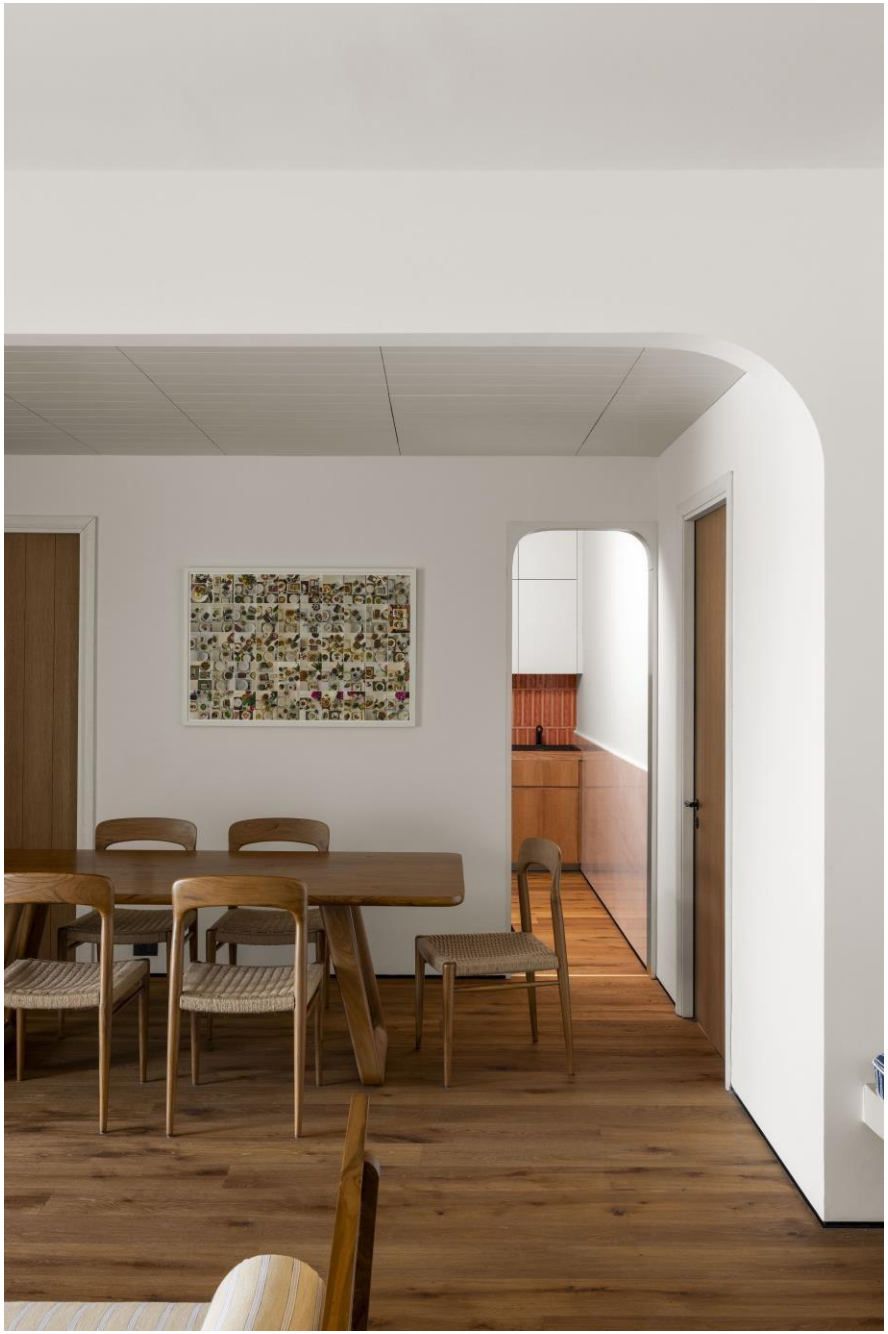


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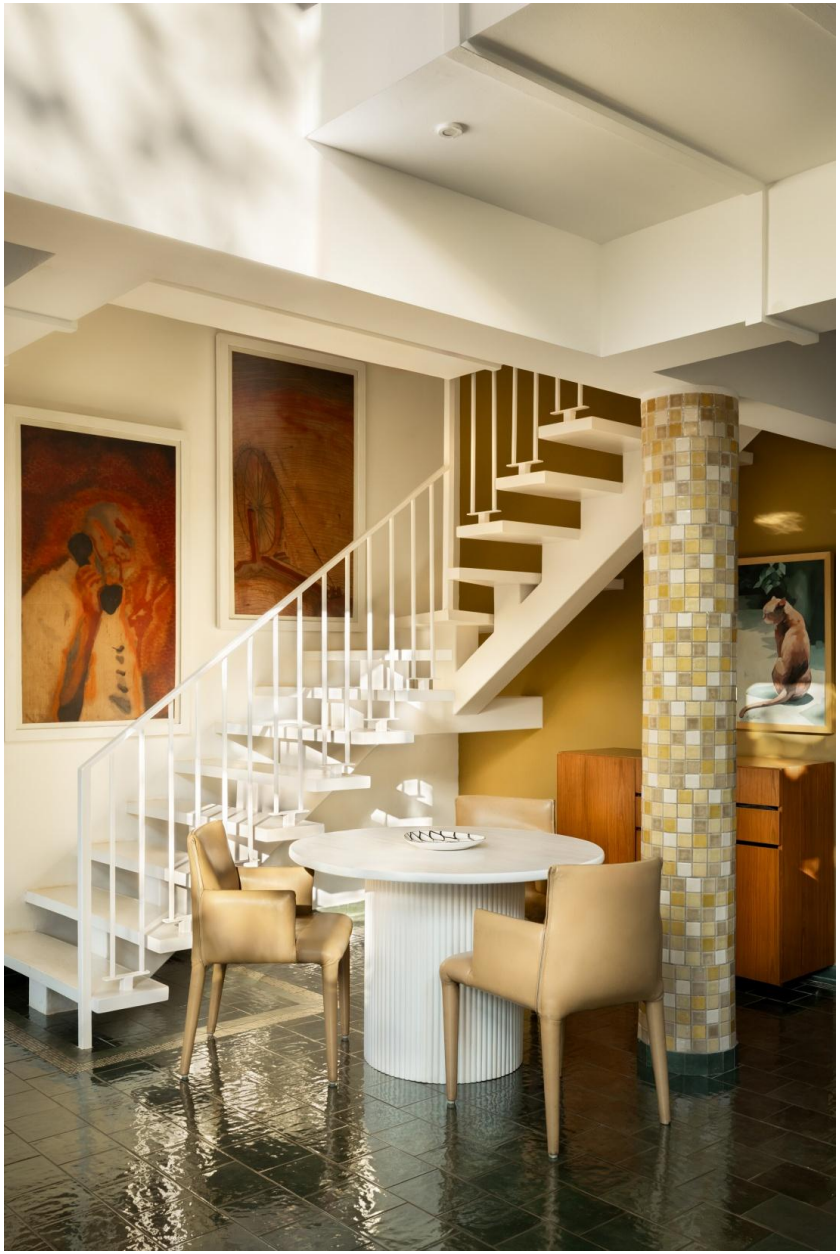


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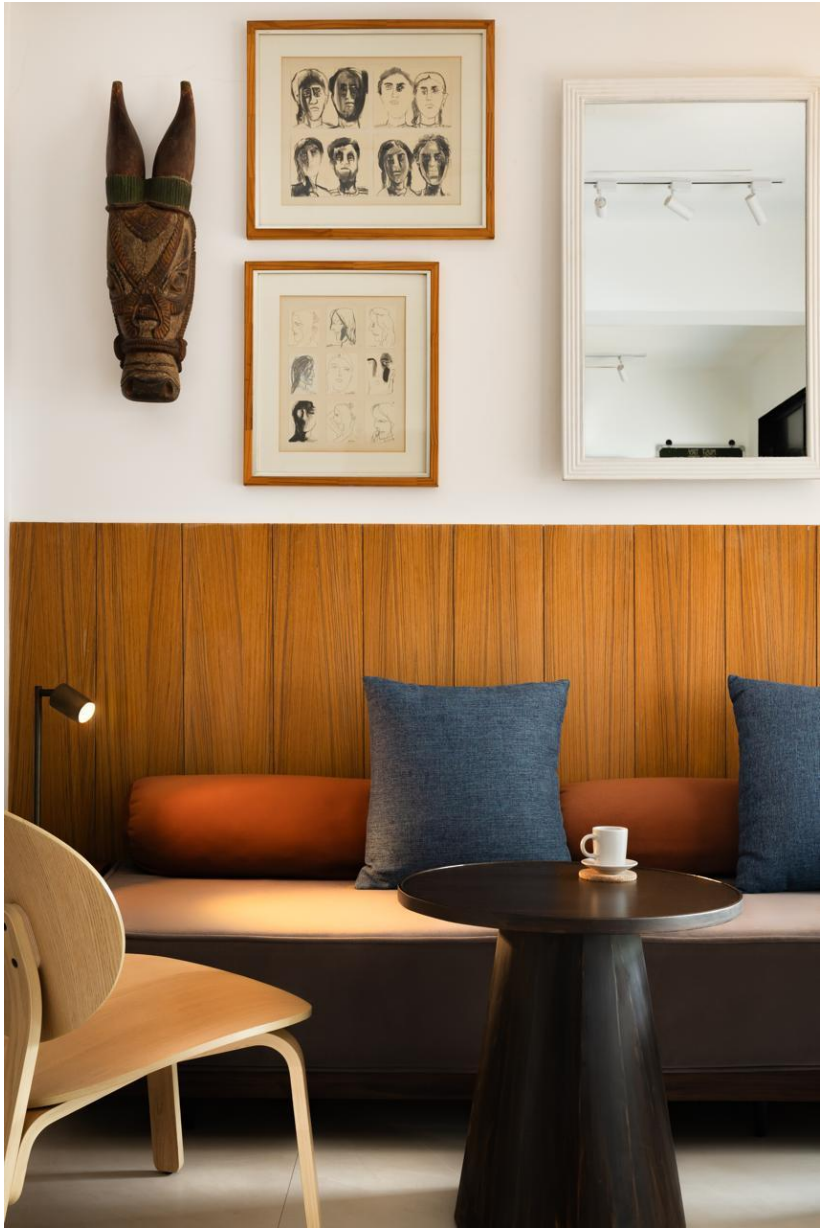


