



## ONE'S OWN WORLD

There is an emphasis on the demarcation of spaces, yet this Gurgaon home comes together as one cohesive modern space

**Every residence exhibits a particular design style or form that lends it a definitive appeal.**

For Yamini Agarwal of H5 Interior Design, it was not as easy as deciding on one theme.

"When I took on this project, I knew that there was not one single style that I would have to adhere to. It would have to be a mix and match of elements and forms to bring in the right

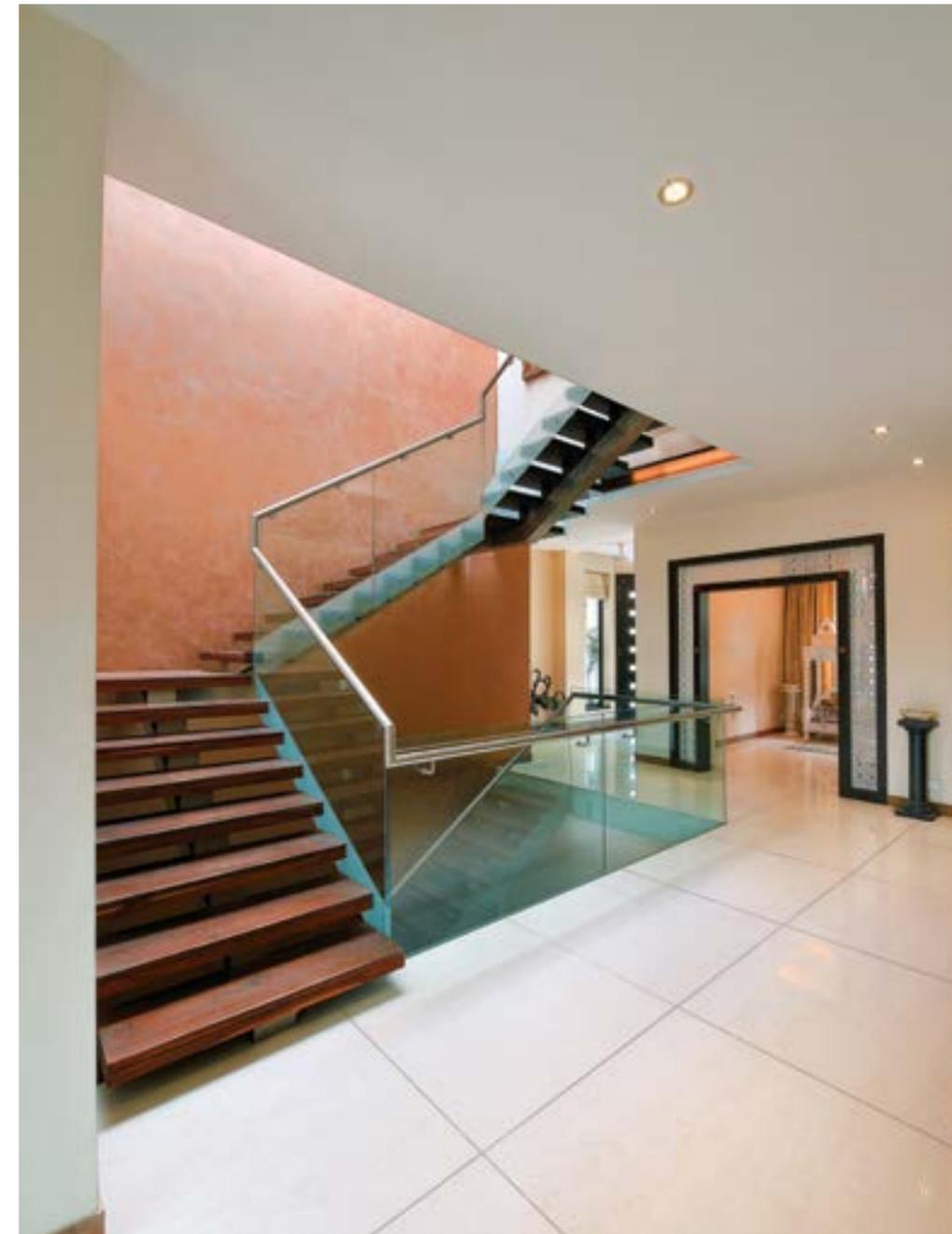
ambience," says Agarwal.

