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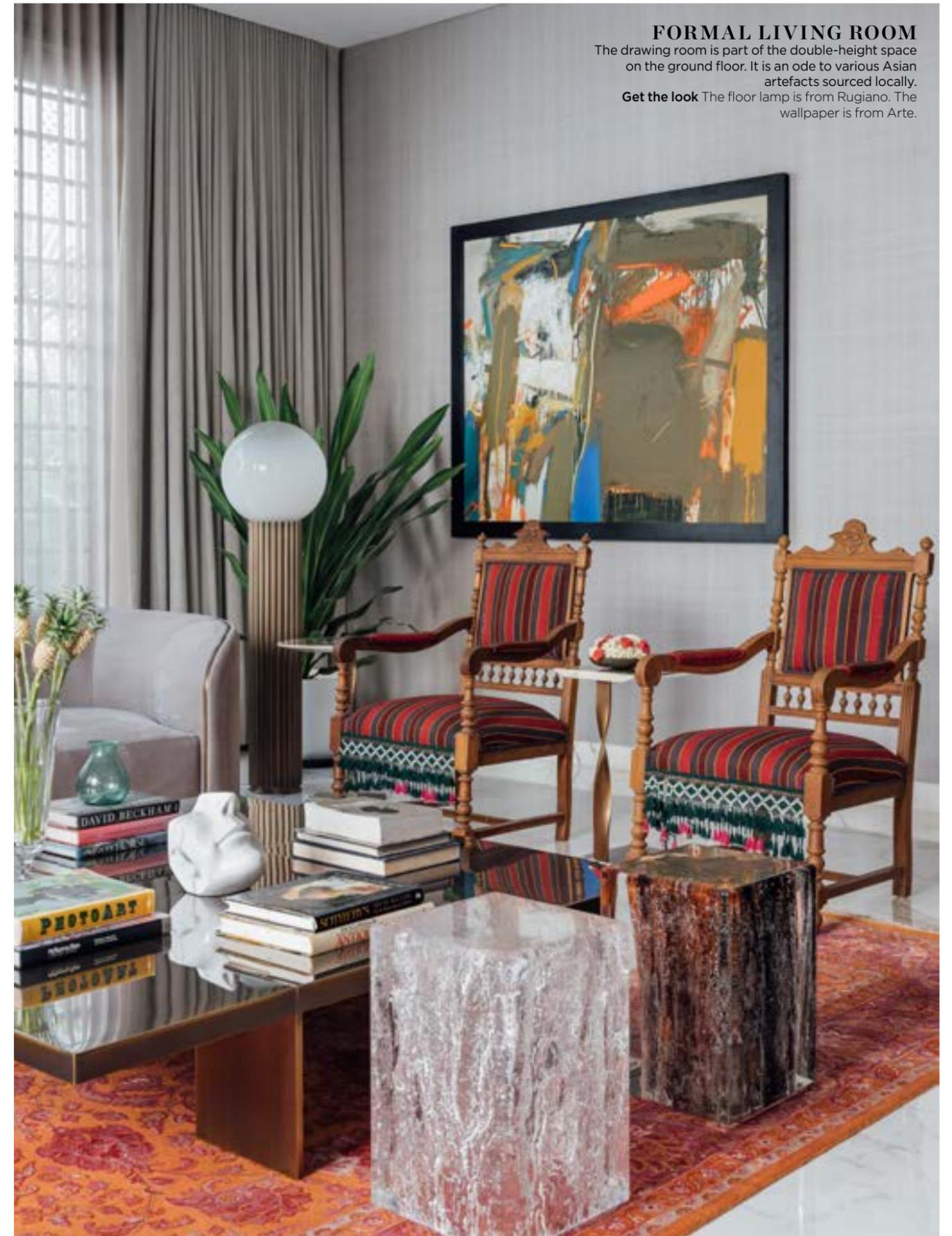
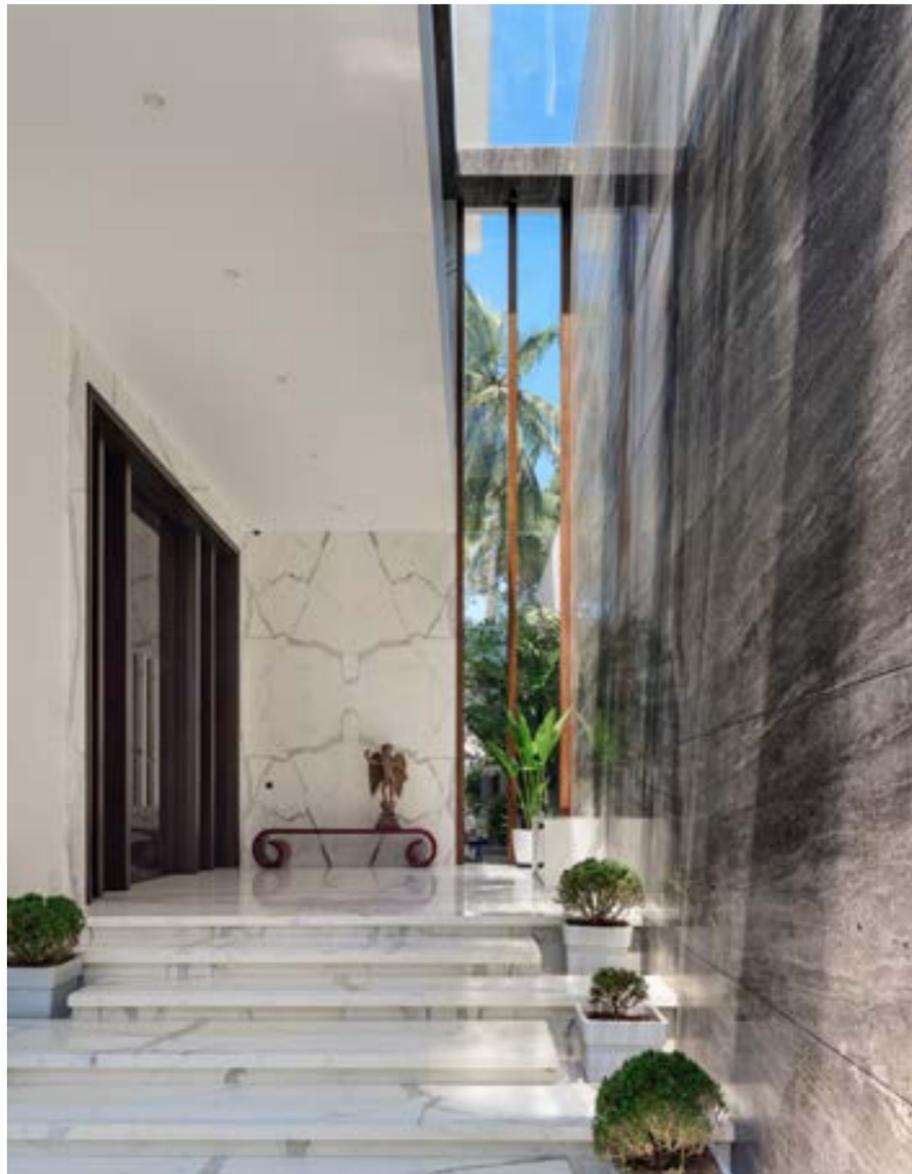
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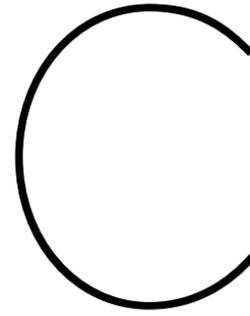
UNIVERSAL APPEAL