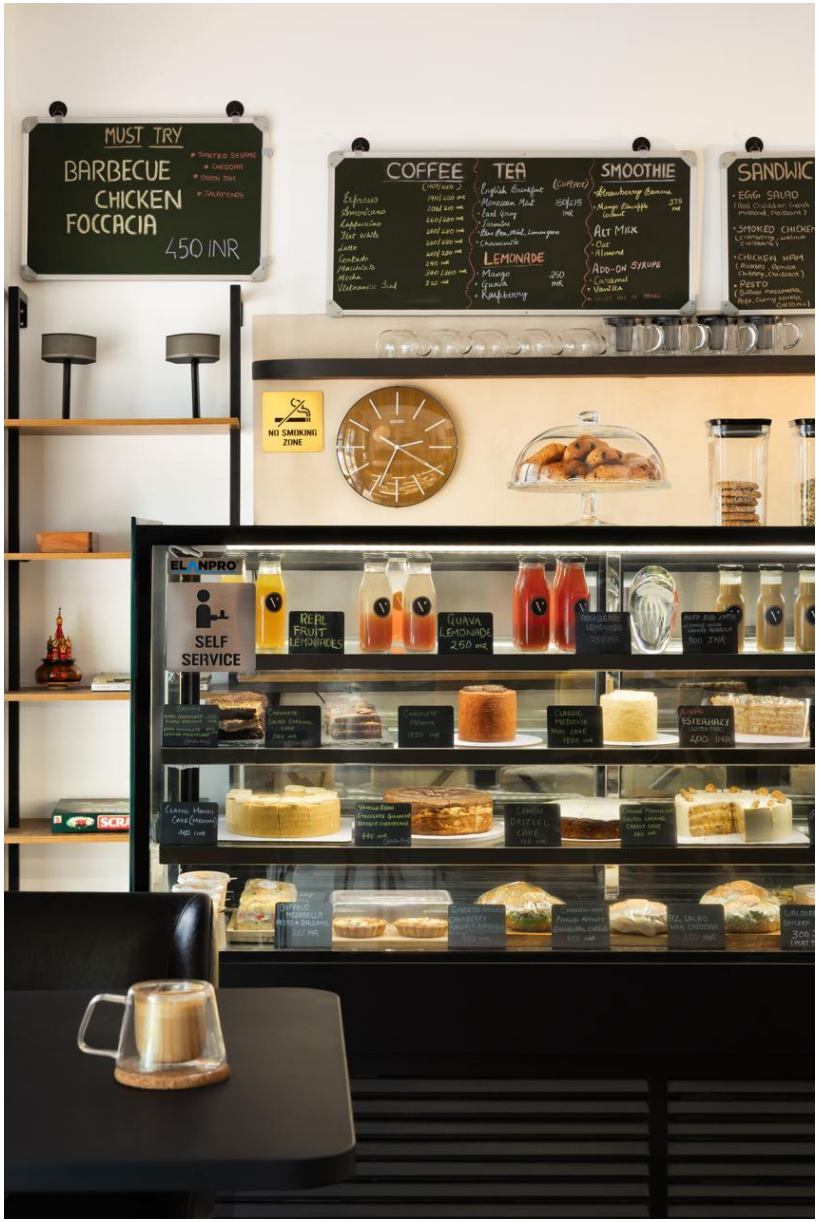


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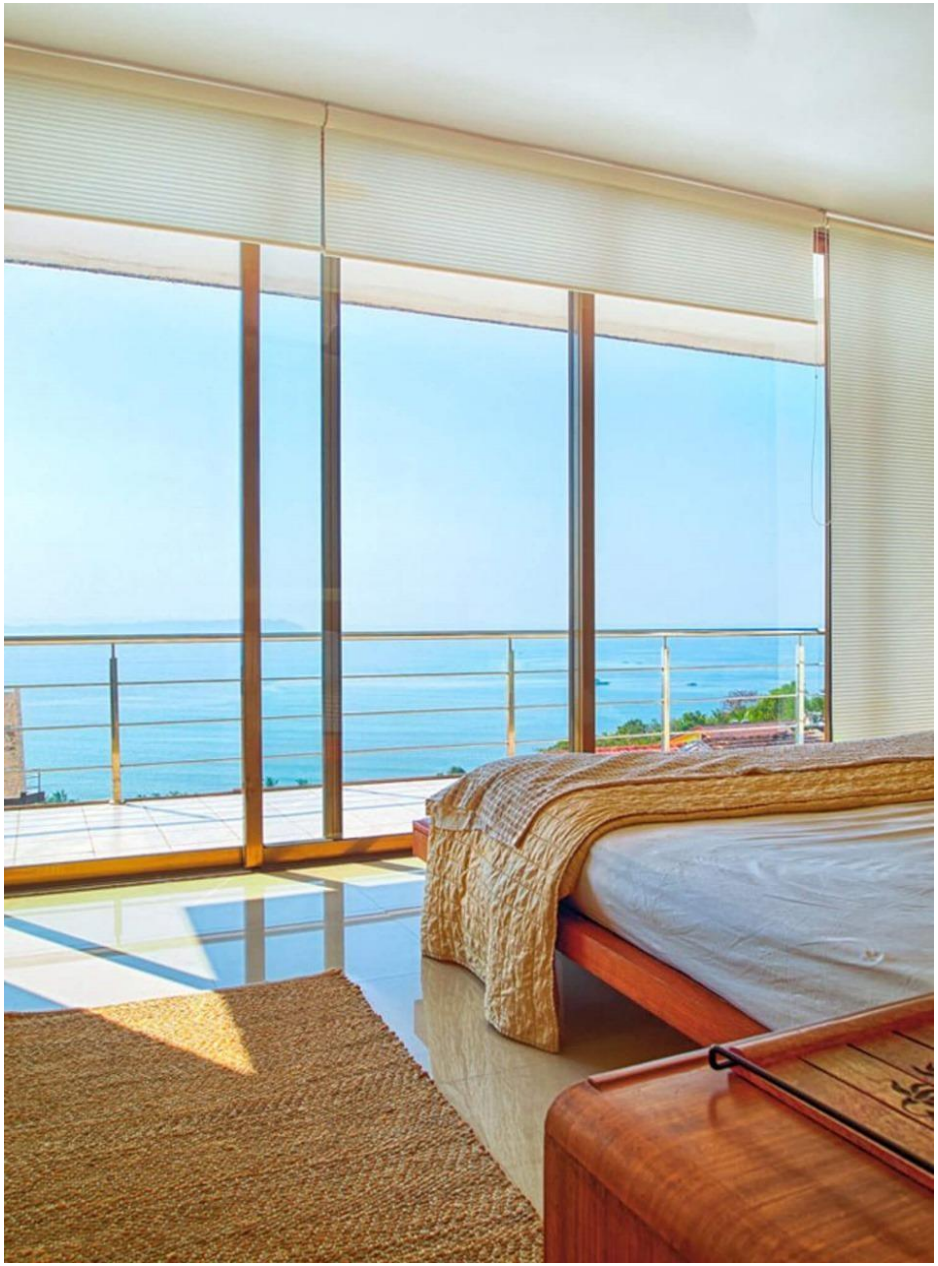




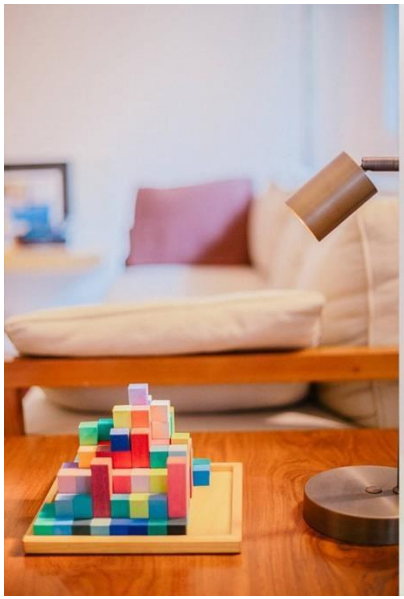



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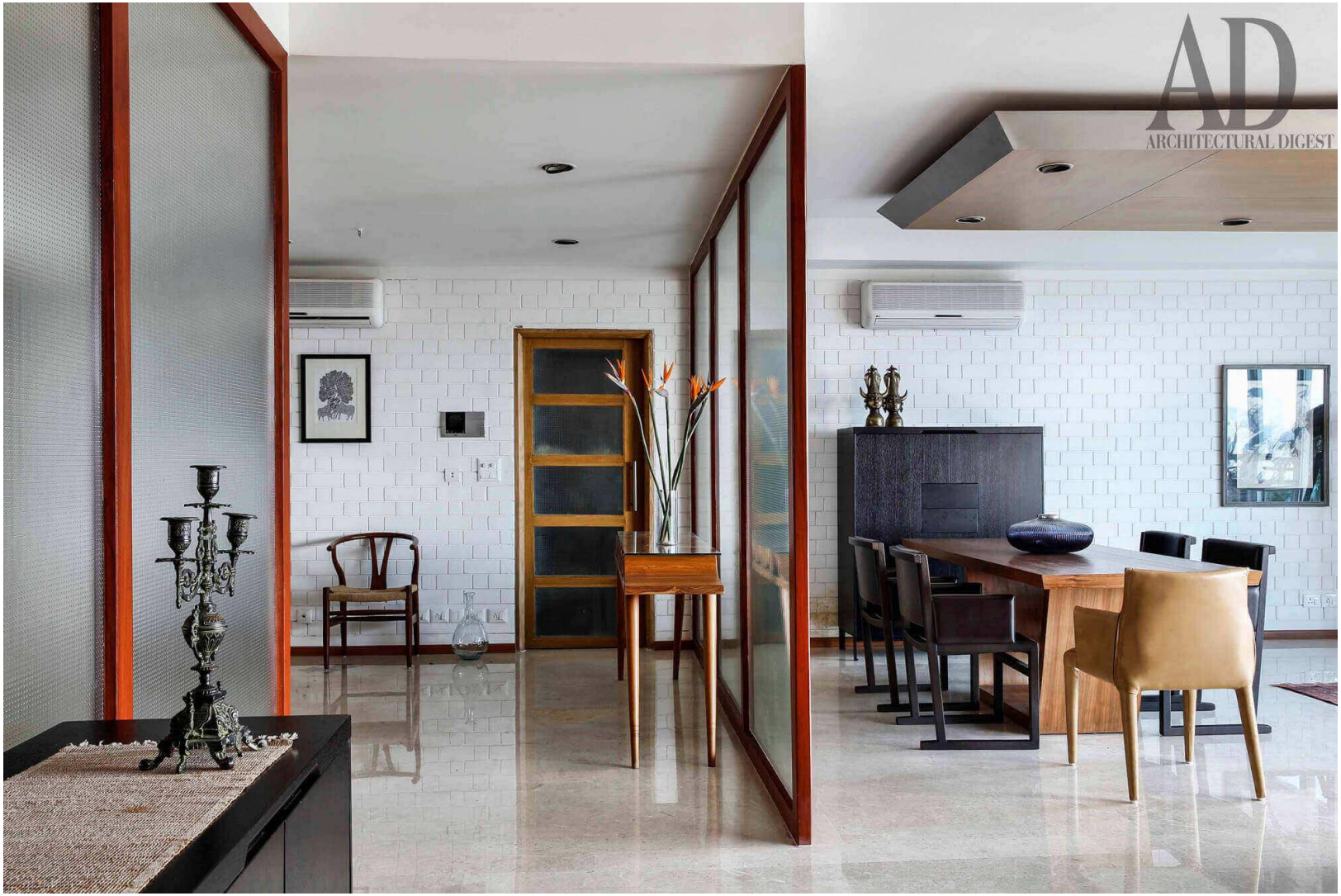




