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If you thought it was impossible to blend together modernism, innovativeness, creativity, elegance, grandeur and piety into a single abode, think again

— Manish Dikshit

The project was born to give shape to the client's dream of building an elegant duplex on the topmost floors of Kalpataru Pinnacle, Malad. The objective was to amplify the spaciousness of the four-bedroom duplex apartment, making it seamless, imparting a distinctive appeal to the entire space and giving it a grand ambiance. The vision, therefore, was to create a free space with minimum barriers and elegant décor, with a touch of grandeur.



A Sprinkle of Piety







Corner bar



A quaint seating



An innovative piece of decor



Second level of the duplex

The main challenge of the project was to impart massiveness to the available space and create an illusion of 'no barriers'. Elements, such as French windows and doors have been effectively used to achieve what the

client envisioned. Other factors, such as a flight of birds installed along the wall of the staircase, subtly introduces the idea of 'verticality'. The design team was extremely sensitive to the client's needs, and hence, tried to cre-

ate spaces in alignment with their personalities.

Taking a modernist approach, the entrance door combines dark and light wooden veneer, creating the apt aura. The minimalist entrance lobby



An expanse of intimate respite

Balcony attached with a bedroom



provides an impeccable transition arena before one delves into the primary zones.

The design, then, meanders its way into the grandeur of the common living and dining area. Separated from the entrance lobby by a series of lime-toned blinds, the enormity of this space is enveloped in a minimalist approach, using pure white tones blended with clouded greys. A false ceiling pattern above the dining accentuates this space and is harmoniously complemented by a wall panning in the living area.

The living-cum-dining area provides access to a contemporary kitchen done up in shades of grey and silver. Equipped with a variety of modern kitchen appliances, it houses an open window to provide visual connectivity with the dining space and is also in line with the current island kitchen concept.

The space further merges into the more private sectors of the residence. On the way up, an individual is greeted by a flight of birds, advancing towards the upper floor along with him. The family lounge, being the most precious space of the abode, greets with a cozy yet classy environ. Adorned with origami art, it is a lounge that encompasses the feel of intimacy and affection.

The most crucial and luxurious realms of the project, are the three exuberant bedrooms. The mas-



Contemporary bedroom composition in black and white



Contrast of vibrant and muted tones

ter bedroom, flourished with the effect of light and shadow, possesses floor-to-ceiling windows that add to the vivacity of the space. Modernism is ensured through the design scheme of this space — striking contrasts and benevolent complements. The other two bedrooms provide divergent thematic appeals. One of them has an industrial claim with the theme of 'Steampunk'.

'Steampunk' is a subgenre of science fiction and fantasy that incorporates technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery. This design, therefore, integrates steel and glossy metallic finishes. The other bedroom sphere delves into the



Sci-fi themed bedroom



Elegant sanitary space



Exquisite bedroom

Quirky artistic novelty is visible in the hexagonal suspended sheets, that make for an interesting ceiling pattern in one of the bedrooms. Intricate details, such as the traditional *jaali*, coupled with LED lights and green turf flooring, are a part of the mandir area, which also impart an ambience of creativity blended with piety. □

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concept of the French Riviera and inculcates tones of vibrant blue complemented with pearl white.

The 'height' factor influenced the design of every element of the project. It has been highlighted subtly in each aspect of design and cleverly inculcated in the décor as well. Each space, while maintaining its own distinct and catchy characteristic is well in sync with the enormity of height. The distinct linearity of the design is

evident from the layout of arenas and has been spiced up with a sprinkle of unique forms of décor. The design approach, hence, distinctly reflects the picturesque landscape visible from the apartment.

Going beyond conventional patterns, 'innovation' is what this project resonates. The subtle mural depicting 'birds in flight', made of stainless steel, is an exquisite piece of artwork specially selected from Hong Kong.