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CONVERSATION STARTERS

Create living rooms that bear your personality, and are perfect for bonding and entertaining with family and friends

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STUNNING MONOCHROME

Kellyhoppen.com

Perfectly in line with her timeless neutral theme, this living room designed by Kelly Hoppen revels in the mesmerising tone-on-tone monochrome magic. Disparate textures come together in a dreamlike harmony. 'My own house in London is my sanctuary, my absolute dream house – and that is the exact feeling I'd like all of my clients to have within their own homes,' she says.

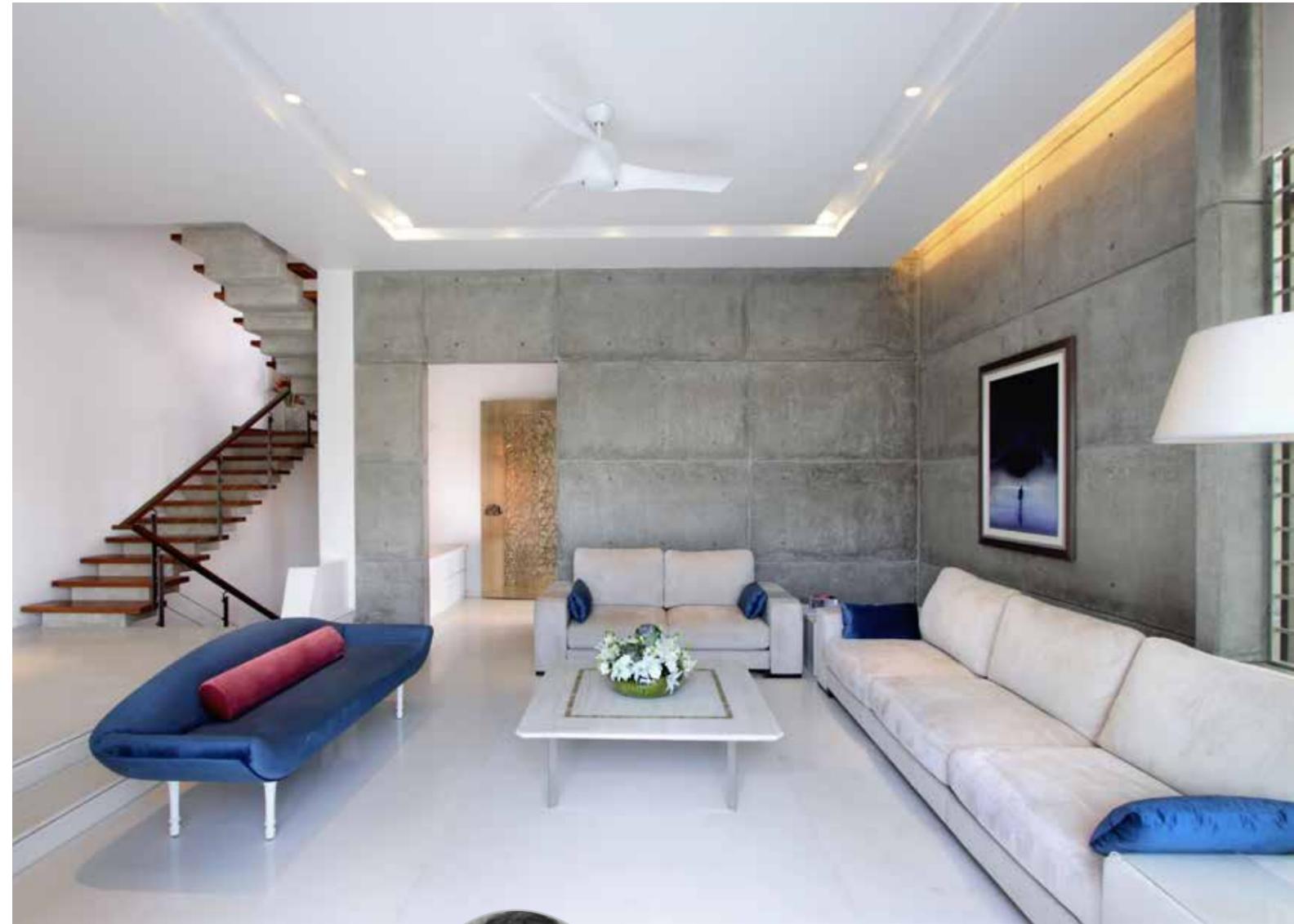
Nothing should stop you from going for an unconventional look as long as the conviction is strong and the idea is coherent



PARTY-READY

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A living room for a party-hearty family surprises with its unconventional look. Straight lines are converted into angular ones, an enigmatic colour scheme of black, grey and red is employed and a bit of grunge feel is introduced through grey concrete walls. And the dramatic ceiling that slopes and slants strategically, alters focus on various areas. Smart ambient lighting, curious sculptures in red, further accentuate the cool factor.



STUNNING SIMPLICITY

dipengada.com

Sheer simplicity is an accent like none other in this living room. A sophisticated space with lavish Italian marble flooring through out that creates an ethereal vastness is complemented by elegant seating – a Natuzzi sofa and customised couch. Hybec lights glimmer from the ceiling.

'When our clients approached us, the house was complete at the architectural level. The structure had quite a modern form and some really fantastic spaces – it was a perfect canvas to explore our ideas. The aim was to achieve pure elegance and simplicity as desired by the clients,' says Dipen Gada of DGA.

