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"Take a long view to maintain lasting client relationship." - Team Locus







Locus, is a team of seasoned professionals pooling in diverse design expertise and specialising in interiors, architecture and construction. This firm has completed various projects with merit, over the past two decades. The Design Head Amarjeet Syali takes us to their design world that adheres to a simple business philosophy.

The Locus Studio

Located in the heart of South Delhi, Defence colony; this studio boasts of being a 'state of the art' design studio. With a moderate 800 sq ft space, the design of this studio is a mix of contemporary and eclectic styles, split over two levels. The lower level houses functional work stations with a turquoise fabric clad soft board and an over-head storage along the walls. The use of wood on the ceiling, warm grey tiles on the floor and earthy wall coverings exudes warmth. A metal staircase with light wooden steps connects the two levels.

An MDF CNC cut divider screen separates the rest room and the pantry area from the work zone. The upper level has a large desk and scattered sitting arrangements for formal meetings and general discussions, respectively. The most beautiful feature is the two large windows overlooking a lush green public park, which is also reflected on the leather clad wall with mirrors on the opposite side. Elaborating further Amarjeet Syali adds, "Our design response is deter-



mined by the client objectives and not by stylistic pre-conceptions. Our clients come in all sizes ranging from small boutiques to big corporates and with varying design awareness levels and sensibilities. We encourage their active involvement in the design process from conceptual phases to final execution." The Locus team does not perceive a project as a one-time event; their approach involves sound perception of client needs and a deep understanding of the specific challenges confronting the space along with personal attention from the beginning till the end. The final result hence is a perfect amalgamation of functionality and great design value.

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an area of 5,500 sq ft, located in the New Friends Colony, South Delhi; wanted large spaces to entertain their guests. Fulfilling their demands, Amarjeet Syali and his team smartly crafted a 650 sq ft drawing and dining room, overlooking the front lawn and another 1,800 sq ft terrace garden, accompanying a patio and a glass room. The glass room allows the family to view the terrace garden even during adverse weather.

The terrace has interesting features such as a small patch of vertical garden, a water feature, stone planters and sitting platforms with the walls as backrest, which are adorned with colourful fabric cushions. The bar is also made of stone and has interesting lighting that makes it glow at night like a firefly, against a dark sky.

The master bedroom is a great space divided by veneered wooden columns between the main bed area and a sitting space, specially planned for their close guests. The penchant for large spaces continues into the master bath, which has a walk in closet, and a massage chair positioned to overlook the fixed window that is framed by some lush greenery in the bal-



cony outside. "The most challenging part of this project was that on the existing ground floor, the load bearing structure was to be largely retained, thus limiting the degree of freedom available in designing the new floor spaces to be constructed above it," remarks Amarjeet Syali.

Fascinating Apartment

Let's enter in to an aesthetically designed functional city apartment that exudes qui-

et sophistication. In terms of design jargon, it is an eclectic mix, veering more towards the contemporary than the traditional. The best part of the apartment is the huge glass windows in each room, which not only let in ample natural light, but also allow one to peep into the scenic view of the garden spaces. Each balcony is decked up with exotic plants and water features that take one closer to nature.

The effective use of glass on the ceil-





ing and wall visually enhances spaces along with great ambient lighting that is accomplished with multiple hanging lights and lamps. Another interesting treatment is the customised floating bed design on a tapered wall in the kids bedroom, which is an irregular pentagon. The bed is a trapezium. One wall is entirely covered with a

high gloss lacquer finish bookshelf in white with grey concealed cupboards. A part of the ceiling is covered with denim wallpaper, completely in sync with the two teenaged occupants of the room. Another interesting feature is a long lobby that runs along the major part of the length of the apartment. It has been very cleverly divided into three

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separate functional areas one of them is the dining area. The unconventional dining space is an example of efficient space planning. The dining table is a single piece solid wood plank on a mirror finish stainless steel base with a sofa on one side and three leather upholstered chairs on the other. A customised painting covers the wall behind the dining sofa. The other two spaces are divided by veneered vertical rafters into an entrance foyer and a small entertainment



area with a shelf full of books and a TV, ideal for the kids to chill, when they get back from school and enjoy their meal.

Being Transitional

Amarjeet Syali always create a design that is opulent and recently, he revamped an independent villa built by a leading developer on the Noida Expressway with three levels— a basement, ground and the first floor. With 7000 sq ft, this city villa has

been designed without changing the basic design elements, which were transitional in style. Explaining the design, Amarjeet Syali adds, “The owners bought this villa, which was two years old and we were confronted with the challenge of transforming these spaces as per the needs of the owners. This home was designed for two young brothers and their family and we took into consideration the needs of each family member, be it the

wives of the owners or their little ones. The basement entertainment area houses two sitting areas on either side of a bar, creating a large space for a get together. The furniture and other design elements of this villa are simply flabbergasting”. The work of Locus may be aptly summed up in one word “elegance”. that is both alluring and persuading! 📍

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