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ocated in Napeansea Road, one of the plush localities in South Mumbai, this contemporary-style duplex designed by Mumbai-based firm **GA design** is a perfect blend of unusual design concepts.

Perched on the 19th and 20th floor of a high-rise tower, this duplex has impeccable, spacious layout and muted colour palette. Sharing information about the clients brief, **Rajan Goregaoker**, **Director**, **GA design** says, "As our client is a young, well-travelled business man who resides here with his wife and two children. All they wanted was a contemporary and plush home which is an extension of their personalities. Plus, they wanted their home to be an interactive space for social entertainment".

Spread across an area of 5,000 sq. ft., the duplex is neatly segregated into different functional pockets. The double-height entrance lobby leads one to the living, dining, kitchen and guest bedroom on the ground floor and the family room/entertainment room, master bedroom, son's bedroom and daughter's bedroom are on the upper floor. Explaining the layout further Rajan says, "The entrance lobby was designed to evoke a sense of glamour and luxury. A full-length mirror on one of the walls doubles the volume, while the marble staircase and vertical panelled walls add to the height." The floor is inlaid with marble and a vertical back-lit onyx wall adds drama to the lobby.



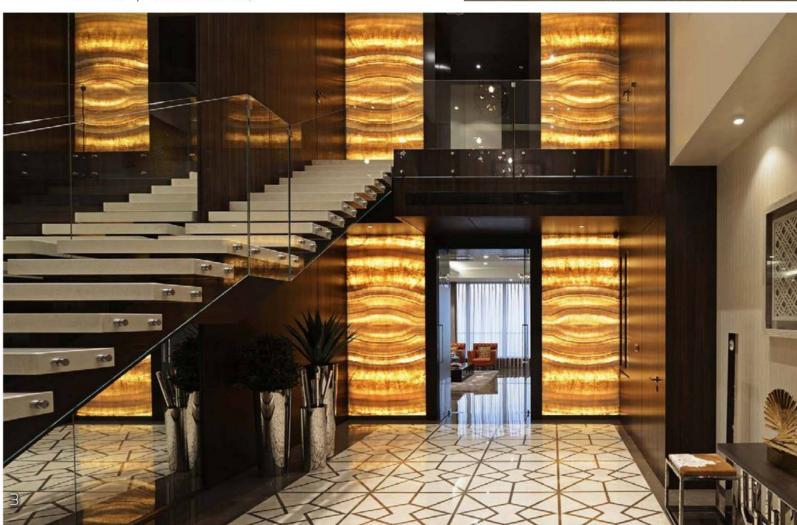


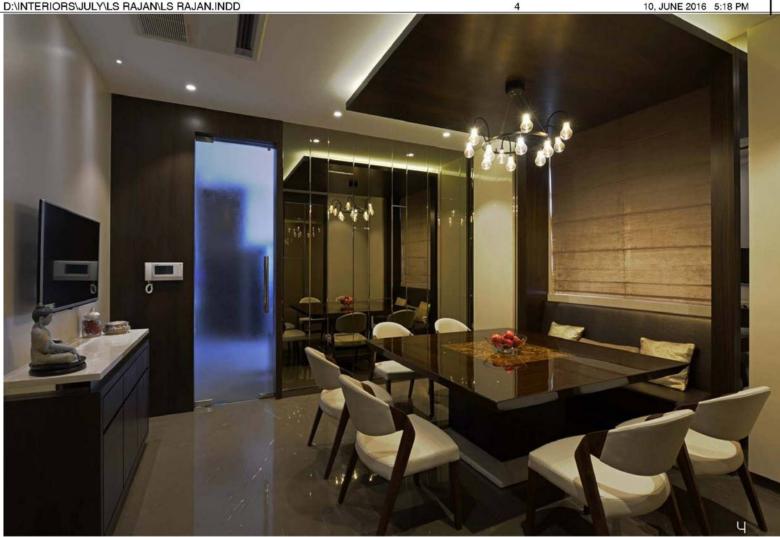
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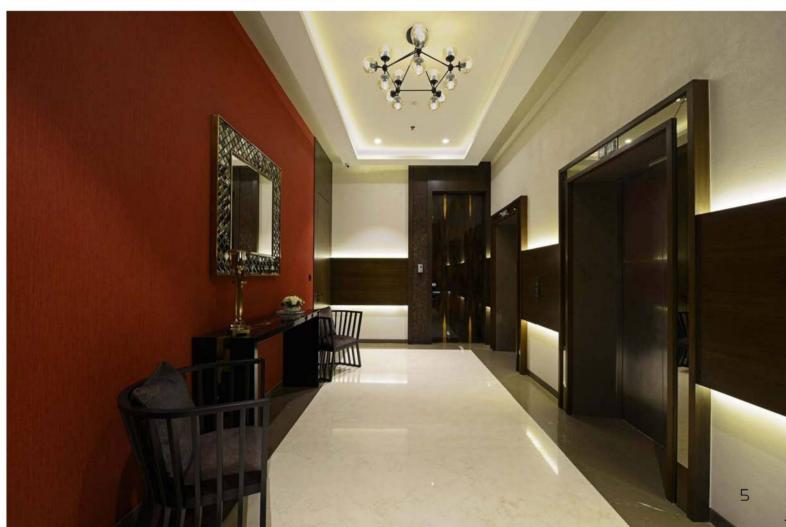
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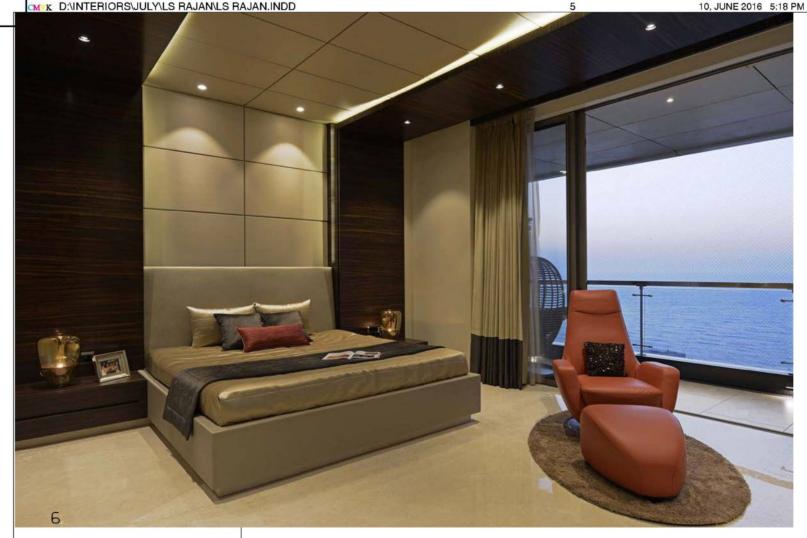
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The use of leather panelling lends class to the master bedroom.

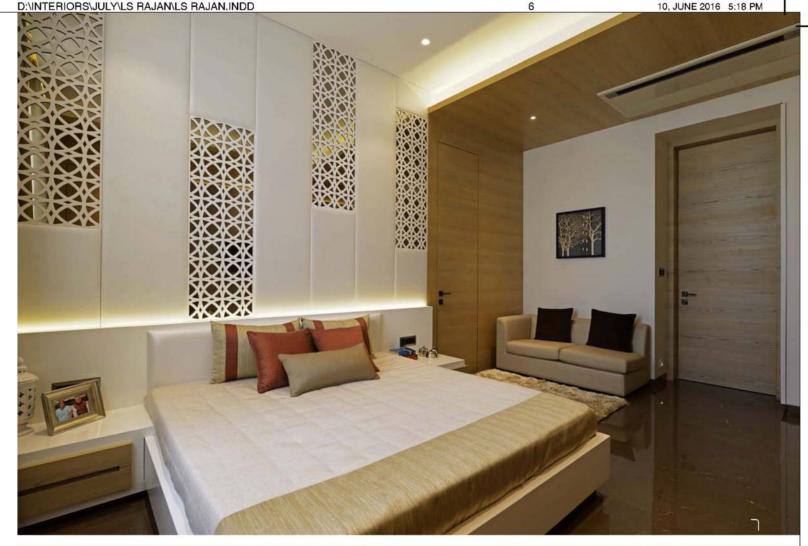
The use of diverse material palette lends the guest bedroom a refined look.

