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### CONGRUOUS LINES

A home replete with drama and contrast, where quirky elements are paired with classical ones to create an eclectic, in-vogue and super stylish space

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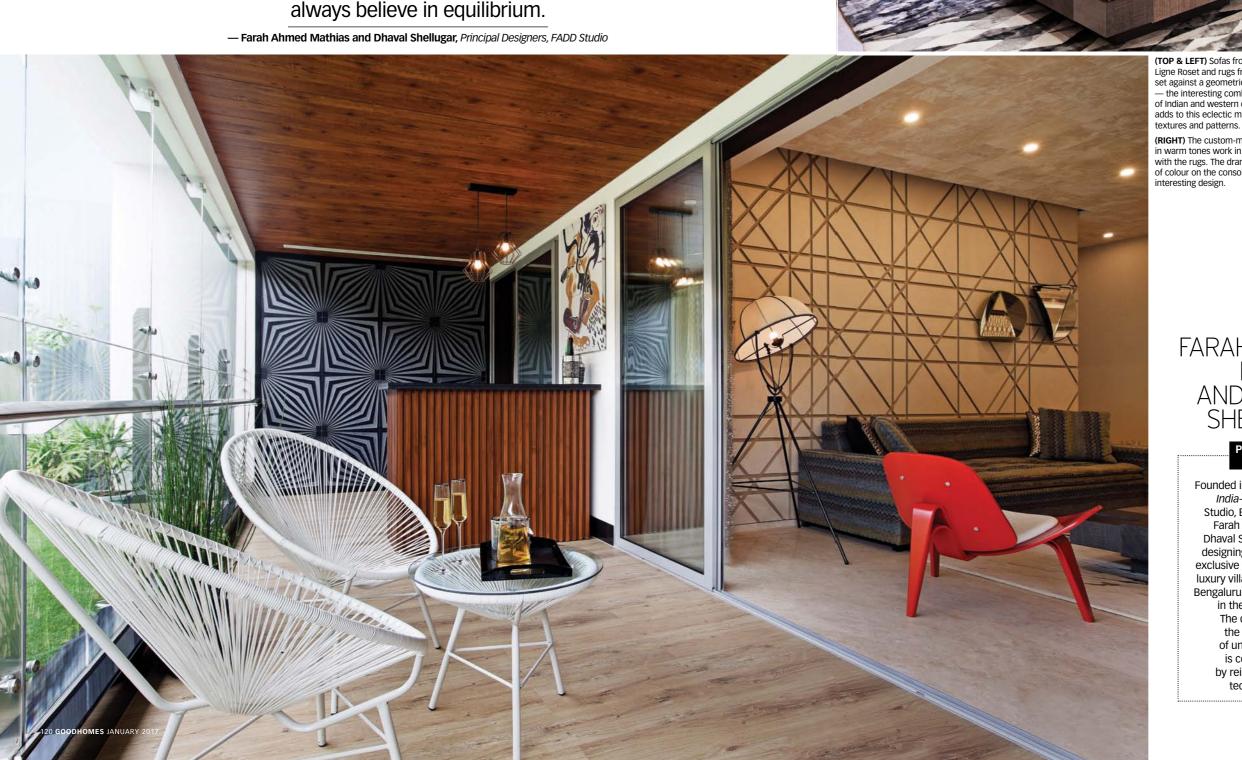
The world of design is in a constant state of flux; exploring and evolving into and out of new ideas, concepts, trends and fads.

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We would say that this space tips the scales towards the dramatic, creating an imbalance. FADD Studio likes to stir things up and doesn't always believe in equilibrium.





