

Making the Transition

Trends are defined by shifting perceptions of design as living styles change. This year, trends that have been emerging over the years will get stronger, and the infinite design possibilities in architecture and interior décor will conjure endless choices as the old makes way for the new.

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Veneers and laminates offset by colour. Pix courtesy Greenlam



Dachser office design by Team One Architects

As lifestyles change, so do the living spaces. Homes are becoming less formal. The kitchen is fast becoming the epicenter of the home as it includes the dining area, and the (now popular) open layout plan extends seamlessly into the living area. So, the concept of dedicated dining or living rooms will gradually transit to become common hubs of family gatherings. Interiors will see an onslaught of both bold and neutral colours, albeit in unique combinations. Sliding doors and other movable partitions will bring the

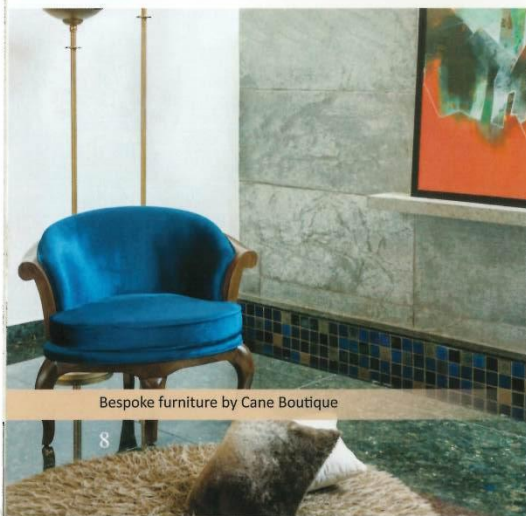
desired flexibility in multi-purpose and social gathering areas.

As aspirations grow, the bathroom will offer spa-like immersive experiences to the homeowners, complete with steam, jets and sauna. With homes and apartments shrinking in size, there will be increased attention on cleverly concealed storage spaces, under stairways, walk-in closets, and built-in cabinets.

Bringing the outdoors in with green walls, green roofs and indoor gardens, builders will incorporate outdoor spaces with the overall home design. The garden or lawn will become part of the floor plan with sliding glass doors leading to the patio.

Design for sustainable buildings will take into account both aesthetics and functionality, with a plethora of eco-friendly building materials and solutions for healthier interiors. Eliminating use of materials like asbestos and lead-based paints will eliminate harmful fumes and chemicals in the interiors.

Building material enthusiasts are taking a re-look at wood, bamboo, engineered and cross-laminated timber as alternatives to steel and concrete with respect to their quality and speed of construction, besides their high sustainable properties. The concept of pre-fabricated buildings will gather steam. Architects and builders are using modular building materials to create designs that make abundant use of glass, steel, and wood.



Bespoke furniture by Cane Boutique



Furnishing by Manuel Revert



Mini Terrace Garden by Essentia