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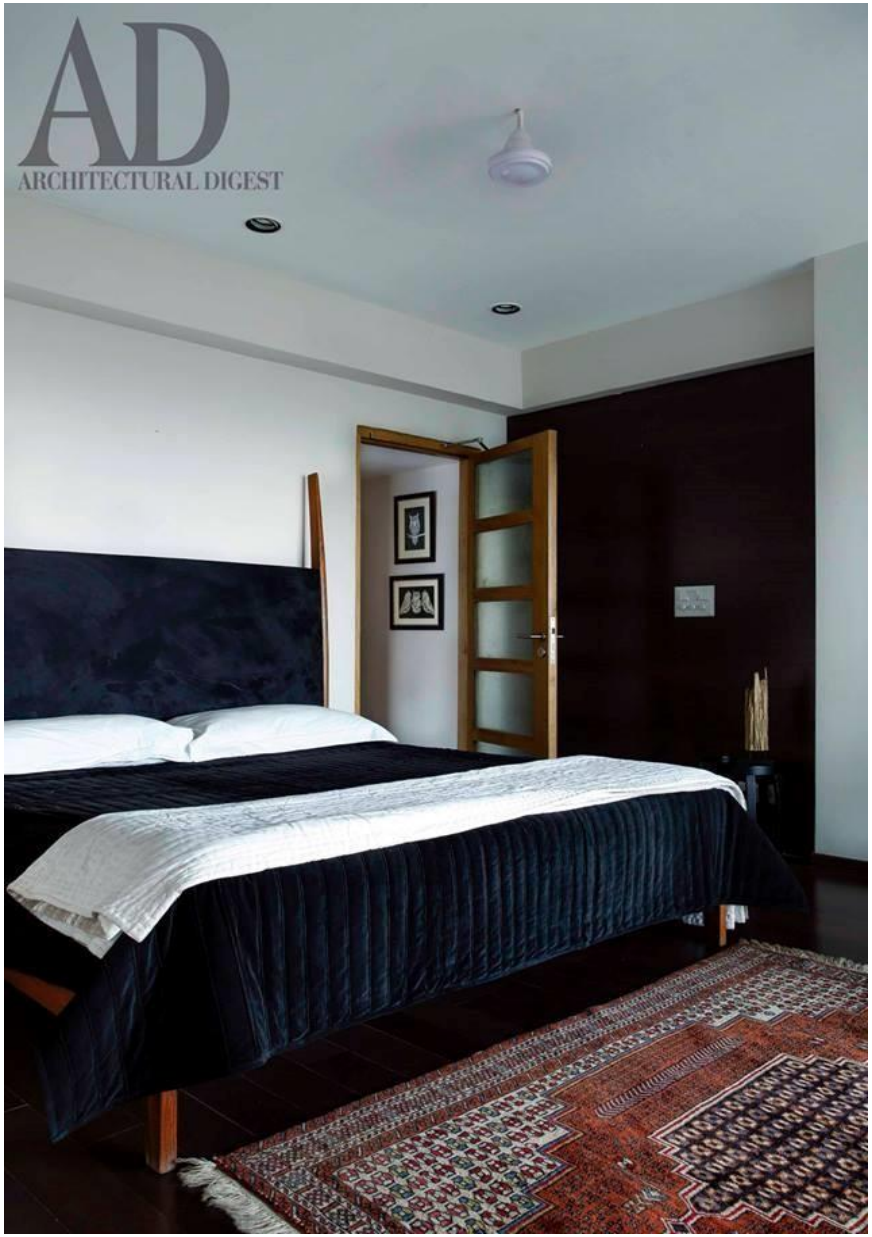


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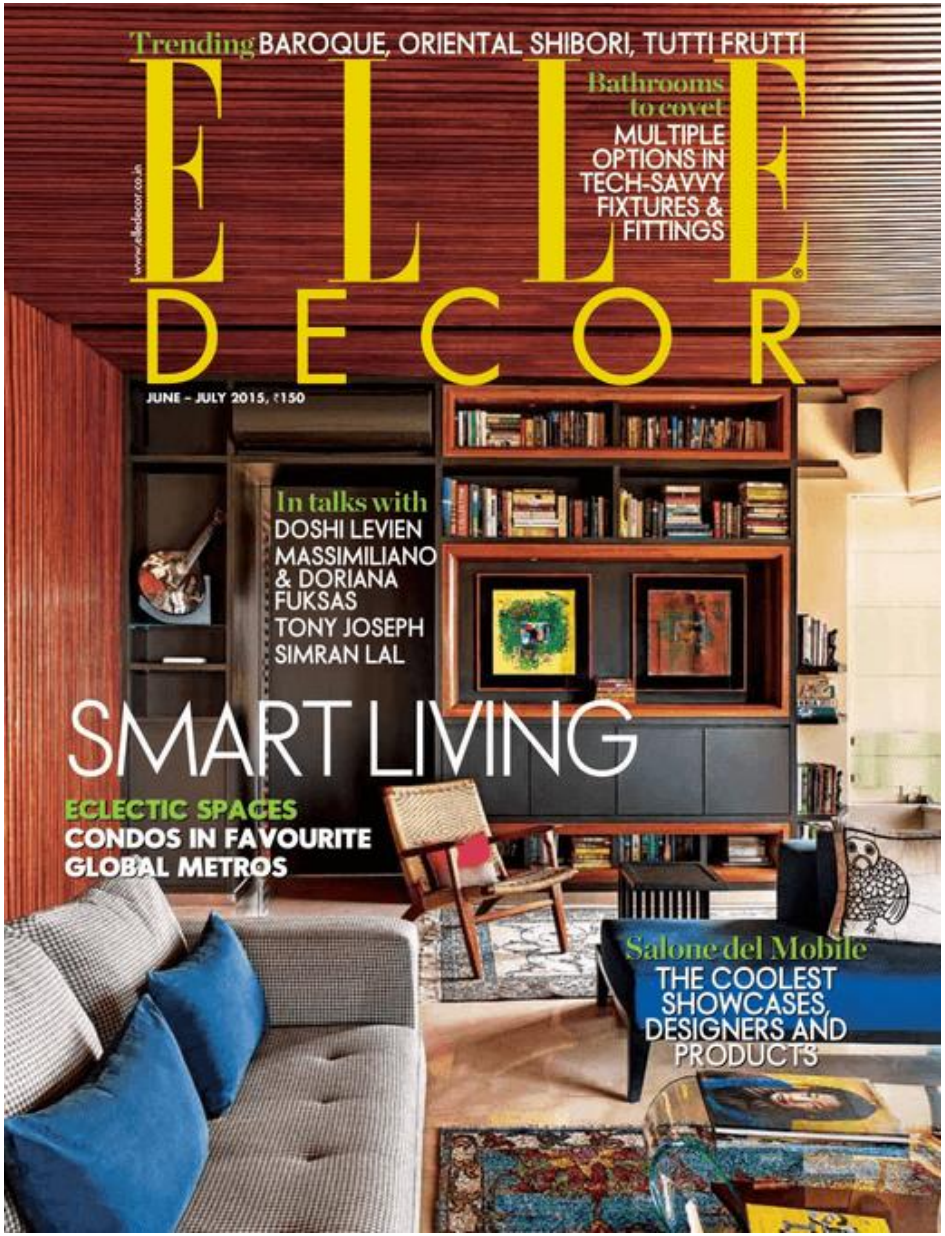

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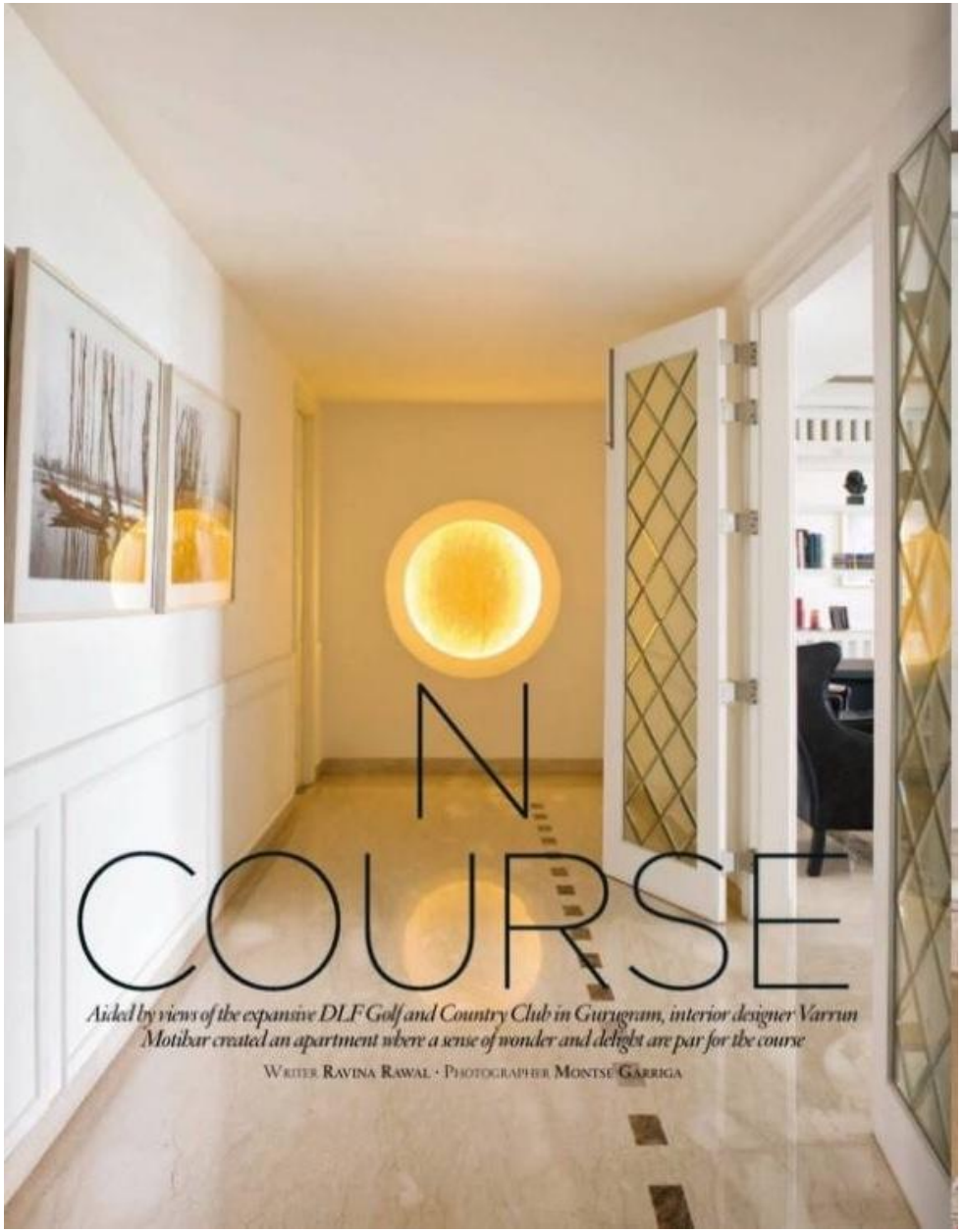
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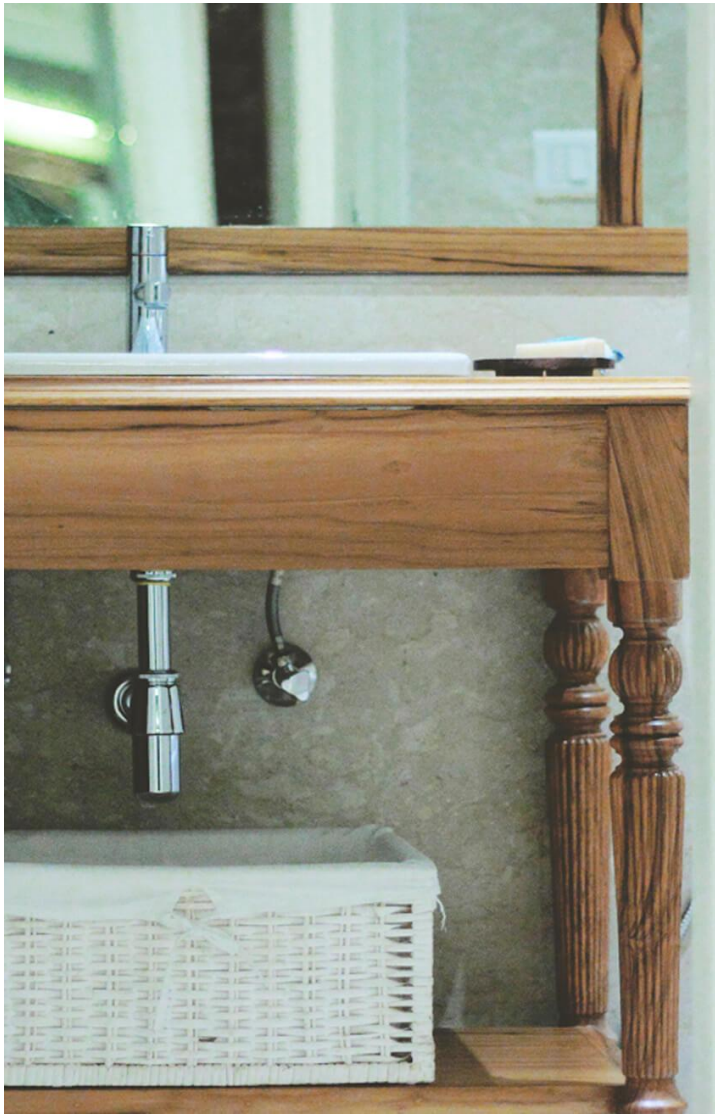