Located in Gurgaon, this residence is spread over 10,000 sq ft. According to the designer, the owners wanted the public and private areas to have their separate identities yet the whole space needed to reflect a consistent design language and style.

Their other requirements included lots of open spaces, ample natural light, under-



*These pages:* The family room-cum-lounge area in this Gurgaon residence is a warm space that is accentuated by its use of wood. Yamini Agarwal of H5 Interior Design consciously used different styles to design this 10,000 sq ft house. Apart from sculptures and paintings, the designer has also created a visual element by using the family photographs.



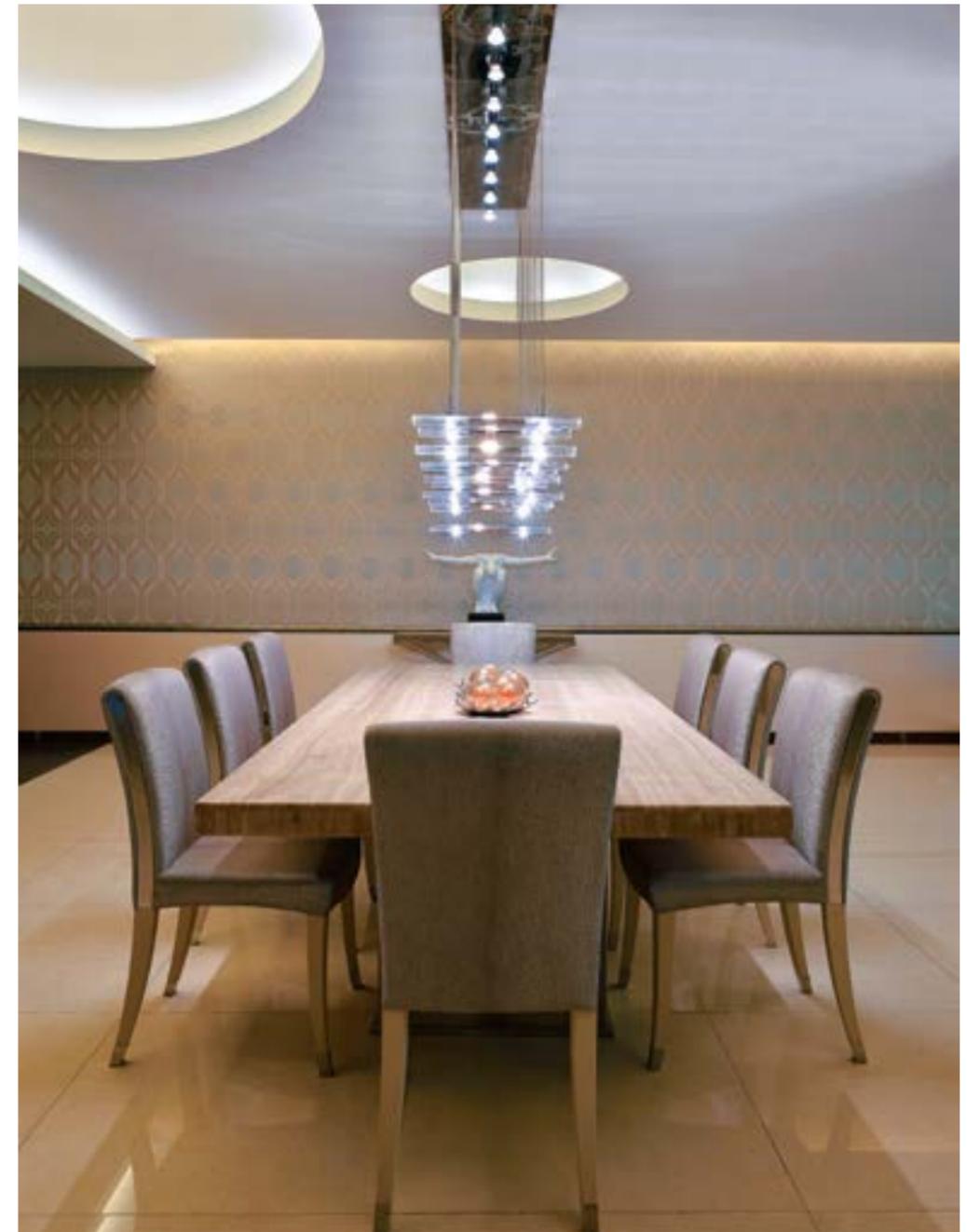
stated colour scheme and minimal but key accessories. The house is spread over two floors, along with a basement. Agarwal adds, "The space planning for this residence was an important factor while I was doing the interiors". The ground floor, where the owners spend maximum time has a family room-cum-lounge, a dining, kitchen, study and one bedroom.