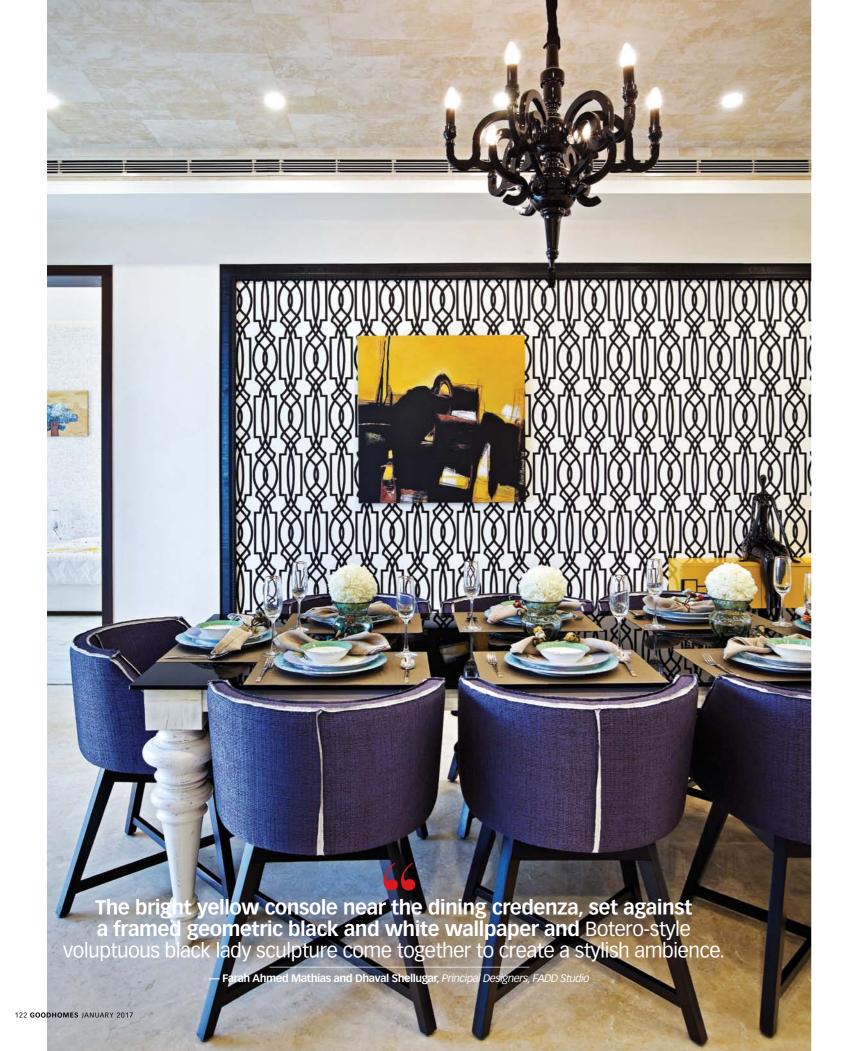
(RIGHT) The custom-made consoles in warm tones work in perfect sync with the rugs. The dramatic splash of colour on the consoles make it an interesting design.



## FARAH AHMED MATHIAS AND DHAVAL SHELLUGAR

Founded in 2012, GoodHomes India-award-winner FADD Studio, Bengaluru started by Farah Ahmed Mathias and Dhaval Shellugar is currently designing a clubhouse for an exclusive gated community of luxury villas in the outskirts of Bengaluru and a holiday home in the heart of Bengaluru. The design philosophy of the studio is their sense of unpredictability, which is consistently achieved by reinterpreting different techniques and trends.











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loriously-bold and stunninglydramatic are just a few adjectives we would like to use to describe the space infused to life by designers

Farah Ahmed Mathias and Dhaval Shellugar of FADD Studio, Bengaluru.

An unusual and trendy canvas, the home is a rendezvous of shabby chic sensibility and the best of modern-goth. Nestled in the bylanes of the garden city, the principal designers and their colleague, Nishchinth Gowda say, "The Ober House was meant to appeal to a young Bengaluru expat, or a well-travelled and educated NRI returning to India. The idea was to keep the look contemporary and quirky, and provide a setting that was very different from the regular earthy and warm homes one sees all too often."

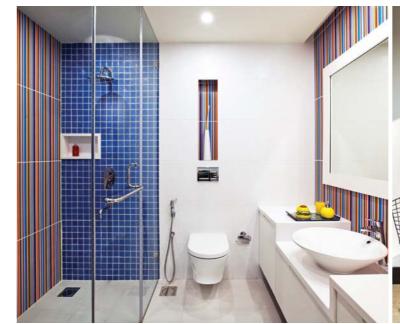
With products ranging from Indian to western designers, the space balances the elements without letting it get lost in the play of contrasts. Furniture from Pinakin, Ligne Roset and Herman Miller to custom-made pieces, the canvas moves from neutral to a very dramatic palette. Farah says, "We wanted to create a space which was an experience in itself."

Blurring the lines between the inside and the outside, the living room seamlessly flows on as a single space. What attracted us are the little unexpected twists that manifest in the space — be it the interesting dining credenza or the study which has a den-like feel.

Talking about the space which challenged them every step of the way, the creative duo says, "We wanted to create a modern space in which there is something for everyone, maybe not everything for everyone." [1]



Splashes of colour bring vigour to the overall space. The children's room comes alive in simple lines, from a gradient colour scheme to a colour-blocked wardrobe.







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