An international design aesthetic merges with tradition in this Chennai home by AND Design Co

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FORMAL LIVING ROOM
The drawing room is part of the double-height space on the ground floor. It is an ode to various Asian artefacts sourced locally.
Get the look The floor lamp is from Rugiano. The wallpaper is from Arte.



HOME PROFILE

THE OWNERS A traditional Indian joint family, with a well-established jewellery business in Chennai.

THE PROPERTY This house is spread across three levels, with a total built-up area of 10,500 sq ft. The ground floor has the living and formal drawing room, as well as the dining room and kitchen. The first floor comprises the master suite, and the children's rooms. On the second floor is a yoga room and terrace. The home was completed in March 2020.

Contemporary designs and traditional beliefs merge to form a cohesive and timeless statement by architects Archana and Rupesh Baid of AND Design Co. Across this expansive Chennai home, clean lines heighten the luxe-quotient in the form of statuario, travertine, amazonite and marquina marble. Materials such as spoil-proof wallpaper and double-glazed glass, along with the latest in home-automation, bring in the elements of a twenty-first century family home. "It was about weaving ideas from modern day and elements from the traditional past into a current form. This house is fully Vaastu-compliant... pragmatic yet luxurious," says Rupesh.

Light streams in through the double-glazed glass façades on the north east side. These also accentuate the double height of the entry and main areas of the home. This use of sciography for the interiors, leads to dream-like, cool interiors. Strategically positioned chandeliers, lamps and embedded niche lights create the evening and night aura. "The house is designed to give each area interesting focal points. These create an art gallery-like feel. Also, to enhance separation of spaces within a room, we positioned the recessed lights to create a focal point rather than just create a grid of them across the entire space," says Rupesh. To mitigate heat, the south west façade has a thick wall clad in brown travertine. In addition to this, passive cooling methods have been used to help offset the active VRV system. Each room has at least one operable window or sliding glass door to allow cross ventilation.

While the exterior is a blend of greenery, earth colours and white, the interiors have muted hues by way of wallpaper and soft furnishings. "The transition of spaces from soft and warm, to bold and strong takes place in subtle ways at different times of the day. The use of exotic marble and distinct gold finishes, the use of different colours and textures, does play a big part in this," says Rupesh. Striking Indian and south east Asian artefacts speak of homeowners with distinct preferences. The home has been made completely techno-ready with state-of-the-art home automation systems. There are light sensors in the wash-rooms and walk-in wardrobes, and indoor air quality monitors control the ventilation system. The interior lighting is designed to track daylight, and function accordingly.

This home indulges the younger members of the family with the use of cutting-edge technology and international design, even as it reassures the older generation with familiar elements. Simple tasks have been made easy, space has been created for privacy as well as large get-togethers. New techniques are in sync with old materials, and outdated physical demarcations have given way to fluid, light-filled spaces. Creating a finely tuned balance of yesterday, today and tomorrow, AND Design Co says that "Designing this multi-generation home was a singular experience. It gave us scope to experiment, and allow natural elements to blend with the structure and interiors".



Ars. Rupesh and Archana Baid

ENTRANCE LOBBY

The entrance foyer, being a space for arrivals and dispersals, is free of furniture, except for the odd piece. In order to keep it free of clutter, and to maintain hygiene, the shoe storage is concealed behind the artwork.

Get the look The rug is from Jaipur Rugs, and the double-seater is from Souk. The wallpaper is from Arte.



DINING ROOM

The dining room has also been kept free of clutter, and has an airy and fresh look. The dining table and chairs have a distinct European vibe, the artefacts are Asian. **Get the look** The chairs are from Arketipo and the table from Rugiano. The artefacts are from Souk.



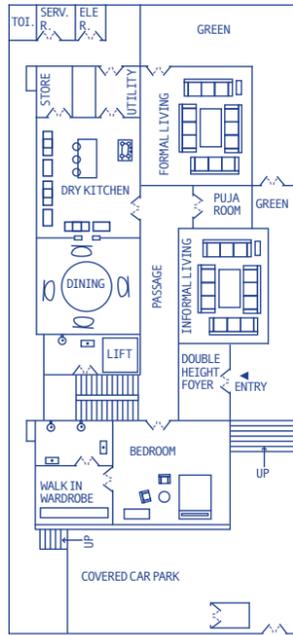
INFORMAL LIVING ROOM

Light and shadows create a dappled pattern in the family room. The relaxed lines of the seating convey the informality of the space.

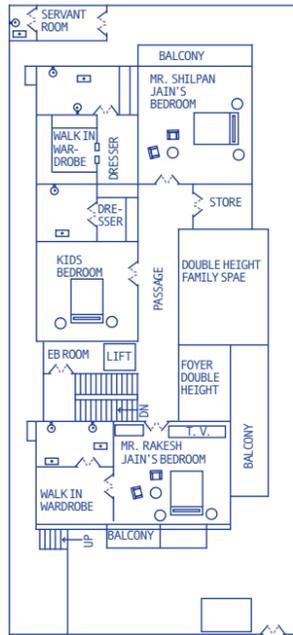
Get the look The single-seater chairs are from Souk.