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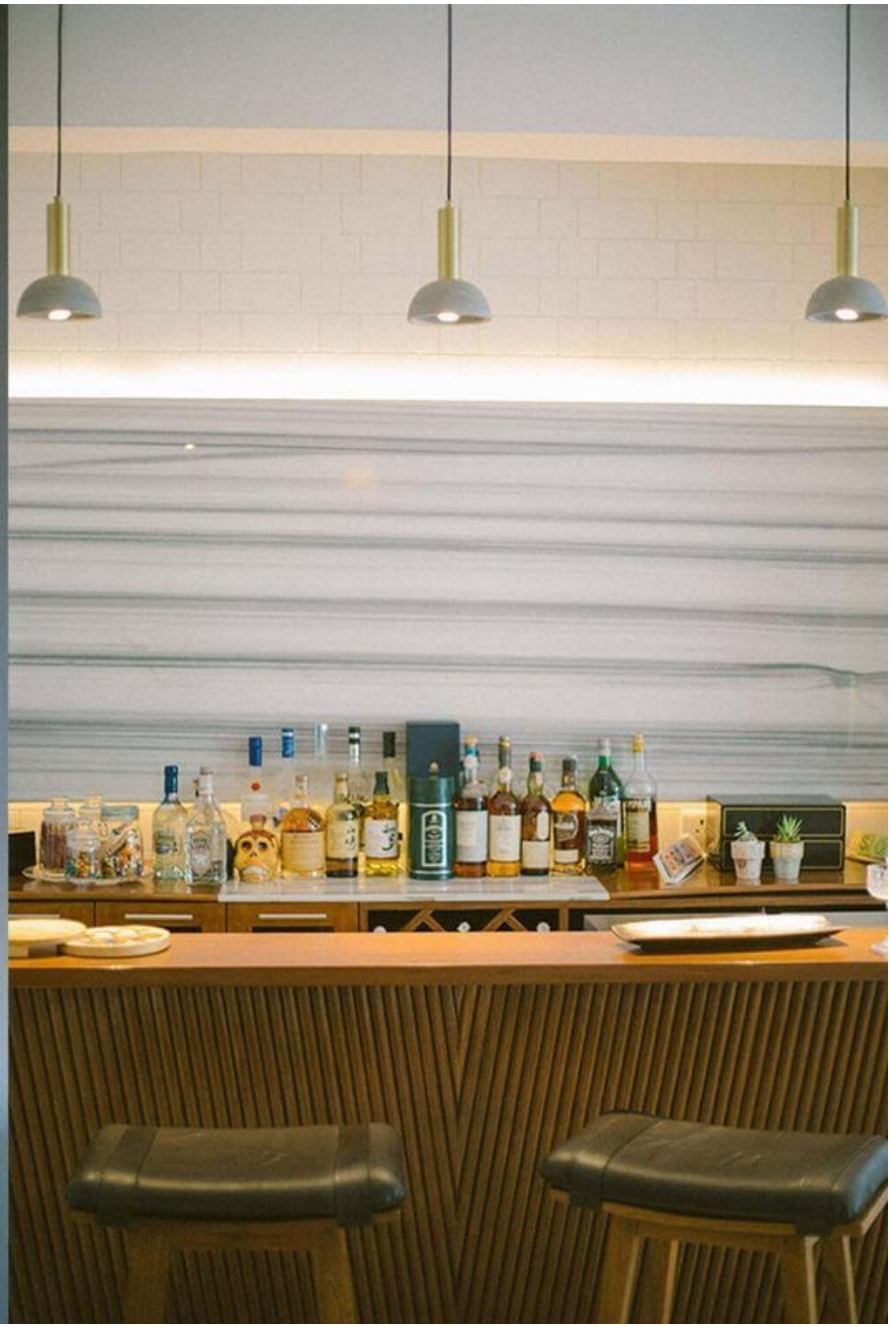






