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The art of giving aspirations a form

Gupta Residence, Hosur, Tamil Nadu

A holiday home in Hosur designed by Fadd Studio is everything that an ideal holiday home aspires to be - an incredibly dreamy space with a strong connection to nature, with rich textures and luxurious aesthetics that make the timeless home a reflection of its inhabitants.

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If you could be anywhere in the world, where would you want to be? While a number of tempting locations will obviously come to mind, for most people who value 'the good life', the answer is probably very simple - home. There is a reason why 'home is where the heart is' became such a popular phrase; the sense of comfort and warmth you find in any place you call home is invaluable. Irrespective of its size, its location, and its facilities - It is your space, sacred and special; your little niche in the cold, fast world.

This is perhaps why the concept of holiday homes has taken off. Our regular homes are often reflections of what is prescribed for us - by our families, by our budgets, by the designers and developers of the project. We choose from what is available, as best as we can, and for the rest, we compromise. But for a holiday home, we stretch our limits to create a tangible version of our hopes and dreams. A

holiday home gives our aspirations a shape and form. Here, we make the rules, and design works around those rules to give us a space, and a feeling, we deserve.

This becomes awfully evident upon seeing Shalini Gupta's and Shruvan Gupta's home by Fadd Studio. There is a dreamy, surreal vibe that this home interiors exude, making it extraordinarily appealing. The 10,000 sq. ft. home is built on a 27,000 sq. ft. parcel of land in Hosur, with landscaping that invokes Zen and tropical elements. The clients wished to create a holiday home that reflected them - their personalities, their life stories, and their travels... everything that makes them unique. They wanted the interiors to showcase their international sensibilities but also highlighted generously their own quirks; In essence, they wanted "a place that provided a canvas for experimentation," adds the designer.





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Furniture Layout



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¹ The geometric design thread continues into the ceiling, exquisitely composed of thin slatted pinewood, curving at the passage leading to the far side of the house. This dramatic ceiling and passage wall is one of the best design features of the home. It adds a tactile element that is definitely theatrical, and yet somehow doesn't hop over to the category of chaotic. The wood, instead, adds softness and warmth that is elegantly classic. It also becomes a rich backdrop for the play of light coming in from the deck and swimming pool area that the passage overlooks. Doors here are concealed, only to be recognised by their handles, so as to give the passage an uninterrupted feeling: one of vibrant seamlessness.

The home is set within a tropical, lush gated community. Its grey exterior and Prussian blue columns are no doubt unassuming, but make a statement in their own muted ways. The home reflects a certain level of romanticism, invoking the inhabitants' emotions and ideas about "their world" coupled with an impeccable celebration of nature, beauty, and imagination. The exteriors set the tone for what to expect inside, but once inside, you'll be pleasantly surprised at the burst of boldness and drama. It's got the same romantic, surreal vibe inside, but elevated by the tastefully timeless aesthetic. The flooring, a geometric composition of vibrant blue, soft peach and muted grey, imparts what the designer calls "a chic and rhythmic energy to the space."

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Outlining the design treatment within the home, the designer says, "In the living room, a fascinating lamp composed of an umbrella perched above a chandelier and balanced by a boxing bag - designed by Philippe Starck - quizzically anchors the main living set up. The open



The staircase and shelf detail.



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kitchen and dining are in shades of greys and blues. The openness of the whole space is perfect for viewing the pièce de résistance, a ceramic installation by Vinod Daroz. "Clearly, the home, a work of art in itself, takes a step back and plays the role of the perfect canvas for the other works of art that the clients admire and wish to surround themselves with.

The bedrooms, in keeping with the rest of the home, are delightfully comforting. The guest bedrooms sport pastel colour palettes that are soft and wintry, while the master bedroom exudes restrained grandeur. The bathrooms, as the designer mentions, "are lavish. But the master bathroom, especially, is fit for royalty." And so it is. In all bathrooms, the bathtubs sit in the middle of the invitingly simple yet striking bathrooms, surely making the entire experience a relaxing, unforgettable one; as does the whole house, in its entirety.

Overall, the holiday home is beautifully executed to create a space that is luxurious and extravagant without being tacky and boastful. Every room opens into the greenery outside, making a very strong visual and emotional connection to the outside world, which again is a very private space for the residents. In the designer's words, "This

house truly marries the desire of a luxurious home in the midst of nothingness with creature comforts and design gratification." Every element used in the home has a role to play that is purposely and thoughtfully allocated. And each element adds to the home, making it a liveable piece of art. ■

FACT FILE

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Location	: Hosur, Tamil Nadu
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