THE BLUEPRINTS



GROUND FLOOR



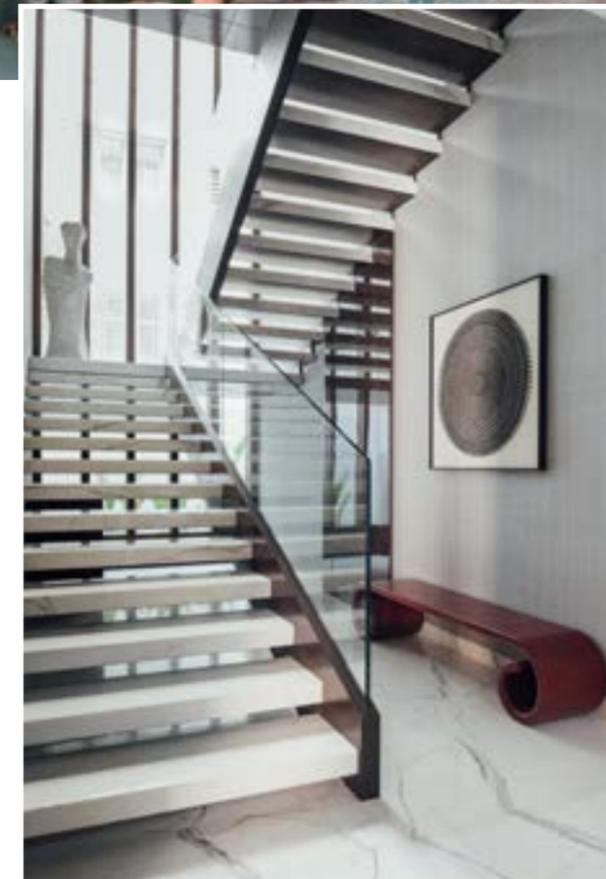
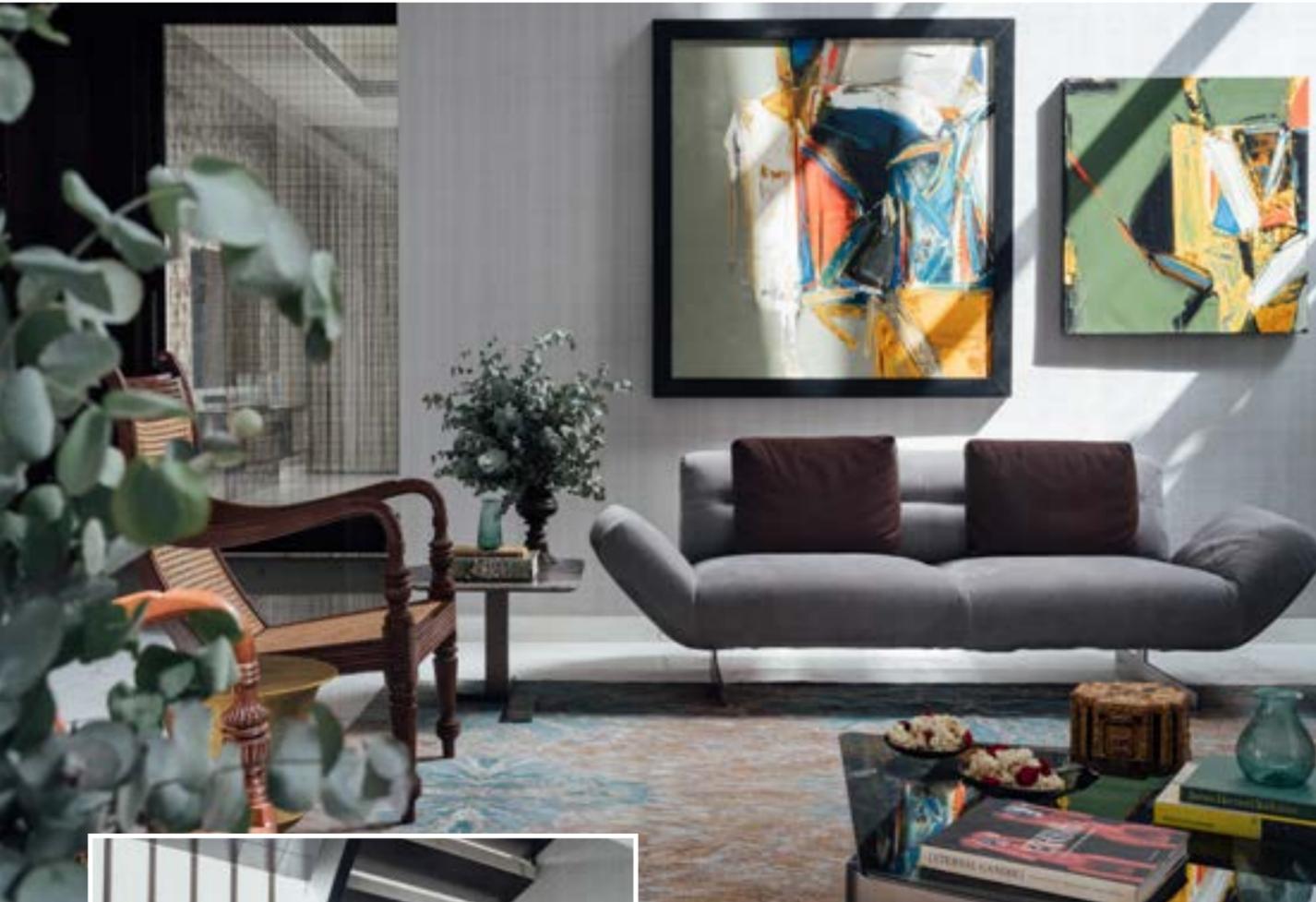
FIRST FLOOR

