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Pairing Whisky & Chocolate  
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Skylandz Residence  
**GROUP DCA**

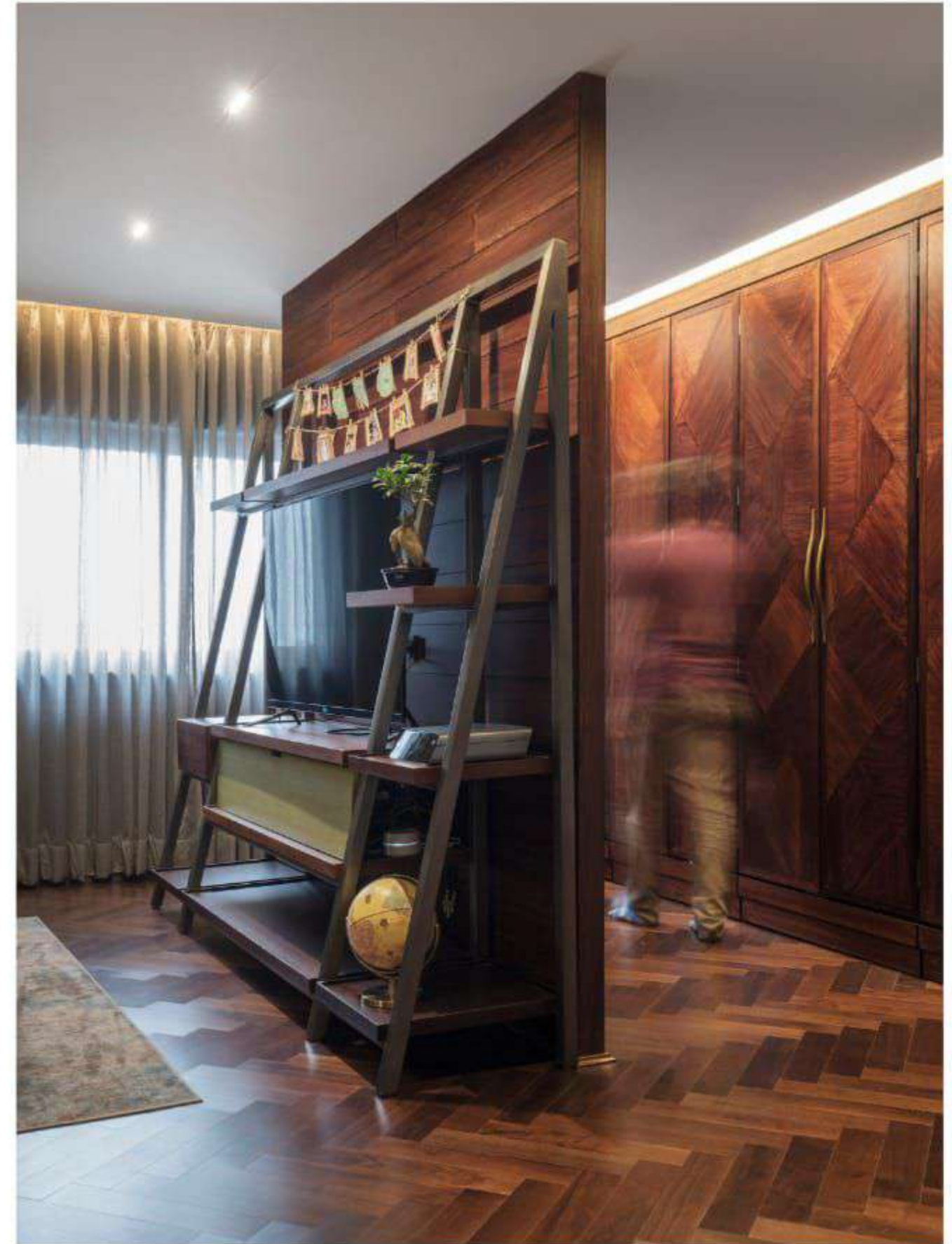
Elegant Simplicity  
**MANAVI RAI**



The nature of the rooms is fluid, such that they can be used independently, or connected together, as a whole.

The massive bedroom, a private oasis for the couple, beholds a playful design with dark wood herringbone floors. Light, airy curtains and sleek furniture offset the heaviness of the wood in this space. Forgoing the traditional dressing "room", and instead opting for a partition separating the bed from the wardrobe, creates a free-flowing layout that facilitates movement.

The expansive ensuite featuring a luxurious jacuzzi boasts of the unique style the couple carries themselves with.





## PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Typology: Residential  
 Name of Project: Shyamkunj Residence  
 Location: Kolkata, India  
 Name of Client: Mr. Raghav  
 Principal Architect: Amit Aurora  
 Design Team: Shivani, Sandeep

Built-Up Area (sq ft & sq m): 2500 Sq. Ft.  
 Completion Date: 2019

Photographer:  
 Saurabh Suryan and Lokesh Dang,  
 Studio Suryan//Dang



*Group DCA is a multi-disciplinary Architecture & Interior Design firm, based out of New Delhi, India. Founded in the year 1996, the firm has to its credit, remarkable, award-winning, widely acclaimed projects across diverse typologies such as Residential, Retail, Hospitality and Workspaces.*

*With core values of Design excellence, Innovation and Customer satisfaction, the firm has been able to successfully partner with various Brands (both national & International) in the*

*conceptualization & implementation of Brand identities.*

*With an in-depth desire to Redefine the paradigms of Design, group DCA has been focused in its approach as a skillful balance of talent, experience and hard work. Both the partners, through their individual expertise have contributed towards the firm's robust image in the design industry, with a special focus on delivering Design Excellence with Innovation, Collaboration & Value Engineering. With their dedication towards Contextual and Sustainable Designs.*

*Inspiring young talent and Nurturing human relations, today, they lead an energized and enthusiastic team of over 40 professionals.*

*Each project is treated individually, with an approach that is most appropriate to the project's identity, vision, business format, target clientele, code of ethics, site location and budget. Rather than following current trends, or designing for the short term, the studio believes in sustainable design, which is exclusive, well-balanced, contextual and fosters longevity and practicality.*

*A conscious effort is made to use local - sustainable materials/ technology. This in turn reinforces traditional crafts and skillsets of the craftsmen, while minimizing the impact on the environment. Each project is therefore not a cookie-cutter solution, but is instead climate-appropriate and designed to meet specific needs that create an exclusive, yet relevant product. Through its contribution in the realm of Architecture and Interior Design, Group DCA has made a mark across India, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East.*

## Amit Aurora

Partner, group DCA  
 Date of Birth | 26 December 1970  
 CA Number 93/16429



*Amit Aurora along with Rahul Bansal, both architecture graduates of 1993 from the esteemed School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, founded DCA Architects in 1996. Envisioned as a multi-disciplinary integrated architecture and interior design solutions firm, today, the firm has to its credit, remarkable, award-winning, widely acclaimed projects across diverse typologies such as Residential, Retail, Hospitality and Workspaces.*

*Amit's expertise lies in designing for the longevity of the design aesthetic and functionality, while being able to create the required balance in design without any excesses of elements. Amit believes that he may not be the creator of trends, but perceives shifts early enough such that the design has a durable invocation. As an architect and designer, his work is exemplary and creates a statement in the way he puts elements together. A conscious effort is made to use local, sustainable materials/ technology, that reinforces traditional crafts and skillsets of the craftsmen, while minimizing the impact on the environment.*

*Every project is a successful result of a structured collaboration between the design team, clients and the spaces, thereby crafting innovative and sophisticated*

*design solutions. Driven by its team of experienced project managers, the studio is equipped with the expertise, experience and capacity to deliver design, planning, interior design solutions and development/ implementation of brand identities. The studio has over the last twenty years, has successfully designed award-winning spaces and retail identities of various corporate and luxury Brands along with Luxury Stores, boutiques, restaurants, salons, residences, and other commercial work that has been implemented pan-India.*

*Achievements Apart from spearheading many award-winning projects, Amit Aurora has been enlisted among the Grandmasters of Design (Society Interiors, 2016), 'The Design Power list' (Good Homes 100th issue) and was also chosen among the 10 most sought after workplace design professionals in the country (Commercial Design, 2016). He is a regular speaker at industry events and has been an eminent jury member for the prestigious International A' Design Awards 2016, Acetech Grand Stand Awards (New Delhi), FOAID 2016 etc. The work of the firm has won accolades at the prestigious IIDD Anchor Awards, IIA Awards, NDTV Design & Architecture Awards, Good Homes Awards, CWAB Awards, VMSRD Retail Design Awards etc.*



Each space is different, each comes with surprises and its own intriguing qualities.

The interior design ensured that the space retained its contemporary element, but with added touches of nostalgia. High end materials and a swish aesthetic give this party space an upbeat vibe.

