



## White magic

Nested in tranquility and greenery – Godrej Crest in Hebbal, Bengaluru, is steeped in luxury and comfort.

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## The Architects

### KHUSHROO AND HUTOXI SETHNA, TADC,

The interior architectural design firm TADC, was commissioned by Godrej Properties to do up the interiors for a high-end villa at Godrej Crest, Hebbal, Bengaluru keeping in mind the "luxury" appendage for prospective home buyers.

With over two decades of experience in the industry, designer duo—Khushroo and Hutoxi Sethna are a prominent name in the design fraternity. With their minimalist and understated style and a keen eye for detail, the team has created masterpieces across homes in India.

Speaking about Godrej Crest, the ace designer duo say, "The confidence reposed in our design and the support from the entire team at Godrej Properties reflects in the project, which can very well be called, 'White magic.' ▶▶



**W**hen Godrej Properties in Bengaluru announced the unveiling of Godrej Crest—the groups' one-of-a-kind high-end villas in Hebbal—we knew it was a project that definitely needed showcasing. Moreover, the involvement of leading architect and interiors design duo, Hutoxi and Khushroo Sethna of TADC, only added on to the excitement. So, when we got there, our expectations were sky high. We were hoping to be blown away by the homes' design brilliance! And we were not disappointed—simply because the sprawling row house retained its promise of re-defining elegance and class.

**WHAT WE SAW...**

With its classy and chic interiors in hues of cream and white, the 5,000 sq ft expansive villa sat proudly awaiting inspection. The morning sun dappling on the crystal-clear pool; the open space merging sensually with the rooms; the elegant architecture swathed in modernity—all revealed a perfect sense of detailing. And, as we stepped inside the private lift at the parking, we realised that it was indeed an abode as promised in the brochures—a world where dreams of that perfect home came true.

**WHAT THE PROPERTY HAS**

The sprawling row house has a four level residential area and a basement that accommodates a personal den, which can be created to suit your taste. The room we saw was converted into a home theatre with a top-end surround system. The multi-level living concept has been worked in beautifully throughout the space. The villa is equipped with home automation such as video door phones, CCTV, motion sensor lighting systems, gas leak detectors and intrusion alarms. Top end fittings and finishes in its bathrooms lend these spaces a spa-like feel.

**THE BRIEF**

The brief required the designer duo—Khushroo and Hutoxi to work with ▶



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a minimalist and classy look. This is evident in the predominant usage of white in the entire interior theme for both wall decor and furniture. As a matter of fact, the look even incorporates a host of textures and elements.

#### THE FLUID LIVING AREA

Like a slow moving river—calm and serene—the living area flows along sensually. The magnificent space has been infused with a Zen-like quality that radiates through the abode and cocoons you further taking comfort to an all new level. The custom built furniture from TADC beautifully accentuated by soft furnishings from Atmosphere adds oodles of drama to the living space. Dramatic bric-a-brac's from Raintree, Bengaluru and Ecoscapes, Pune vie for attention. The soft glow of the lights and the use of mirrors adds to the allure and the mysticism of the abode. The formal dining area opens to an open air lounge with a swimming pool and deck accessories. Flanked by Nolte Kitchen Studio, with dollops of sunlight streaming in, the spacious kitchen has been designed to create a visual impact and is every gourmand's dream. Top end accessories and gadgets are aesthetically fit to give a feeling of space.

#### CONVERSATION PIECES

With their unparalleled eye for detailing, the duo have created most of the accents in-house, keeping the colour theme in place. The stunning dining table for instance is ample evidence to the firms' design prowess. Another element in the living area that simply took our breath away, is a stunning piece which is a striking and bold departure from the oft clichéd wall art. It is in fact a five panel calligraphy artwork by artist Dharmesh Jadeja in Devanagari script, specially conceived and executed in consultation with the designers. Hutoxi says, "We wanted to create a harmonious blend of colours in the room without being a distraction to the accents." And, it is interesting ▶



to note that the spontaneous and free style of this expression invites the viewer to engage and interact with the art.

**DRAMATIC ACCENTS**

Bold and stunning, the colour palette is a visual poetry unlike any seen before. Each room weaves a tale...taking luxury to a whole new level.

Numerous elements makes a statement here. The ribbed silk fabric on the sofa is further accentuated with Kaleidoscope cushions in hues of brown, orange and deep pink. Moreover, subtle shades in the family room; Ivory and fresh green in the guest bedroom accentuated by casual potted plants; the Oriental feel of the master bedroom which is accentuated by kimono clad dolls and Chinese dynasty wall art—makes each room an object d'art.

**THE SENSUAL GLOW OF LIGHTS**

For Khushroo, it was imperative to ensure that the lighting design cast no shadows on the walls and floor and facial shadows on the visage. One therefore notices light coves throughout the design of the false ceiling, which amply justifies this design philosophy. Soft reflected lights, throughout this space create a surreal and sensual ambience and the visual drama is simply mesmerising.

**CREATING VISUAL POETRY**

The interior architects' meticulous eye for detail is evident throughout the space. Every space has been worked upon aesthetically. The living area is a sheer masterpiece—whether the personal den, library or for that matter the art studio. The icing on the cake though has to be the sky deck, which opens out from the master bedroom. Accentuated with lush green and dotted with artefacts sourced from various outlets, the sky deck beckons you to unwind whilst you enjoy your dream home. The twitter of the birds, the cool breeze and the understated luxury of the abode takes you on a whole new journey... 