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TRANSCENDING SPACE

From following in his architect father's footsteps to setting up his independent practice that is recognised for its transformation of spaces, Sumit Dhawan, founder & principal architect at Cityspace'82 Architects, has indeed travelled a fair distance

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16. The BNK Group's One Avighna project.

17. Siddhanta Sakle, founder, The Arch Studio.

18. Nakul Himatsingka, MD, Ideal Group.

19. Vinay Jain, MD & CEO, Sambhav Group.

20. Aesthetics meet comfort at this project by The Arch Studio.

21. Vins by Sambhav Group is a luxury studio apartment in Mumbai.



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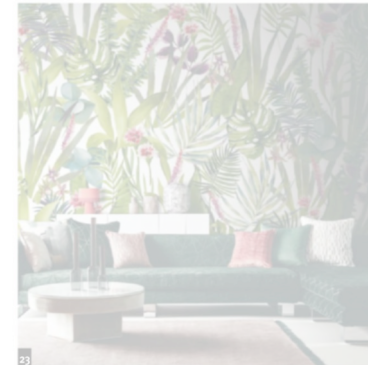
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keep the environmental footprint as light as possible. "Rainwater harvesting is a standard ecological part of our construction. The design always incorporates a reliance on natural light rather than artificial, thereby saving costs of power consumption. Waste management is done with professionalism and with minimum inconvenience to residents. Solar panels, whenever possible, would be incorporated into the design so that power consumption is down to minimal levels. To achieve the flow of fresh air throughout the apartments, the habitable spaces have been placed along the length of the apartment block. Green pockets are interspersed across the façade and act as solar buffers to the habitable spaces," opines Vinay Jain, managing director & CEO, Sambhav Group.

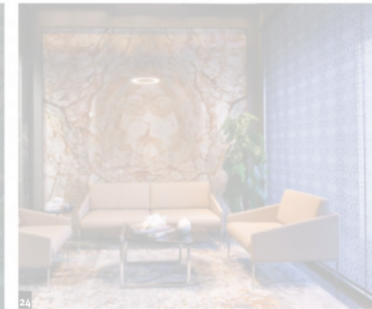
Neha Jain, co-founder, UDC Homes, adds, "Even home owners have become conscious of the environment and they often want to use products which were manufactured



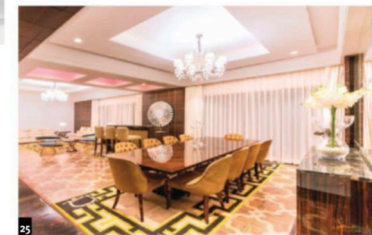
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causing least minimum harm to the environment. This, in turn, automatically motivates us to choose our manufacturing inputs ethically; since the past few years, we have been choosing environment-friendly raw materials for our wallpaper production."

COVID FACTOR

The pandemic of 2020 is a reality that we will all have to live with, and find ways to continue with as much normalcy as is possible in such a situation. Lindsay Bernard Rodrigues, co-founder and director, Bennet & Bernard Group, says, "As the impact of COVID-19 will push demand for holistic ecosystems and a wellness quotient, upcoming projects will provide absolute freedom to people where they can enjoy world-class facilities within the premises. With work from home being accepted as part of the 'new normal', many people are seriously considering a shift of residence, away from the crowded cities to holiday homes for obvious reasons. And so, destinations with a scenic locale and with experiences within the home will have a huge fan following."

Amit Shah, managing director, Classic Marble Company (CMC), avers, "Contrary to expectation, people have taken this as an opportune time to redo their homes. People are spending more on their homes today since this is where they

are spending all or most of their time. Consumers are looking at newer textures and re-designing their space to give it a fresh look. People are using a lot of coloured material on walls as highlighters to make the space more vibrant."

Several new trends are emerging especially after the pandemic has spread across the world. "One of the primary trends now is to get the outdoors indoor, given the fact that more owners and their families live indoors in today's lockdown situation. Natural sunlight, natural greenery are key desired elements in redesigning luxury homes in the current environment," says Sinaiya Presswala, general manager, Della by Jimmy Mistry.

Looks like it's time to get set for a home that will pamper you with a touch of luxury. ■



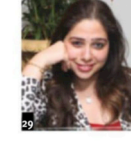
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22. Bennet & Bernard's custom homes are fuelling the trend of owning a luxury holiday home in Goa.

23. Nuance Collection by UDC Homes is created from plant-based fibres, making it environmentally sustainable.

24. This sitting area features a Spiderman wall by CMC that has a white marble with a dark brown vein.

25. A living-cum-dining area designed by Della by Jimmy Mistry.

26. Neha Jain, co-founder, UDC Homes.

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