Possibly the most eye-catching and vibrant space in the home- the living room- features Terrazzo flooring which extends to the dining space to unify the various spaces.



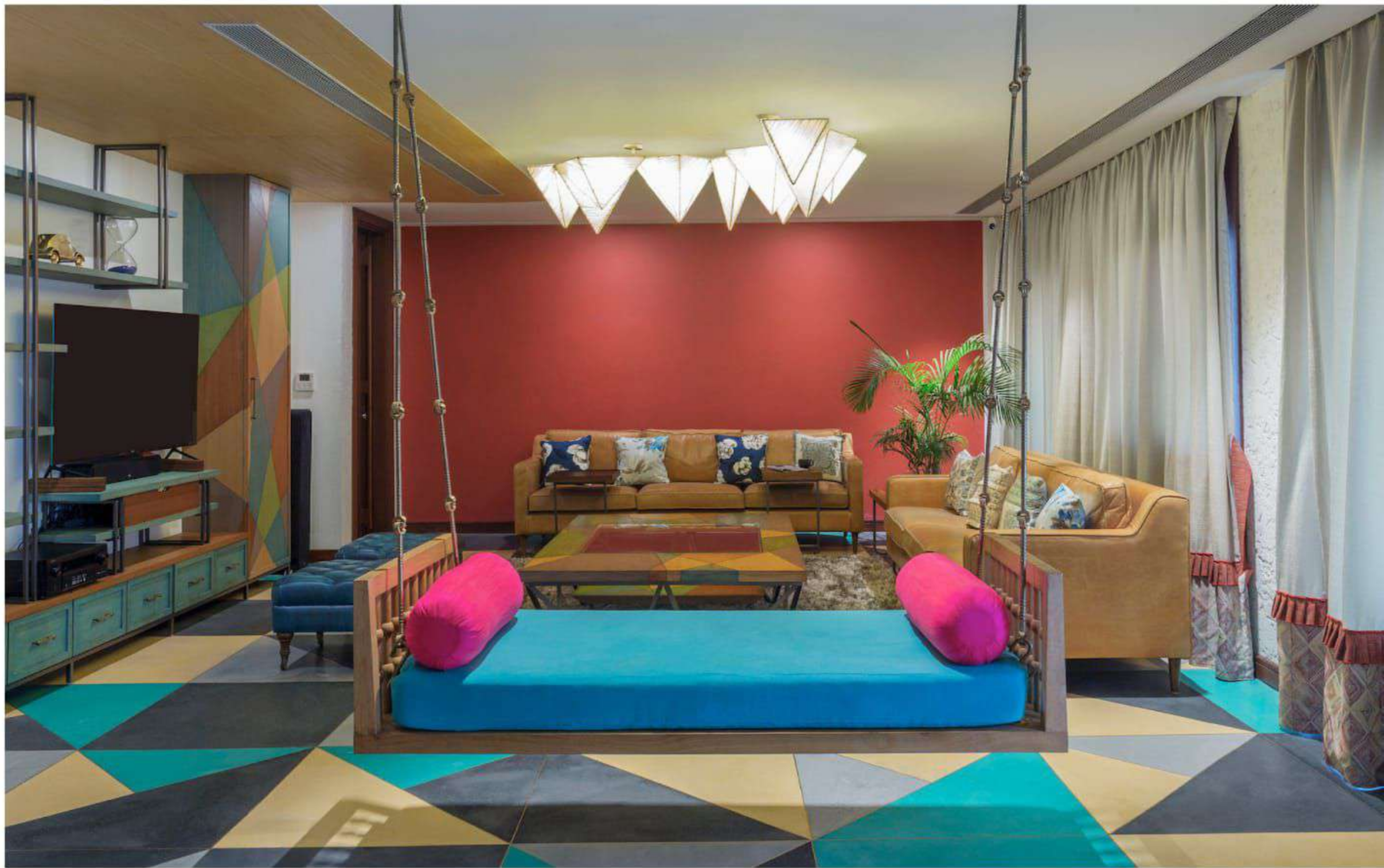


The preponderance of natural light beaming in through the expansive windows makes it perfect for sun-soaked afternoons.