JINDAL RESIDENCE, PRITHVIRAJ ROAD, NEW DELHI







MAX ESTATES, 222 RAJPUR ROAD, DEHRADUN

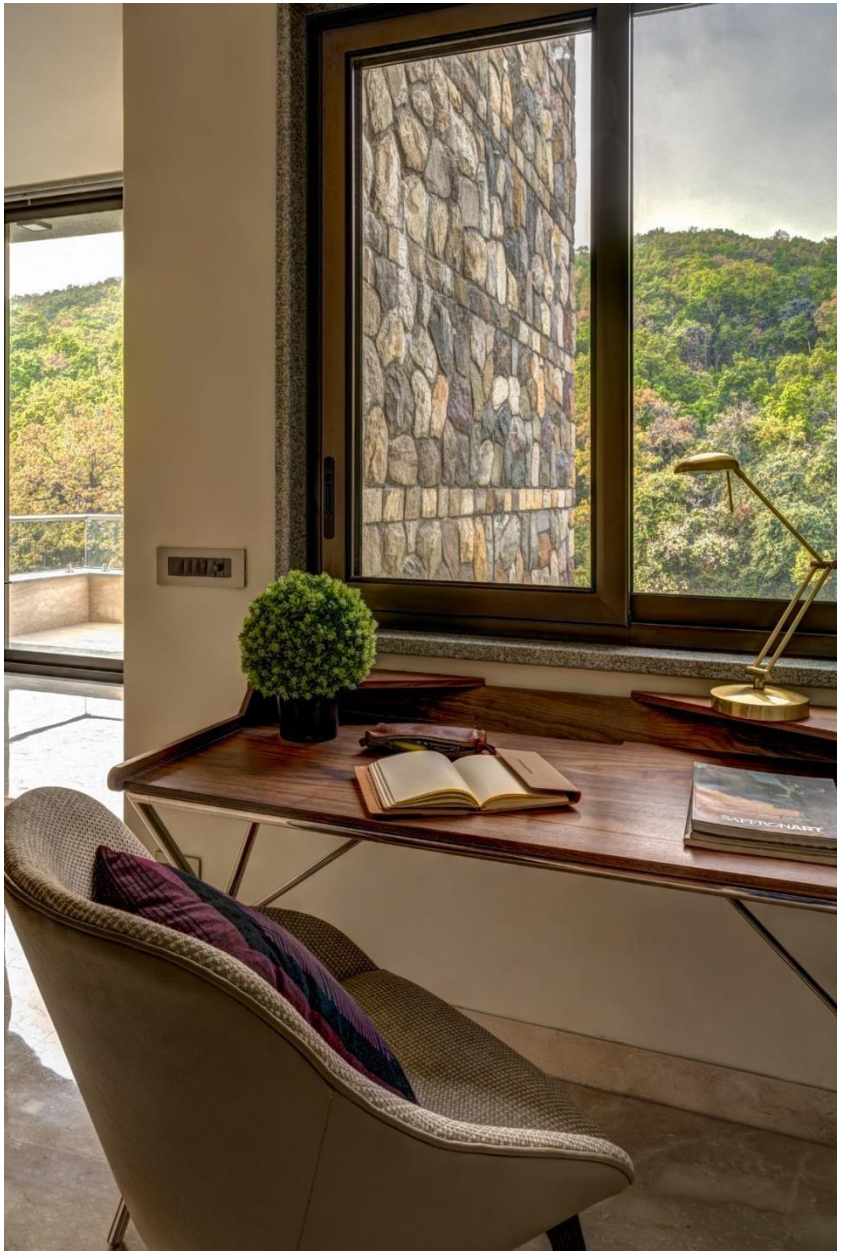


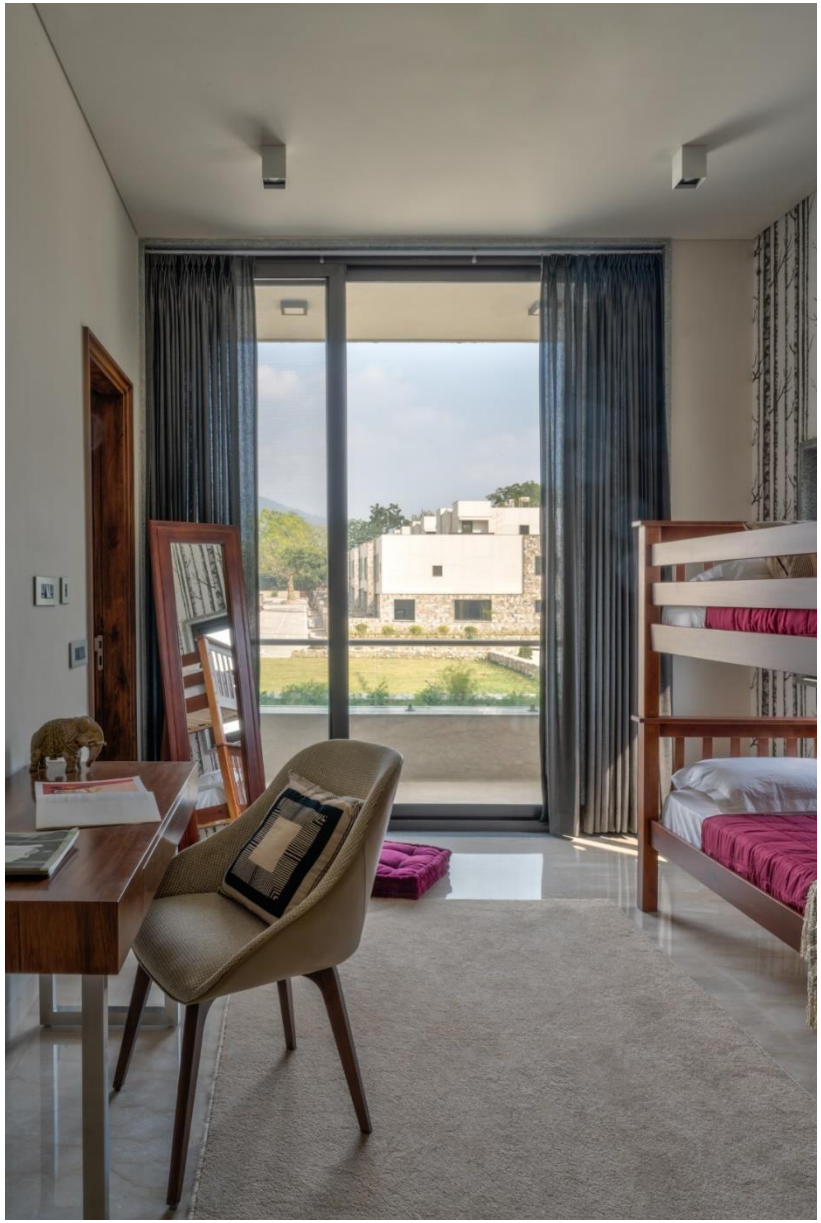




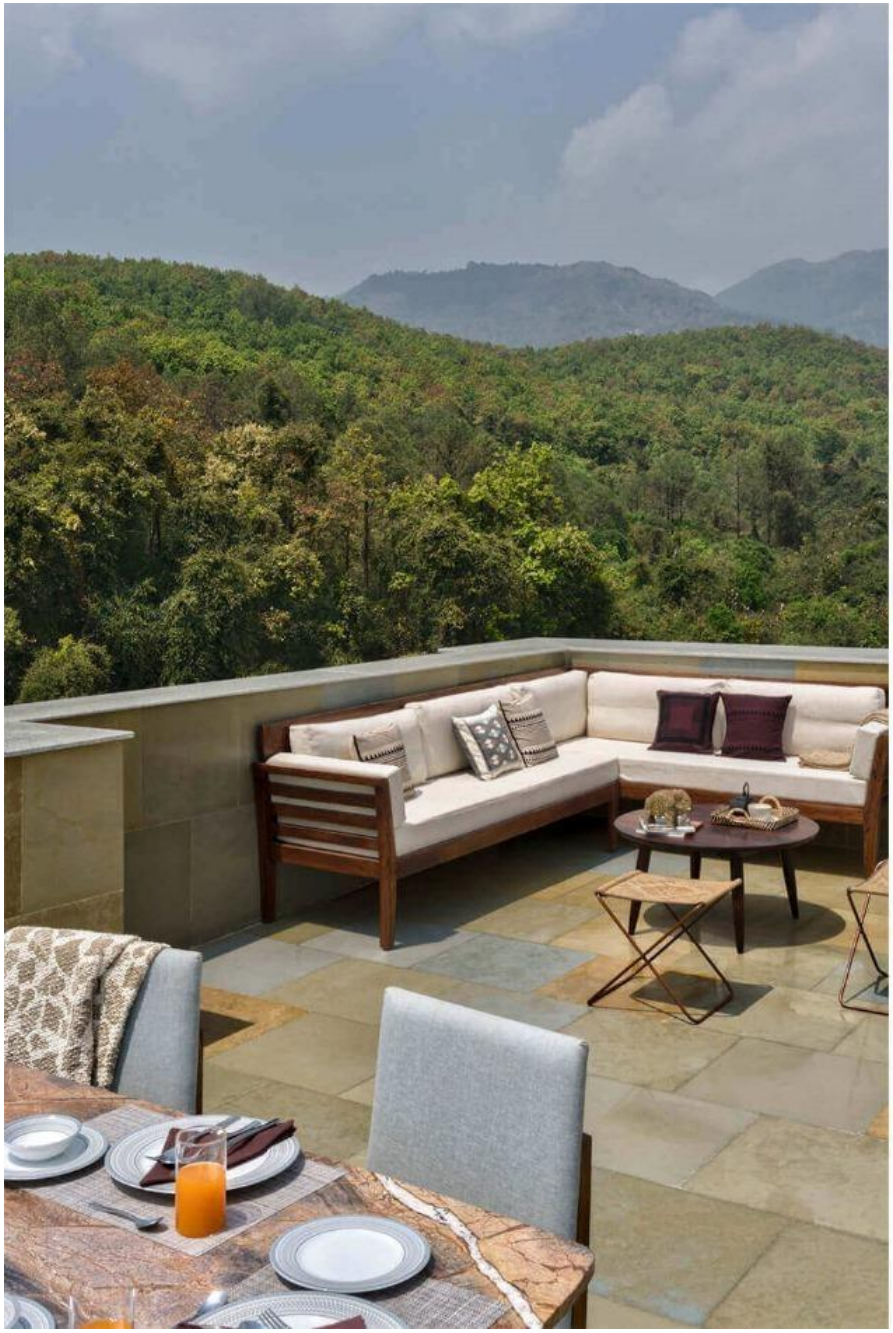










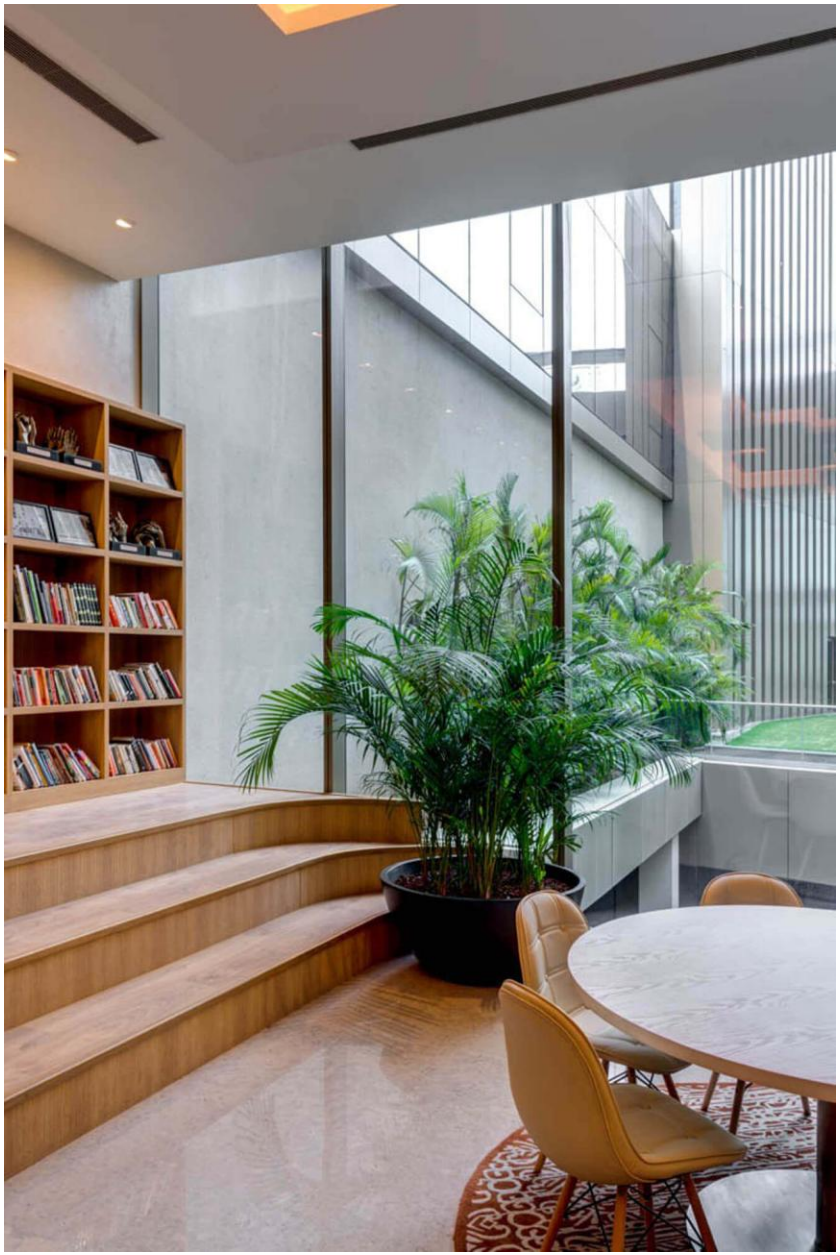


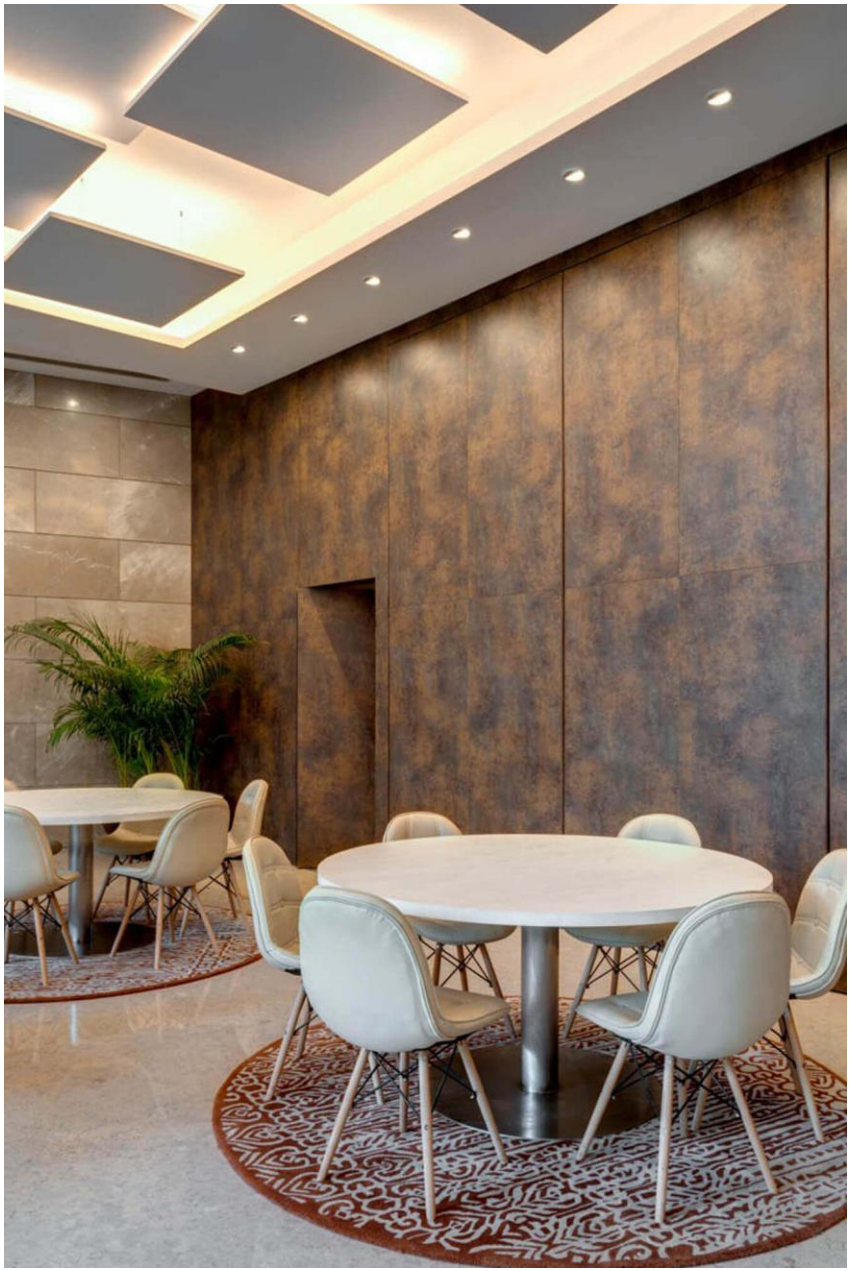




MAX TOWERS, NOIDA, BUSINESS CONVENTION CENTER