A striking blue carpet with silver fabric panelling behind the seating and wallpapered walls create a cosy space in the entertainment room.

The living-cum-dining area is finished with Armani Brown marble contrasting the light leather furniture. Adding an element of colour is the bright orange leather chair. The walls are panelled in leather while an abstract modern artwork acts as a perfect backdrop further accentuating the space. The living area further opens up to an outdoor balcony, overlooking the sea. Comfortable seating options lend a warm feel to the outdoor area. One notes an interesting space planning where one can admire a concealed bar at the far end of the living area, while the other end has the dining area. Characterized by warm tones, the dining area has a beveled mirror wall with a bench type of seating on one side while the rest has aesthetically designed dining chairs. Keeping the functionality of this space in mind, the designer has provided ample storage space that is concealed within the wall panelling. The square-shaped state-of-the-art kitchen is planned and located in such a manner that it is directly connected to the servant room as well as the dining area. A frosted glass door screens the kitchen from the dining area. The kitchen is sourced from the brand Veneta Cucine and has a combination of lacquer shutters below the counter and wood grain effect on the overhead shutters. The colour palette is in an admirable combination of pastel shades.

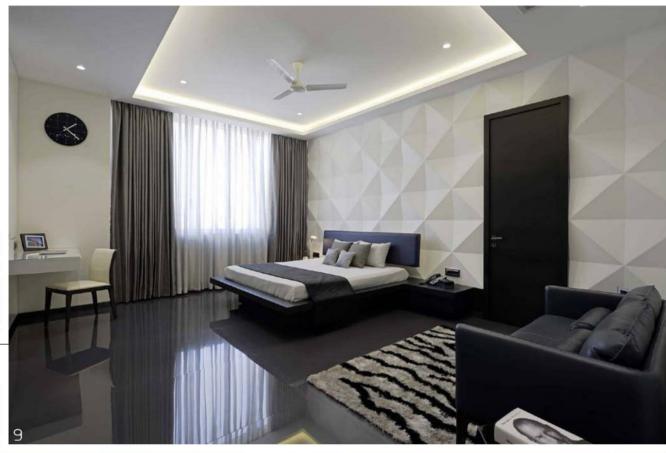
Since the apartment was a bare shell Rajan had to start with planning as per the client's requirement and had to make sure not an inch of space was wasted. According to him, designing the staircase was a major challenge. Explaining the same, he says, "There was a lot of deliberation whether a lift should be added in the double-height entrance lobby but finally the client opted for an aesthetically designed staircase."

Coming to the personal area, the guest room on the ground floor has Armani Brown marble for the flooring. Corian laser cut panels adom the backrest of the bed. The ceiling is finished in veneer, while a grey painted wall has the LCD unit mounted on it. The veneer panelling besides the bed opens up to the guest bathroom. The bathroom in combination of grey Chigani and white marble with rough black tiles on the floor and includes a walk-in wardrobe finished in back painted glass and poly coated shutters. A flight of stairs leads one to the first floor which has the master bedroom, the daughter's bedroom, son's bedroom and the entertainment room.