The rest of the three bedrooms are on the first floor. The highlight is the basement, which is designed as an entertainment area. The family room-cum-lounge area on the ground floor is a warm space with wooden flooring with many family photographs used as a design element. "To add more character and to break the monotony of the imposing brown of the

floor, I have used artworks in form of sculptures and paintings," says Agarwal. The basement, which is primarily an entertainment area, is in a stark contrast to the family areas. The designer has used a silver colour tone in this linear space. The colour has also been used for the furniture, wallpaper and accessories. A formal dining has been

**Facing page:** This dining is a personal space that is adjacent to the family room-cum-lounge area. The designer wanted to make this space more personal and thus created a round seating arrangement in darker tones and complemented it with vibrant paintings.

**Above:** The staircase is a spacious area that receives ample natural light due to the skylight at the top. Glass has been used for the balustrades and wood for the steps.



**Above and right:** The formal living room is located in the basement and follows a silver colour tone that is accentuated by the lighting and accessories. A colourful painting from the owners' personal collection breaks the colour monotony.

designed in the same space. The basement also has a home theatre and a separate kitchen. Agarwal adds, "In this space, I have added another dimension in form of the ceiling pattern to break the linearity. Circular cutouts have been created with ambient lighting within that add a dramatic effect." For the all the bedrooms, a neutral colour palette has been used and

special dressing areas have also been created. The bathrooms follow the similar tone of the bedrooms. Agarwal says, "I did not want to crowd the bedrooms so have not used too many accessories but have used furniture pieces in bright colours or different textures to break the monotony or bring in a visual element. This also helped in creating the right balance.

**Above:** The dining is customised by Agarwal and she has used the same leather for the chairs as the one used for the sofas. The chandelier above the dining brings in a dramatic element.



**Above:** This bedroom is a modern space in black and white. The designer has used black for the headboard, bed and other accessories whereas a dash of white is brought in through a single chair.

**Right:** The son's bedroom is in vibrant blue with a low bed and recliner chairs. Wood has been used on the walls as well the flooring to add a touch of warmth.



**Owner:** Manju Agarwal  
**Interior designer:** Yamini Agarwal; H5 Interior Design  
**Builder:** Umesh Mehta; Star Constructions  
**Cladding:** Duro  
**Roof:** Duro  
**Wallcoverings:** Duro  
**Paints:** Dulux  
**Heating:** Daikin, Trane  
**Furniture:** Jindal Art Gallery Private Limited  
**Windows:** Floor & Furnishings Pvt. Ltd. Benchtops: Kalinga Stone

**Bath:** Grohe  
**Taps:** Grohe  
**Shower:** Grohe  
**Shower stall:** Akash Glass  
**Hot water systems:** Racold  
**Bed linen:** Bombay Dyeing, Portico, Maspar  
**Flooring:** Tesa Action  
**Landscaping:** H5 Interior Design  
**Courtyard:** Royal Nursery  
**Outdoor furniture:** Jindal Art Gallery Private Limited  
**Accessories:** Jindal Art Gallery Private Limited

**Above:** The bathroom is a spacious area and keeping the functionality aspect in mind Agarwal created dual basins and also provided for ample storage.

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