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“The studio's expertise lies in creating unique, specialised spaces that eschew the cookie cutter approach and instead delve into context.”



Barkat Residence New Delhi

Project Area: 3415 Sq.ft.
Completion of the Project: 2021
Design Team: Principal Architect - Amit Aurora
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The design ethos and grammar of a home have a paramount influence on the well-being of the families that reside therein. The home is christened with the name 'Barkat'; the term refers to prevailing prosperity and blessings in the Punjabi dialect. This sentiment assumes a tangible form within the walls of this home as the dwelling sits cradled in the primo residential neighbourhood of Vasant Vihar - New Delhi.





The residence was entrusted to groupDCA at primary stages, which encompassed flooring, ceilings, and internal air conditioning ducting being concluded. With the home's shell complete, its stark canvas needed warmth, layering, and craved a unique persona. The design team's modus operandi focussed pivotally on the employment of minimalist interventions that would create an enunciated visual and emotional impact across the expanse of the plush residence. The overarching transformational trajectory had to weave together the context and the home's presence within it with candour.

A north-oriented site in its construct, Barkat occupies a private floor on the third level of the residential building. This home strives to entwine its narrative with the surrounding abundance of greenery within the locational milieu, alfresco living spaces, and umpteen daylight that pervades the house. Manicured planters in all the peripheral balconies and decks establish a biophilic inclination, reiterating that the home experiences the serenity conjured by greenery. Moreover, the plant cover almost blurs over the increased urban expansion outside its thresholds and ensures the home is bestowed with visual privacy.



The vocabulary established through the home is a collage of bold expressions of colour, textures, juxtaposed patterns, and a pragmatic layout that harmoniously strikes a balance amidst private and communal segments. Barkat relishes an acute sense of solitude and exclusivity with its private floor access via the dedicated staircase and elevator.



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