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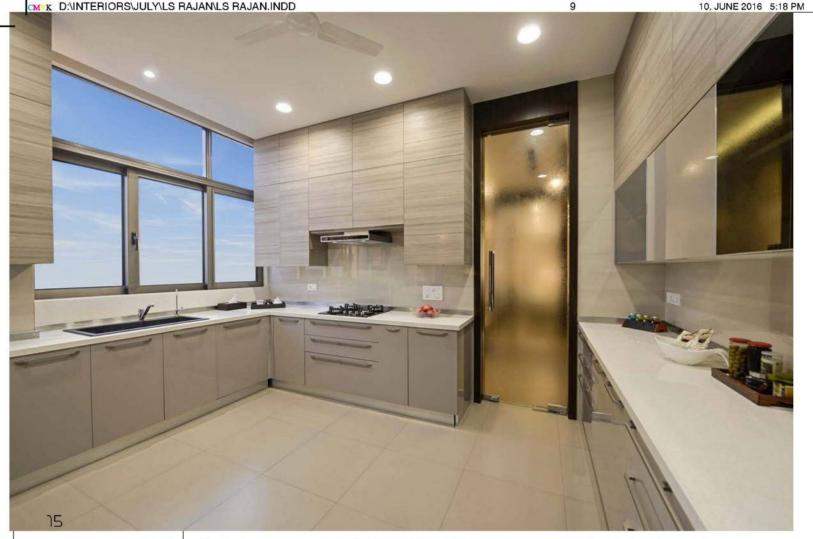
The aesthetically pleasing master bedroom has a leather panelled backrest behind the bed, which extends on the ceiling coming down to the LCD unit. This room also has the study table and a storage unit made out of veneer. A bright orange recliner chair adds colour to the room. The bathroom is an extension of the walk-in wardrobe space. The shutters are in back painted glass and veneer.

The daughter's room has mirrored walls with an abstract white pattern. A bed, side tables with storage options, wardrobes and a study table are the only furniture pieces in this all-white room. The wall above the bed displays two huge photo frames showcasing images of stiletto heels, thus lending a feminine touch to the space. The bathroom door is panelled and poly coated in white. The bathroom is finished in a combination of Bracia Italian marble and rust metallic tiles. This space also has a walk in wardrobe with mustard colour back painted glass blending well with the colour palette of the bathroom. The son's bedroom follows a monochrome colour palette. "A dramatic 3D geometric wall in white behind the bed forms the design feature of this room." shares Rajan. The two-seater sofa set, a study table and a stack white wall that mounts the LCD unit, lend the space a functional touch.

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All the bathrooms are fitted with modern bath fixtures and walk in wardrobe.

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The kitchen has been sourced from Veneta Cucine and is in a combination of pastel shades.

Black glossy tiles accentuate the floors while a Michael Jackson modern art portrait adds spunk to the bedroom. The monochrome colour scheme continues in the bathroom as well. The bathroom has concrete finished tiles on the walls and a walk in wardrobe with the shutters finished in white back painted glass. The entertainment room is designed differently as compared to the rest of the home. A striking blue carpet with silver fabric panelling behind the seating and wallpaper for the walls create a comfortable and cosy space for the home theater room. The bathroom is a combination of Black Wave marble on the walls and white marble on the floor.

Throughout the home a lot of marble or glossy floors have been used in order to lend a plush feel, while the leather, wood and wallpaper panelling on the walls soften the look. He further adds, "We have used extensive mirrors on the walls to give the illusion of space, wardrobes have been finished with coloured back painted glass to give a light feel while contemporary light fittings create a design element in itself." The colour palette is basically shades of beige in all areas except the son's room which is totally black and white and the entertainment room which is blue and silver. As far as lighting is concerned, they have used a lot of LED lights, mainly COB fittings which give strong punch and a lot of indirect lighting giving various options for mood lighting. Most of the loose furniture has been imported from Italy, while the fixed furniture like the beds, wardrobes, console units have been custom made as per design.

GA design has thus created a stunning haven that sits perfectly in the lap of luxury.

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