PANCHSHIL PARK, FAMILY OFFICE, NEW DELHI











CONNOUGHT PLACE FAMILY OFFICE, NEW DELHI

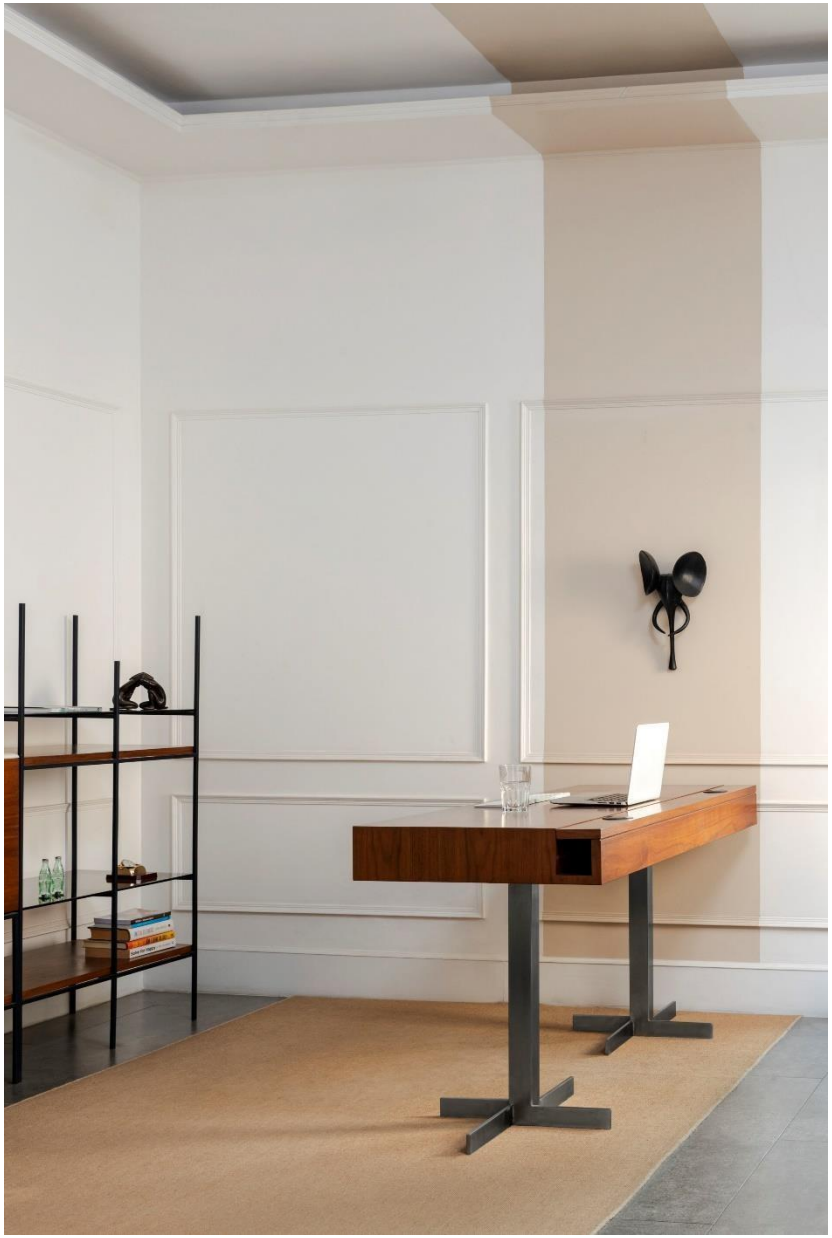


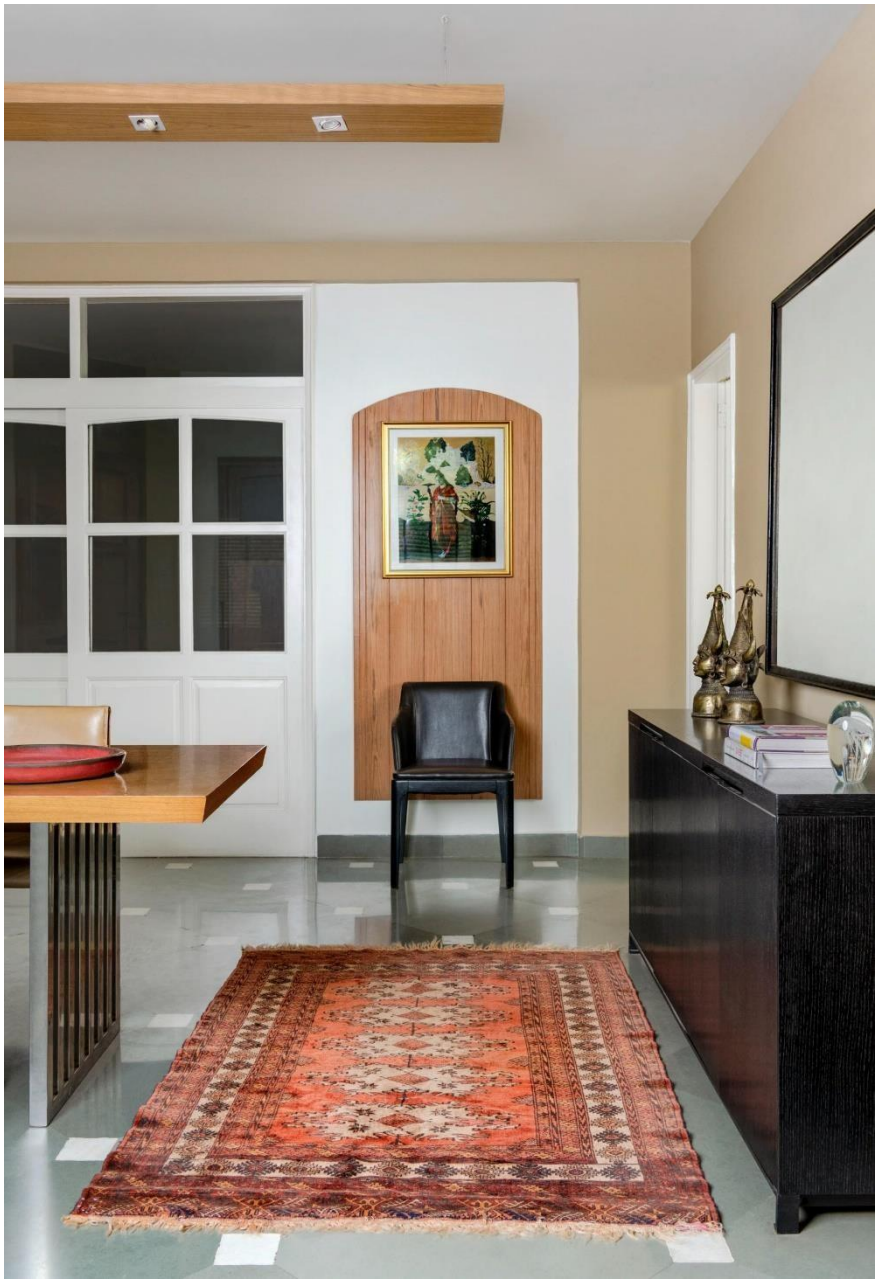


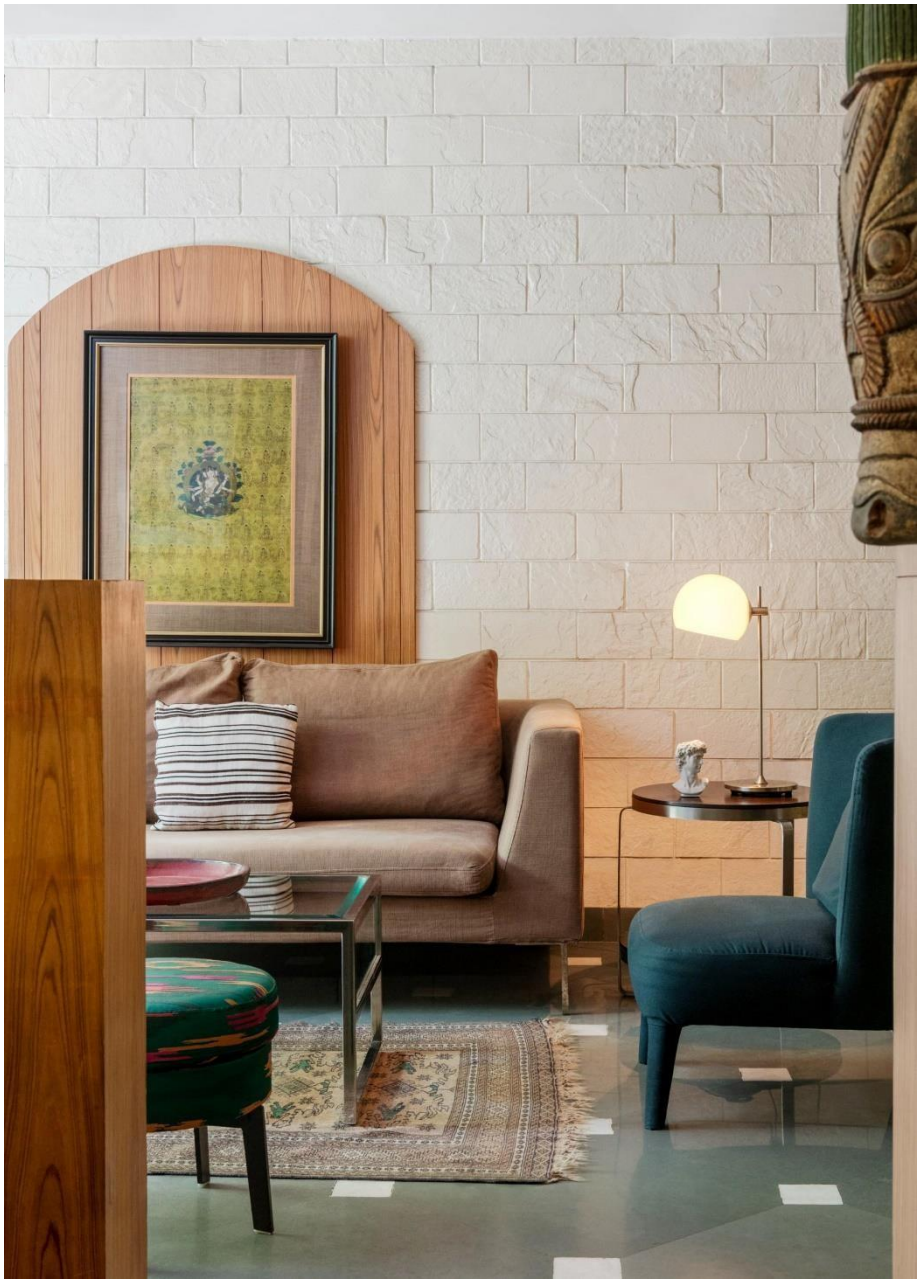












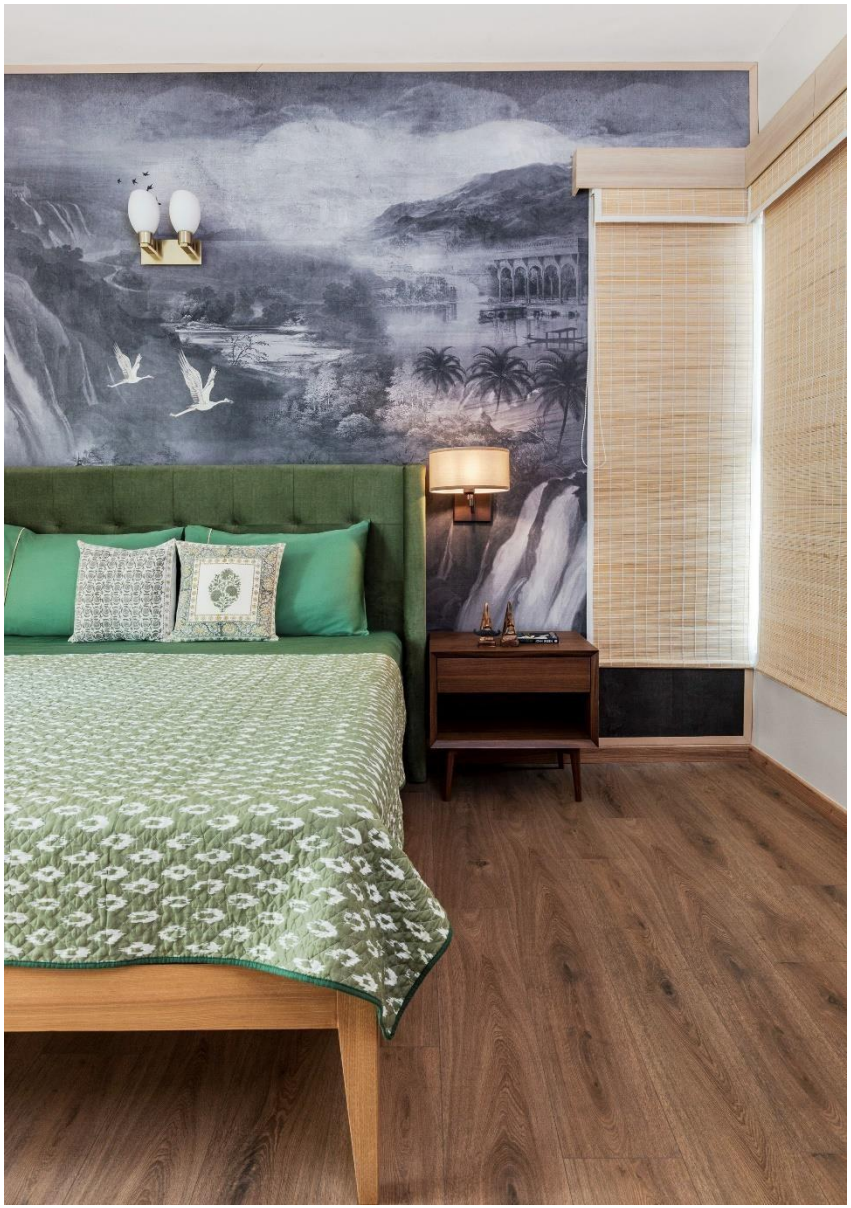
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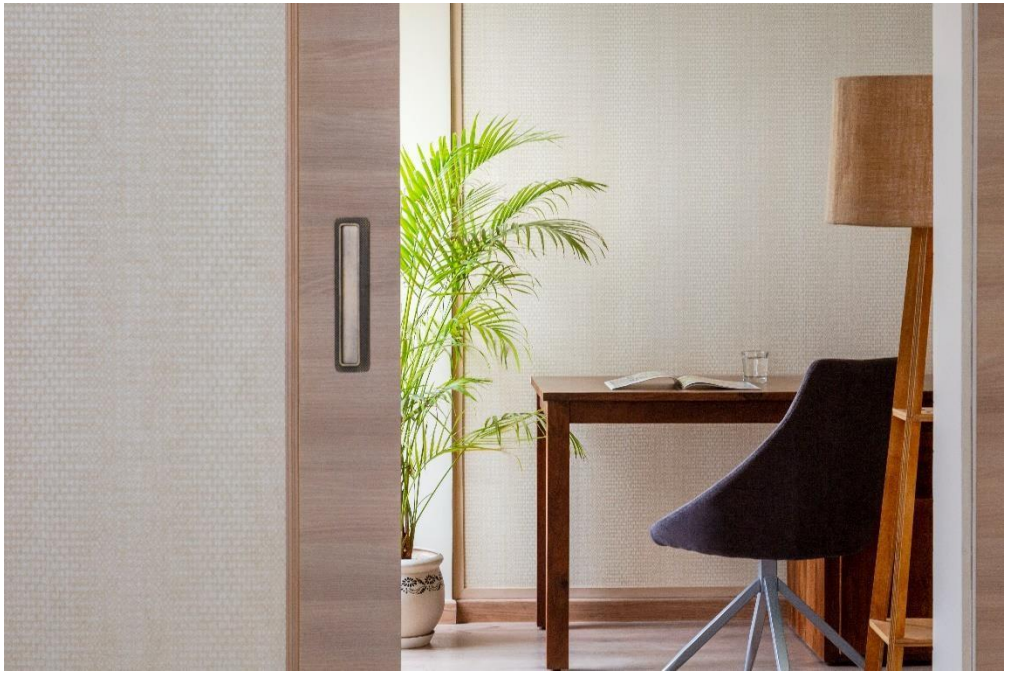