[Let the power of the neutral palette rule your space]

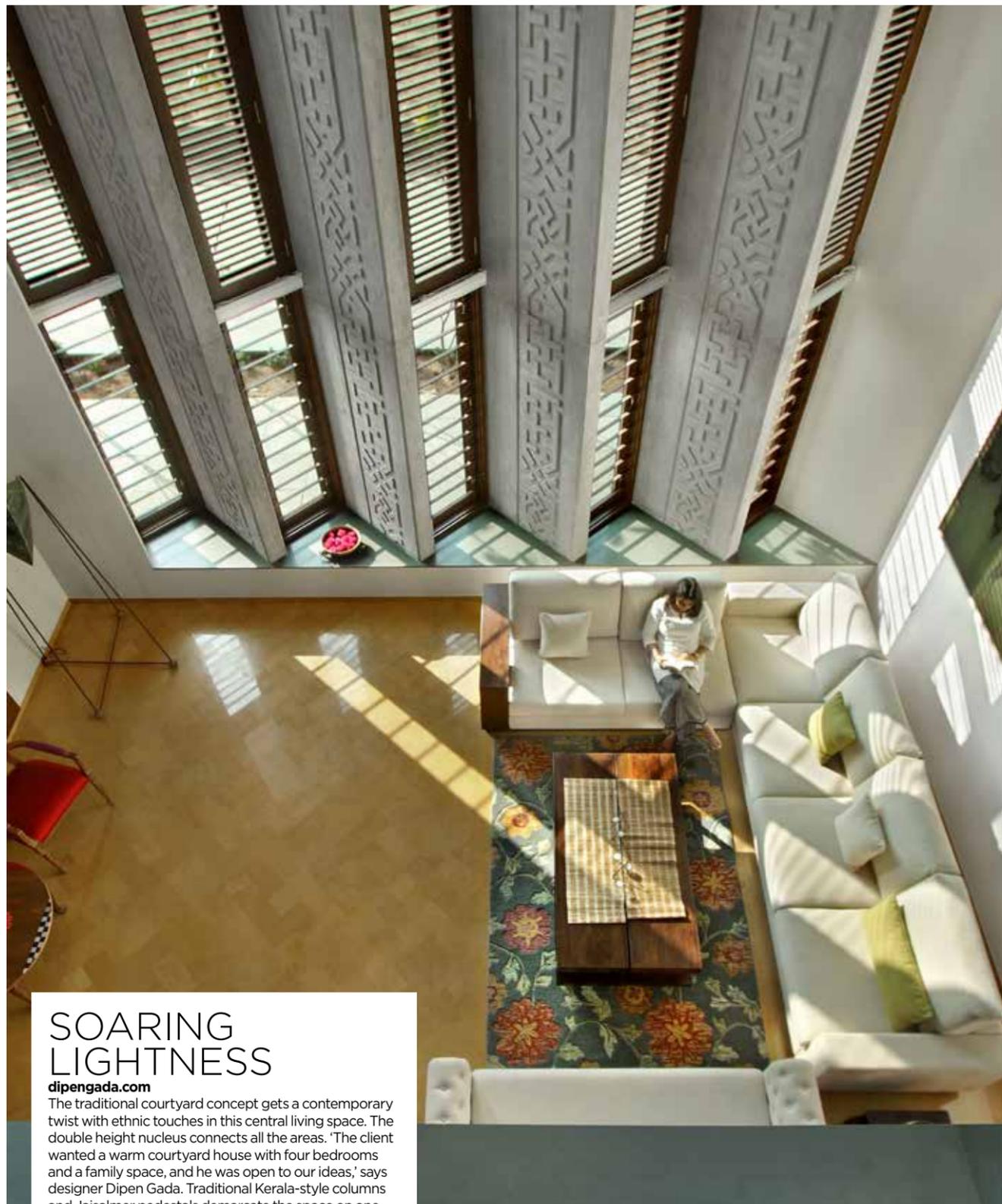
'I use the neutral palette in all of my projects, it's very calming,' says London-based designer Kelly Hoppen

* The neutral palette is part of my design philosophy which always results in fantastically elegant and timeless spaces. It leads to calming environments.

* If you're looking to spice up your interiors this festive season, adding patterns and textures is a wonderful way of achieving that.

* Pops of rich, deep reds and purples, warm colours, and combinations of sumptuous textures and patterns will add splendour and elegance to your space.

Choosing materials and layouts keeping the context in mind leads to a harmonious space



SOARING LIGHTNESS

dipengada.com

The traditional courtyard concept gets a contemporary twist with ethnic touches in this central living space. The double height nucleus connects all the areas. 'The client wanted a warm courtyard house with four bedrooms and a family space, and he was open to our ideas,' says designer Dipen Gada. Traditional Kerala-style columns and Jaisalmer pedestals demarcate the space on one side, as opposed to tall, bold, concrete fins with design details on them, guarding the large opening on the west façade. Light filters through dramatically, casting tall beams and shadows.



EARTHY SYMPHONY

studiolotus.in

A home in the blue mountains of the Nilgiris boasts a warm and charming living room that speaks the language of its context and weather conditions. Coonoor House, designed by Studio Lotus, is created using vernacular materials in a contemporary tone - stone, iron and timber. The iron chimney and coal stove strike a sculptural pose. 'The stone wall and sloping ceiling act as prominent defining elements in the scheme,' say designers Amrish Arora, Ankur Choksi and Sidhartha Talwar.



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