FORMAL LIVING ROOM

The day and night curtains are set to operate automatically according to the sunlight filtering in the room.

Get the look The sofas are from Rugiano, and the rug is from Jaipur Rugs. The artefacts are from Souk.





↑ **INFORMAL LIVING ROOM**

A studied combination of Italian and local furniture and artefacts gives the space its character.

Get the look The sofa is from Arketipo and the cane chair is from Souk.

← **STAIRCASE**

The staircase has been crafted in metal and clad with statuario and glass.

Get the look The bench from Souk is positioned as a quick-catch-up spot.

‘The double-height glazed windows and minimal design of the space creates a relaxed vibe.’





← **KITCHEN**

The high gloss kitchen is next to the dining area. It has grey polyurethane coated cabinetry, quartz worktops, an island in statuario, with a statement carpet floor in statuario and graphite-grey marble. **Get the look** The kitchen appliances are from Siemens.

↓ **POWDER ROOM**

The powder room on the ground floor, has focus lights, aquamarine-tinted amazonite marble, dark-hued veneers, gold trimmings and fixtures, lending the space an air of opulence and luxury. **Get the look** The basin is from Catalano and the faucet from Fantini.

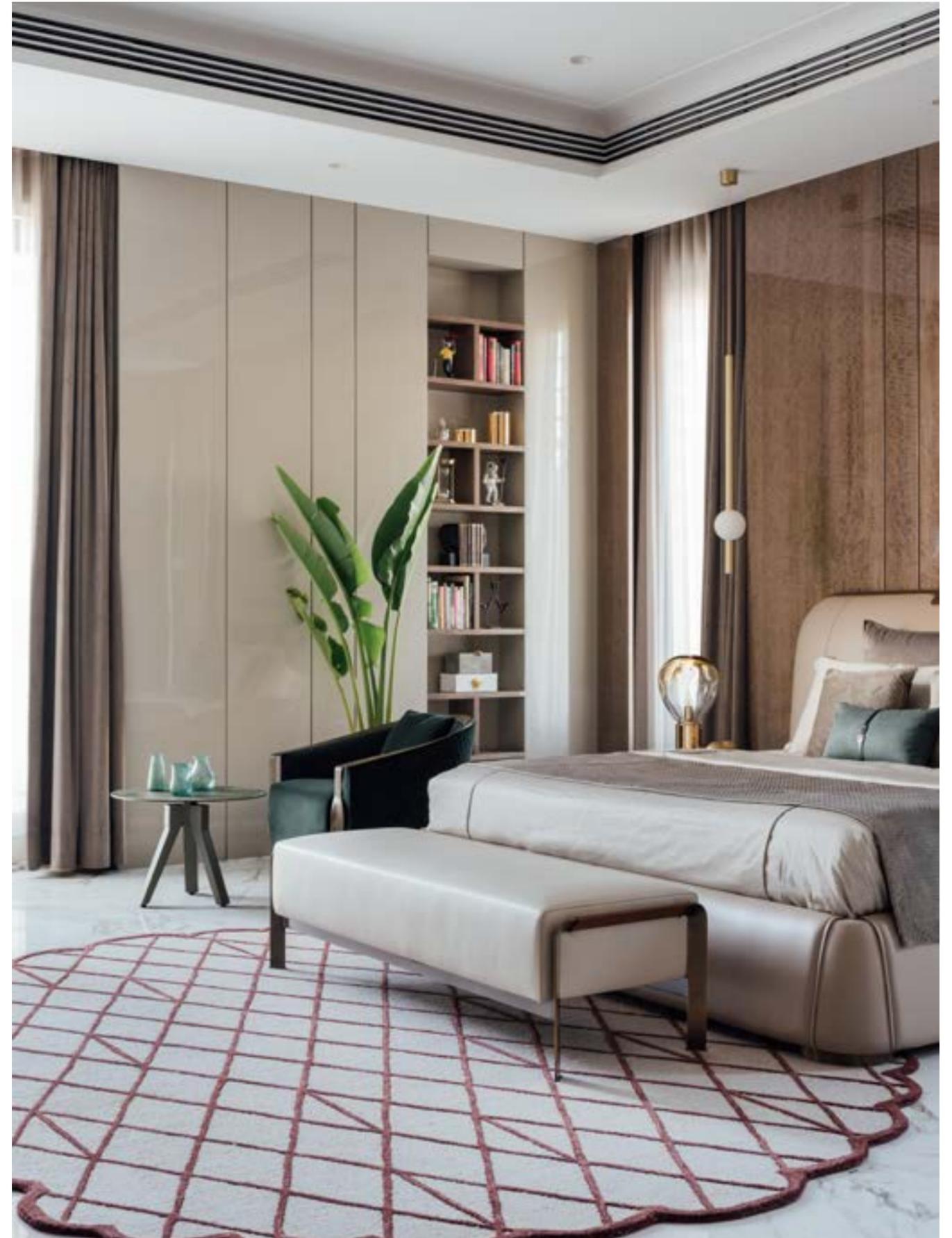




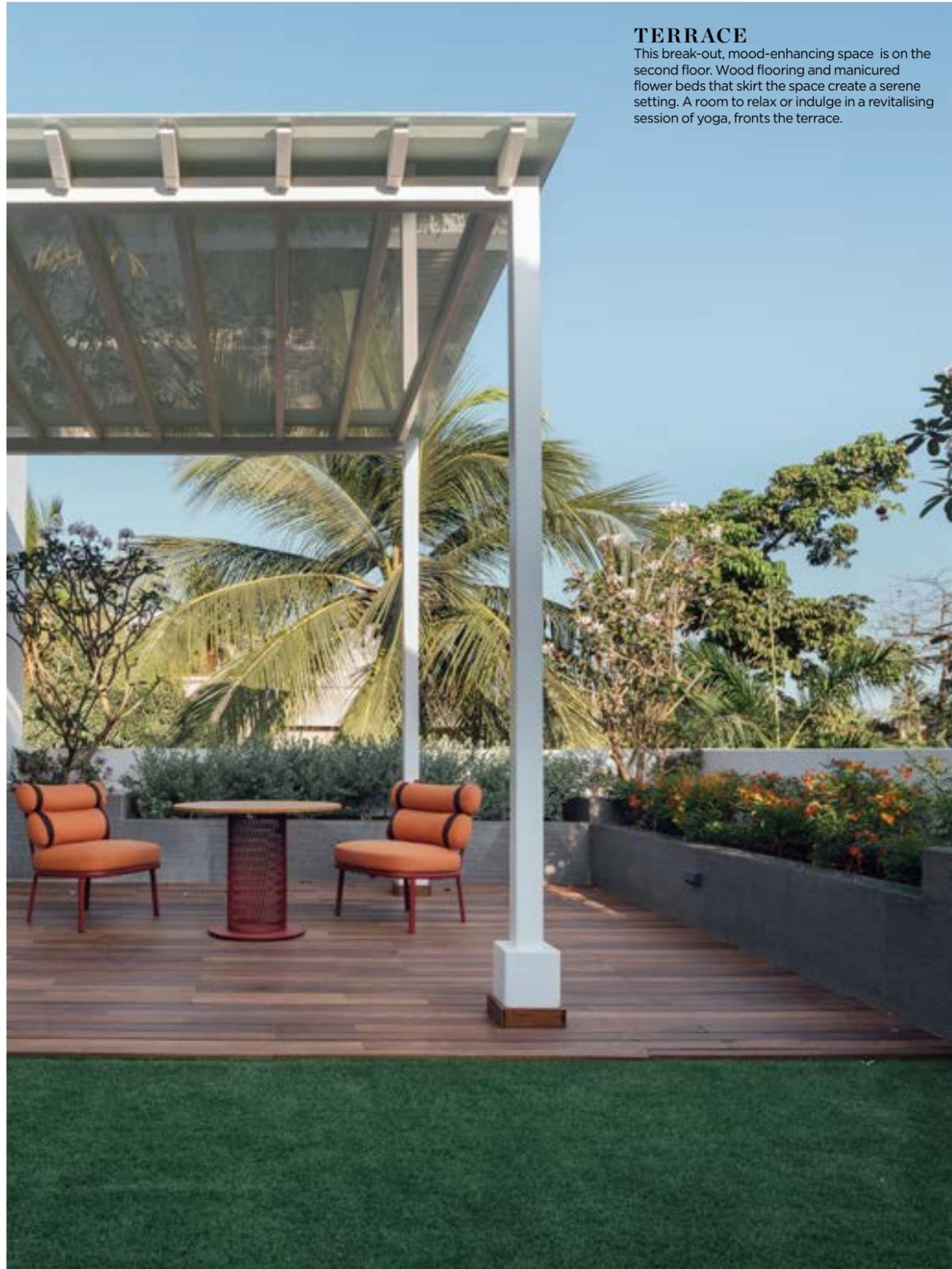
→ **MASTER BEDROOM**
The master bedroom on the first floor gets its luxe appeal from the cladding materials, such as brown travertine on the bed-wall, and the glossy finish of the storage spaces. The large bed, golden accents and crystal lamps, contrast with indoor greenery.
Get the look Rug from Jaipur Rugs and the bed is from Rugiano.