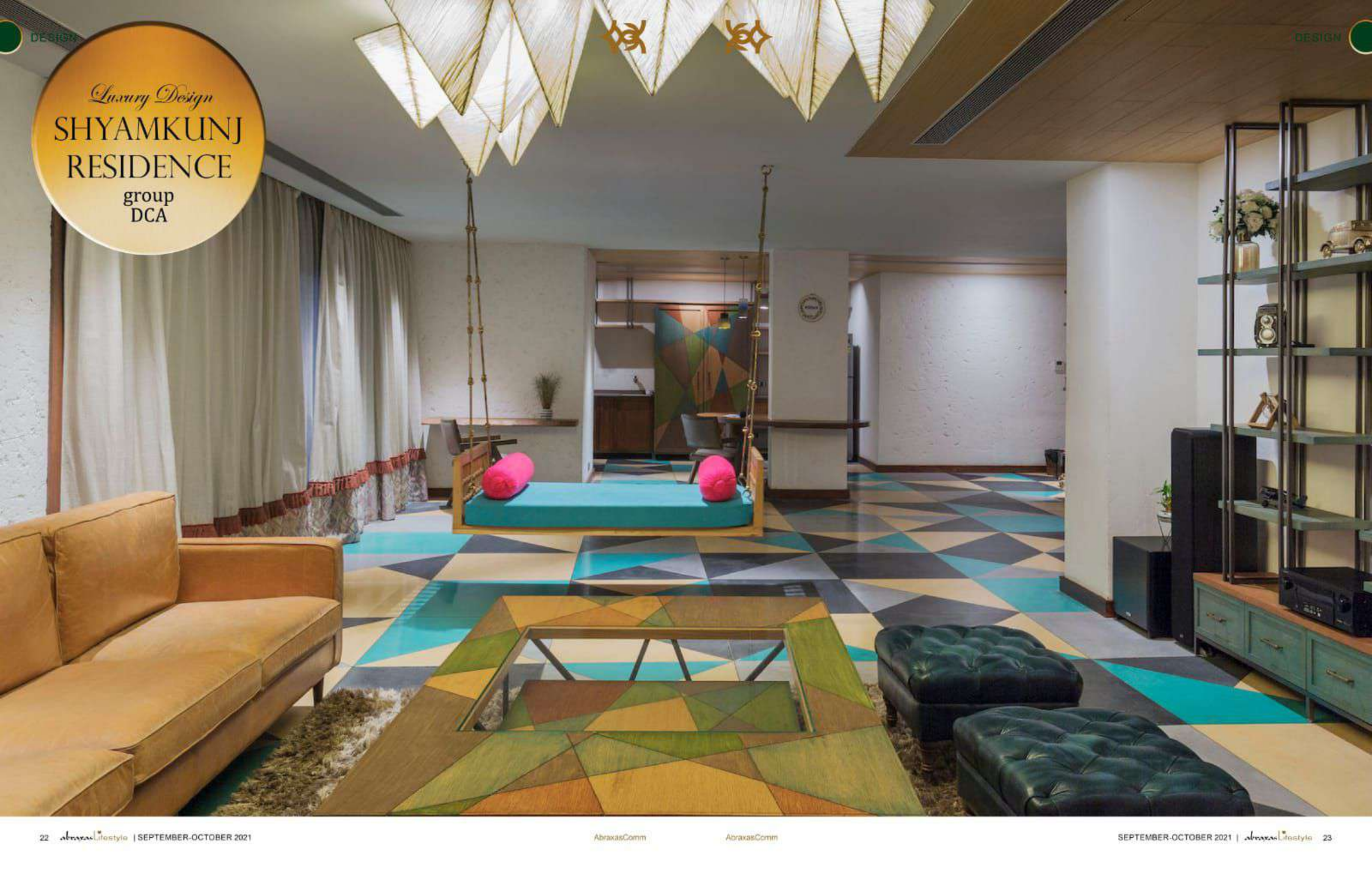
The visual narrative of the outside continues inside, a harmonious dialogue between the exterior environment and the interior space by addition of planters.

The balcony extends the interiors to the outside, giving the couple ample space to host their friends while also ensuring the space adheres to the design language.

Not to forget, the big and bold patterns are a way of life for this couple. In the living room, textured walls lend visual interest to the interiors, while recessed lighting brightens up every corner.







*Luxury Design*  
**SHYAMKUNJ  
 RESIDENCE**  
 group  
 DCA



The spacious 2500 sq. feet apartment is a veritable jewel box amidst Kolkata's heritage buildings.

The inspiration for this home stemmed from the couple's desire to have a private space to entertain guests, a place of relaxation and intimate get-togethers.

Here, the unconventional architecture, the merging of the old with the new with pops of colour and free-flowing forms highlight the clients' desire for a private oasis.







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