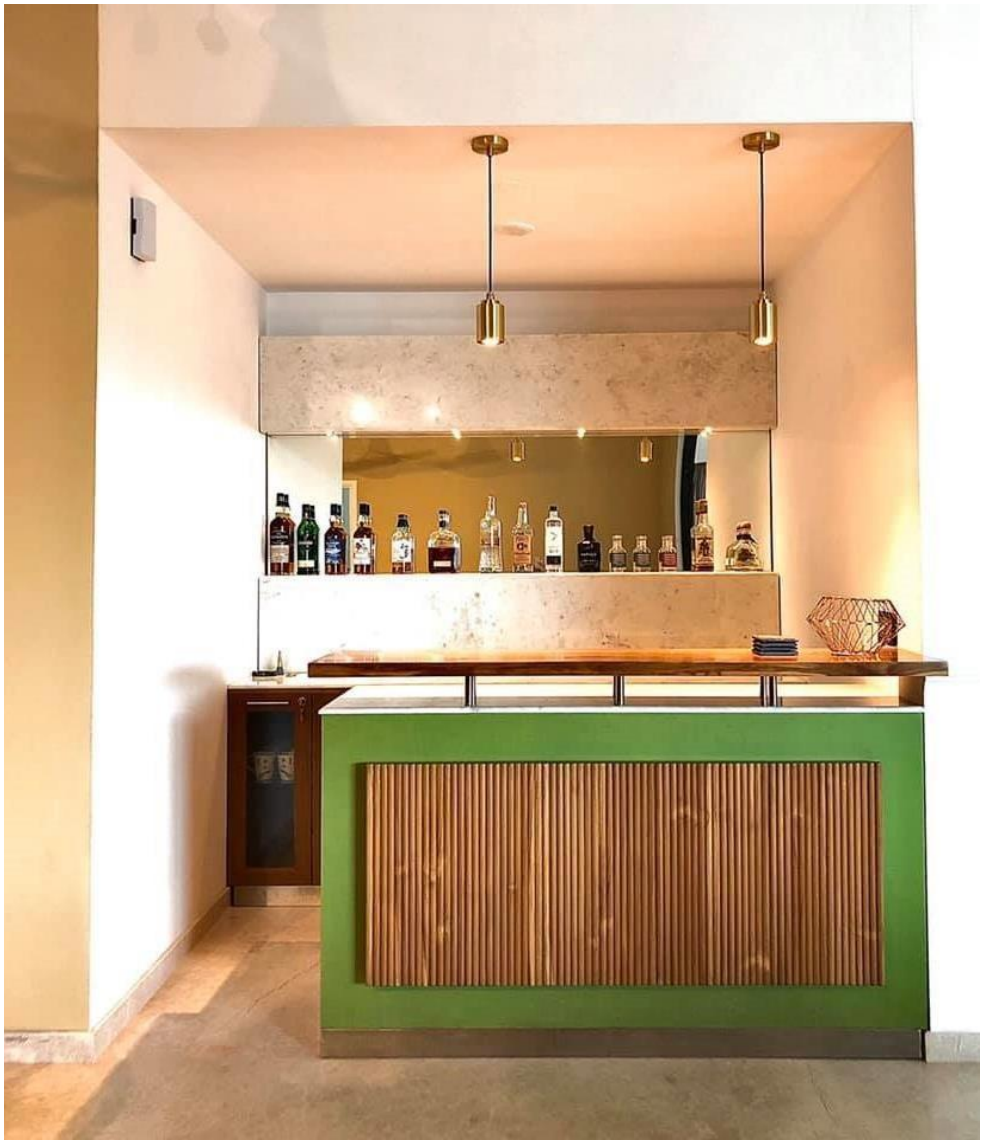
CWG RESIDENCE, NEW DELHI











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Bordering George Everest Point, and Sir George Everest's house in Mussoorie, the vision with Everest Base Camp, is that it will be frequented by people that enjoy alternative, off the beaten path, nature driven holidays and retreats.

