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Interior Design **TRENDS 2021**



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After an unforgettable 2020, we have stepped into a new decade with the start of 2021. The starting of vaccine drive is something the world is cheerful about! Let us see what we have in store in terms of design trends that can bring rays of sunshine into our interiors.

Although 2020 was wholly focused on hygiene, touchless technologies and designing a home office, there are a few yet significant changes that will mark the interior trends for 2021. **SURFACES REPORTER** spoke to design stalwarts who provided their valuable inputs on how the interior scenario of 2021 will look. From using material that speak of luxury to designing timeless interiors, the experts predict the home trends in 2021. So, have an exciting read and tell us your opinion at Press@surfacesreporter.com

MATERIALITY IS THE KEY

Materials are and will be the key to design beautiful interiors be it any genre, i.e., residential, commercial or hospitality. Materials including brick, natural stones, marble, wood etc are all time favourites but we are also seeing an influx of synthetic materials including Terrazzo that are going to be a big hit in a time to come.



MATERIAL OF THE YEAR- TERRAZZO

"Lately, a **material trend that has been a favorite would have to be terrazzo**. Even though it's an old and classic material which has been used in temples, mosques etc. It basically depends on us how we reinvent it, play with different techniques and what we add to it- we can use it on the floor, on furniture tops, we could use it all over the walls for monochromatic bathrooms. For this we use both real and machine-made Terrazzo."

Sumesh Menon



Bathroom design by Sumesh Menon



Collector's Office by Ar Sunil Patil



Bathroom Design by Sumesh Menon

"In terms of materials only carpets are going out as much as they possibly can and instead, soft things have been trending like faux leathers or furs and, other cloth-based materials. **Vitrified tiles are also going to go big** because of the budget associated with them- Even in high-end projects."

Ar Bobby Mukherjee

"2021 will be all about material. Due to Globalisation, a lot of materials have come to India while we are developing many materials back home. In India, the trend of using **Glass is really catching up** which will remain in 2021. While we have been working with materials like bricks, the trend of using steel and glass which has come from European countries is going on in India. **Exterior Wood** is also becoming very popular. Our material palette has really increased."

Ar Sunil Patil

TIMELESS INTERIORS

"Timeless designs matter more than trends. If you go by every years' trends then it will become something that is bound to die every year. I always believe in doing something timeless be it classic, neo-classic or something on those lines. For me, I spend every year looking and researching for upcoming new materials and techniques in the market - those for me, are latest trends and not, some designs."

Mr Sumesh Menon



LUXURY WILL CONTINUE TO STAY IN TREND



Taj Bengal, Living Area by Ar Bobby Mukherji

"More focus in terms of trends will be on 'outside the city resort projects' which are in good environments whether it's a 3-star or a 5-star. These will be built in hill-stations, holiday destinations like Goa, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Rishikesh, Shimla, Darjeeling, Sikkim, Coorg, and other beach areas. These are the places that show decent sales in terms of room occupancy even in these circumstances while the city hotels aren't- so that's the new trend."

Ar Bobby Mukherjee

He further added, "These hotels would take time to open and the present ones are upgrading their properties and in terms of budgets also, it is more frugal than before so the **natural and rustic feeling of wellness** is showing up in these projects. After all the recent developments that has happened, the mindset of people has changed so everything has become understated in an outlook and, over-glamorous things don't seem to be sitting well with these sentiments."



Aamby Valley by Ar Bobby Mukherji



Le Meridien, New Delhi by Ar Bobby Mukherji

"Trends this year would be **cozier but also very luxurious**. People these days, aren't willing to make compromises on any such matters. They want to maintain the homely feeling along with immersing into luxury as it is going to take the front seat as people have now realized its value."

Ar Hiren Patel



GREEN & SPACIOUS WORKPLACE

Hiren further suggests, "In terms of offices, spacious and better toilets would be a primary need along with more spaces for home-offices and other work places is going to be a must. Along with this, the connection with nature in workspaces is going to be a prime thing. Whether it is a view of the nature or the proper feeling of the same- this would be trending for sure!"



Amoeba Office by Hiren Patel Architects

FUTURISTIC BUILDINGS

"2-3 months back, I was actually pondering over **a futuristic city where receptions will be on the top of the buildings while all sorts of deliveries will be made through drones.** The travel mode will be air with people travelling in a small cabin which would take you to the pre decided destination automatically and the grounds would only be used for leisure activities like walks and morning strolls. Also, **flats with Terraces will be sold more now** as people would want to have their personal open space taking cue from the several months of Lockdown. but that will be mostly in the luxury segment."

Ar Hiren Patel

"With many people's attitude on life changing after 2020 and many wishing they could get away from all this clutter; comfort, freedom is what they all look up to. A natural, earthy palette which reflects welcoming and warmth is what we will be looking forward to,"

Mr Dipen Gada



FUTURISTIC BUILDINGS

With the lockdown and those who weren't staying with their family, have missed them and are now looking towards **living together rather than nuclear family structure**, which opens trends of combined or huge houses.



Project by Dipen Gada & Associates

While many have missed the freedom of travelling around the globe, **a trend of global inspiration which reflects their personal choice of travel and their taste being reflected in their interior spaces.** The

houses would be filled up with nostalgia, items which connect them to their culture and identity rather than items just for mere decor. The space planning would be more towards **open gardens and verandas** rather than closed up spaces.

