



Room with a view

Diverse elements add a touch of drama to the entertainment spaces in this house

A balcony with a view staring straight at the skyline is so precious that it has to be shared with a lengthy guest list. Sometimes all it takes is radical vision to transform an ordinary space into an oasis.

Interior architects Sachin and Shami Goregaoker of GA Designs took one look at the bare apartment and saw infinite opportunities to transform it into an attractive home and entertainment space. Situated on the ninth floor of a high rise, this apartment is surrounded by sprawling views of Mumbai city.



“Since the homeowners regularly invite family and friends, a comfortable entertainment area was an absolute essential,” says Shami.

The designers were also asked to create a clutter free and glamorous space. To achieve this, their design involved the use of diverse materials.

“Finding elements that complement each other is a carefully thought-out process but its also very challenging to find elements that can be blended,” says Sachin. “We went all over the city to source the

Above: The balcony is the entertainment hub of this Mumbai apartment. In addition to the cane furniture, by Tangent, a marble seating space proves apt in accommodating a longer guest list. One of the walls is embellished with artificial bamboo shoots and soft lights.

Left: The owners wanted to showcase a glass mural from their collection of artworks. Architect and interior designers Sachin and Shami Goregaoker framed it on sleeper wood to complement the bar counter.



various materials used," says Sachin.

Throughout the 2000 sq ft house, materials like marble, metal, glass and wood — warm and cool elements — have been used in concert with one another. Intricate detailing is visible in the furnishings and the accessories.

The entrance passageway has been done up with floral wallpaper and disguises storage cabinet. The passageway leads to the public spaces — the living and dining area and a 200 sq ft balcony.

All three walls of the balcony have var-

Left: The dining table is custom made and is an amalgamation of materials. The tabletop uses Corian, veneer and wallpaper tiles that have been laminated. The chairs are richly decorated with velvet coverings and accessories.

Above: The bar area is built on an angle and opens to the living and dining rooms. The bar cabinet stands out for the fine carving in metal. The Trish wallpaper behind the cabinet appears three-dimensional. Bubble lights over the bar have been provided by the owners.



Above and facing page: This bathroom is used as a powder room and meant for guests, which is why the homeowners wanted it to stand out. The architect-designers came up with intricate design detailing that has been carefully executed to create drama. Ceramic pebble tiles from Belleza have been laid to form sun patterns and teamed with wood finish tiles on the walls. The fittings are from Jaguar, Hindware, Grohe.

ying features. A waterfall against one wall renders a sense of calm; artificial bamboo and foliage with soft backlights embellish the other wall while the third one hosts a glass mural set in sleeper wood.

Warm colours for flooring, furniture and the veneers have been deliberately used to create an intimate mood. rawn cane furniture in the balcony complements marble seats built along the railing.

"The seating aids in accommodating additional guests during parties," says Shami.

The spacious balcony also features a bar counter, made of sleeper wood and a sun-patterned copper design. The bar deviates attention from a window platform that looks into the kitchen and acts as a service area.

A bathroom is adjacent to the terrace. Digressing from the conventional décor, this space is the most dramatic one in the apartment. Ceramic pebble and wood finish tiles line the bathroom walls giving it a rustic yet bold appearance.

The dining room is compact, so the ar-

chitects lined mirror on one of the walls to add an illusion of space. The ceiling features cove lights as well as LEDs that can be controlled to set varying moods.

Wallpaper has been used extensively throughout the house and adds to the elaborate detailing. It gives strong definition to the dining area and has been used as the tabletop surface too. It also has been used to create an illusion of a circular window behind a second bar in the living room.

Two bedrooms, a study and the kitchen complete the rest of the apartment.

Architects: GA Design
Association: Council Of Architecture (COA)
Flooring: Belleza, Classic Marble
Wallcoverings: Trish
Kitchen cabinets: Pre-laminated shutters from Indoline
Stove/hob: Faber
Ventilation: Faber
Microwave: Panasonic
Refrigerator: Samsung
Dishwasher: IFB
Bathroom cabinetry: Ply with veneer finish
Basin: Hindware
Taps: Jaguar, Grohe
Tiles: Belleza

Toilet: Duravit
Lighting: Terra Trading
Bedroom suite: Custom-made
Bed linen: Dreams
Window treatments: Sheer
Furniture: Tangent, custom-made

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