← **KIDS' BEDROOM**
Clad in ash pink, blue, and caramel, this spare bedroom exudes a classic as well as a young and trendy ambience.
Get the look The rug is from Jaipur Rugs, and the bed is from Rugiano.

↓ **SITTING AREA**
This cosy sitting area is on the second floor—in the corridor linking the terrace and the yoga room.
Get the look The chairs are from Arketipo.



‘Daylight is an amazing addition to any space... it was important to accentuate this within the design.’

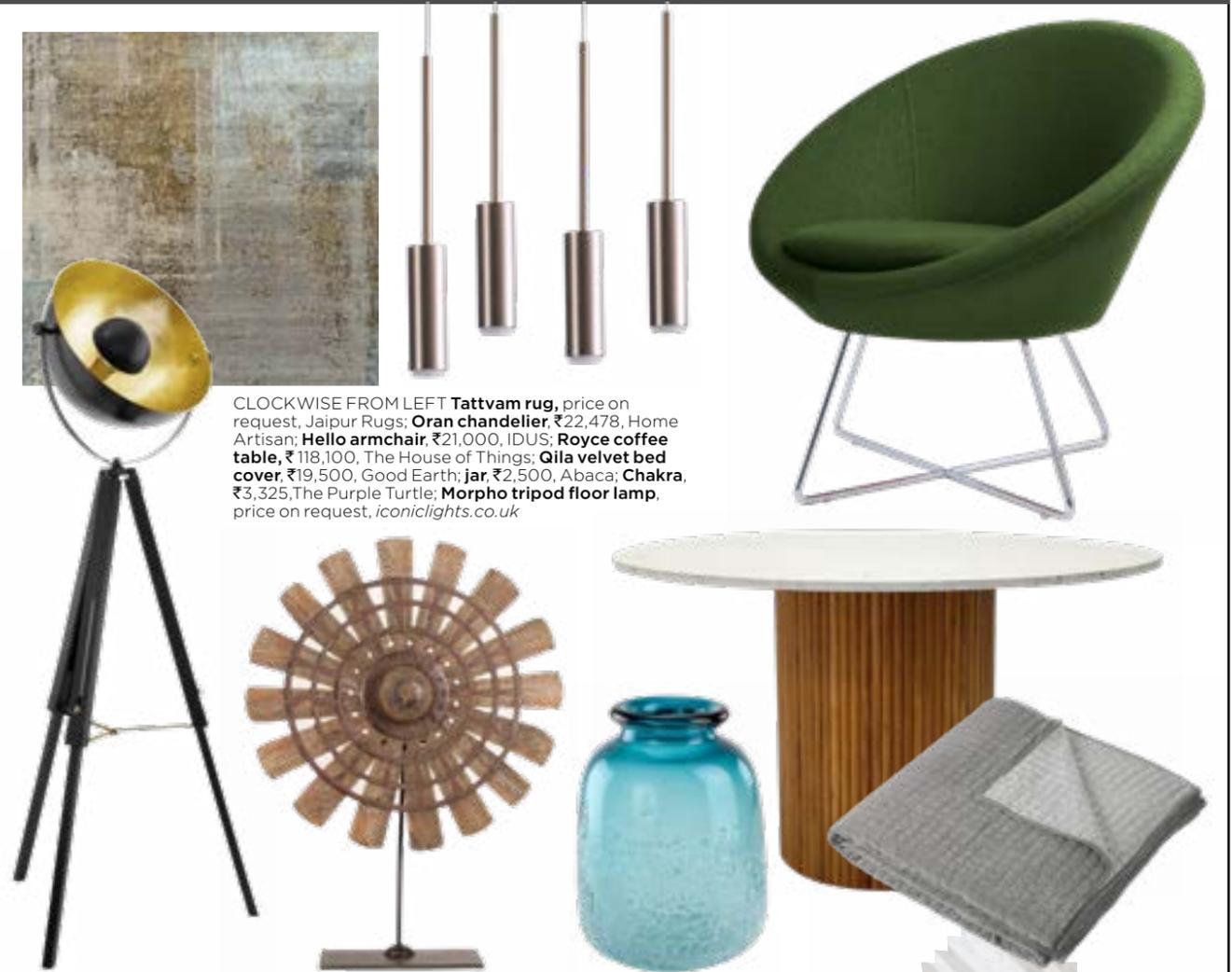


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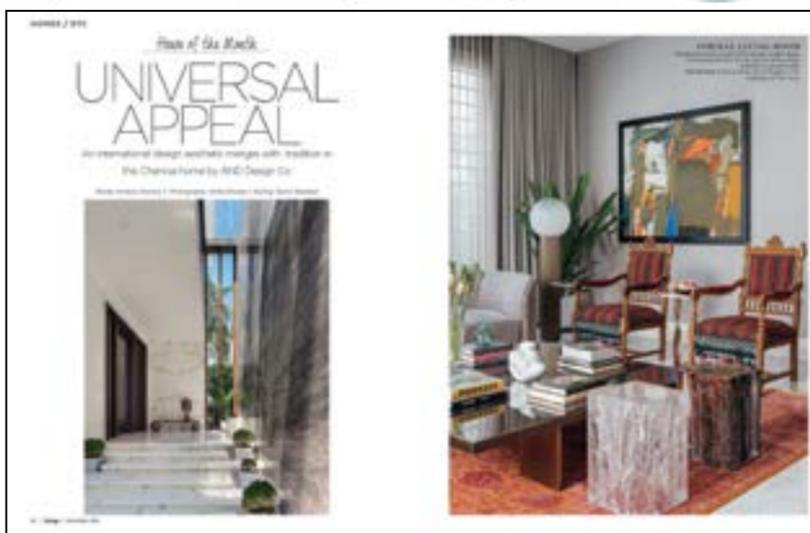
This break-out, mood-enhancing space is on the second floor. Wood flooring and manicured flower beds that skirt the space create a serene setting. A room to relax or indulge in a revitalising session of yoga, fronts the terrace.

IDEAS TO STEAL

A studied combination of Italian furniture with Indian artefacts gives this home its character



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Tattvam rug**, price on request, Jaipur Rugs; **Oran chandelier**, ₹22,478, Home Artisan; **Hello armchair**, ₹21,000, IDUS; **Royce coffee table**, ₹118,100, The House of Things; **Qila velvet bed cover**, ₹19,500, Good Earth; **jar**, ₹2,500, Abaca; **Chakra**, ₹3,325, The Purple Turtle; **Morpho tripod floor lamp**, price on request, iconiclights.co.uk



TOP AND ABOVE **Wallpaper**, price on request, Arte; **wooden flooring**, price on request, QuickStep.

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