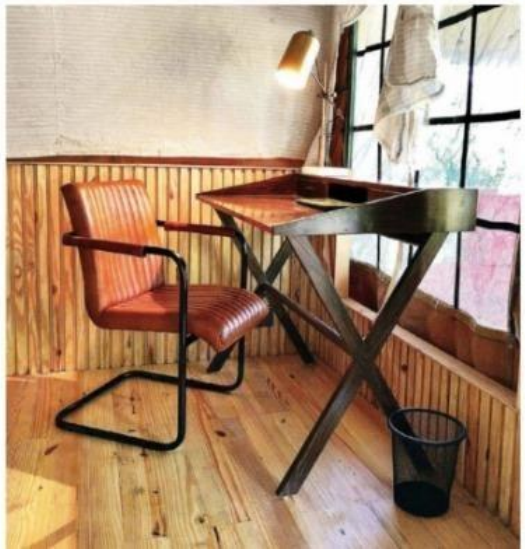




Safari in the Hills

Everest Base Camp

Surrounded by 20 acres of pine forest, the Everest Base Camp, is designed by architect Varrun Motihar of Mova1. Hidden away from the main city of Mussorie, the tented resort celebrates organic and natural materials, in exacting ways. It's simple design, boasts of detailing, which is the underlined luxury here. The high altitude meant that resources were limited. So, Varrun rationed and championed locally-available materials. The heavy palette of hard wood pine, walnut, metal, stone, leather, jute and cotton, perfect the au naturel look of this retreat. The design sensibility can easily be described as luxuriously minimal.

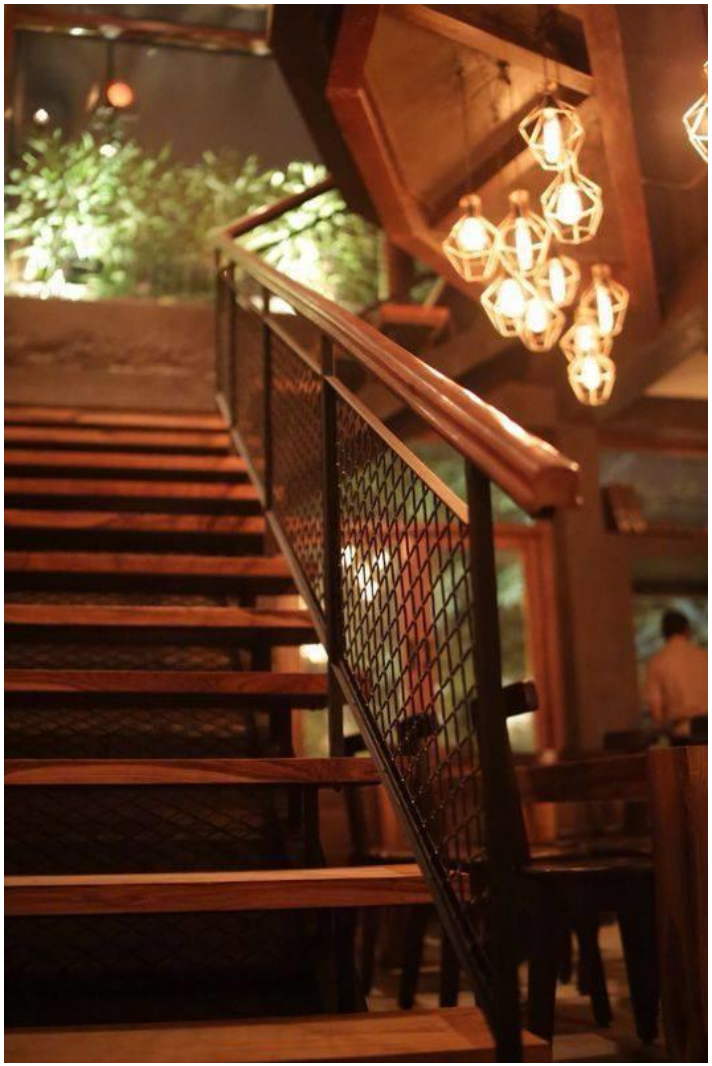


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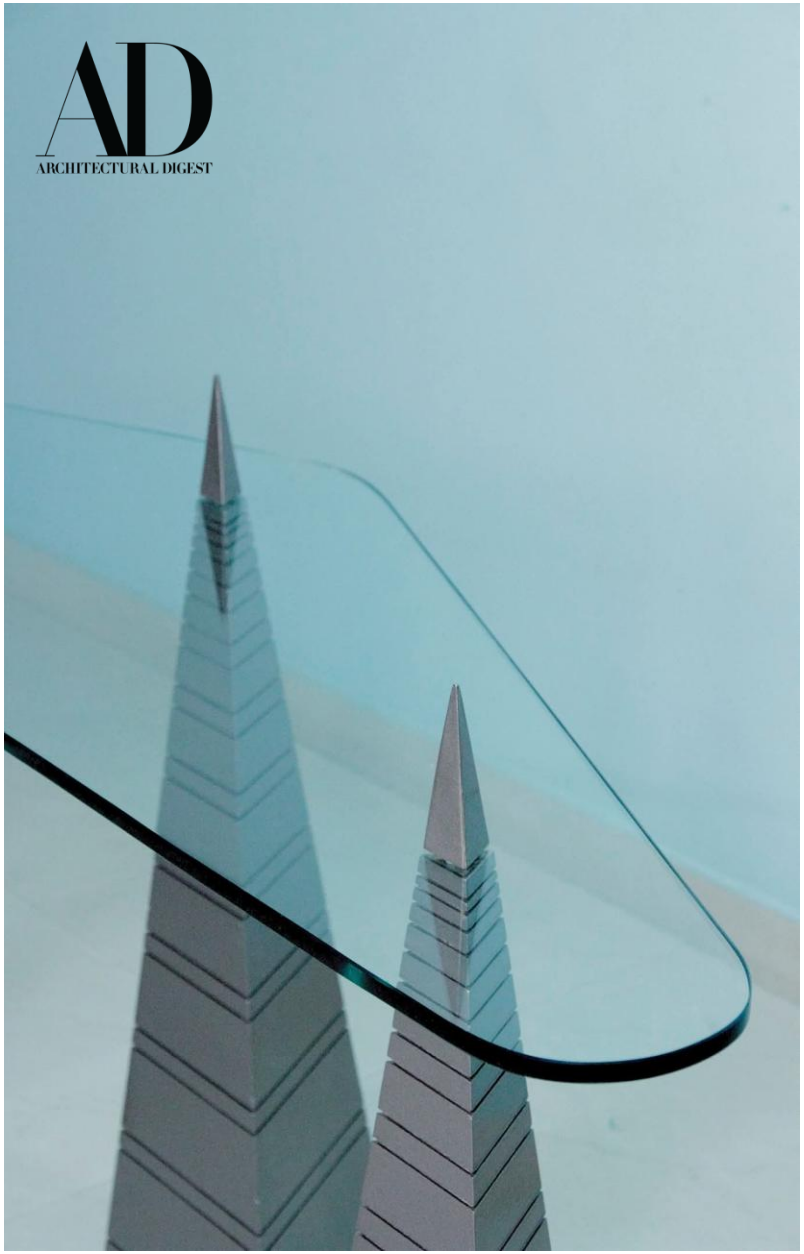

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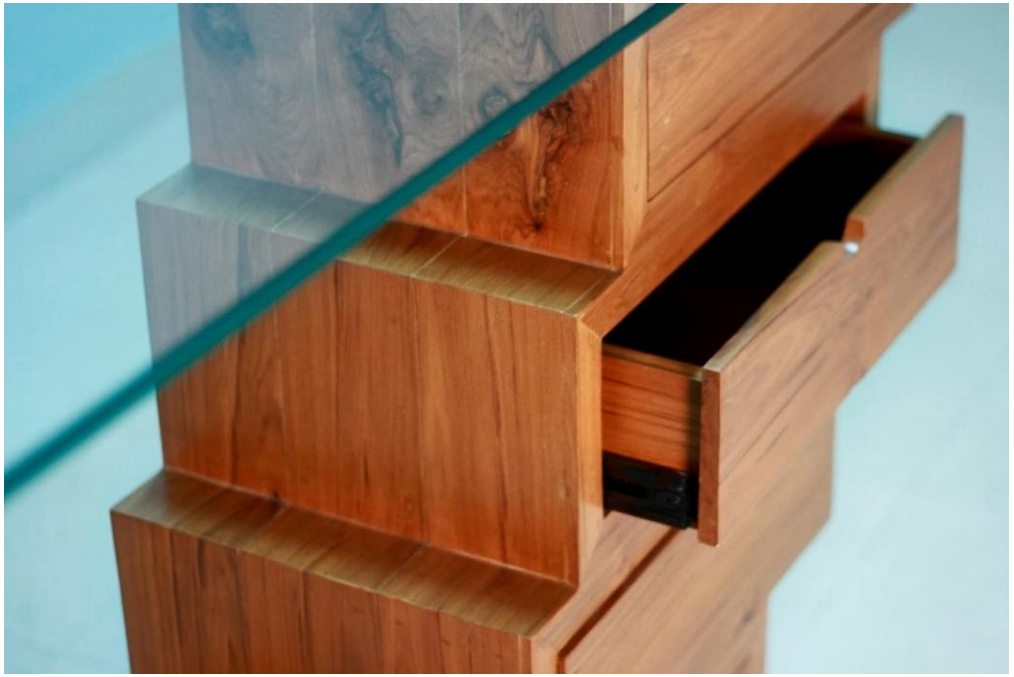
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Barasingha Collection 2013:

Barasingha *: "Species Cervus duvauceli, graceful deer, belonging to the family Cervidae, found in open forests and grasslands of India and Nepal. The barasingha stands about 1.1 metre at the shoulder. It is listed in the red data book as an endangered species. .."*

The furniture of the Barasingha Collection expresses the primal desires and fears associated with forest life. Reflected in the form of each piece is the essence of delicacy, the intelligence, the poise and organic force found in the flora and fauna of the forest. Pared to an essence, the barasingha collection seeks to reflect both the manifest feelings of danger that come with the exotic, and the personal identification that comes with the familiar.



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