

The Dessert Rain House

The “dessert rain house” belongs to a family that has migrated from the desert country, Saudi Arabia to Mumbai. A transition from the hot, dry, rough weather, camels and sand to the cool breeze, greenery, rains, wet mud and fishes, hence the name. A journey from yellow, mustards and brown to the greens, blues, and soothing whites.



"We like the camels and we want an aquarium in the house" *The client Mr. Pratap Shinde.*

"We like mustard but we love green". *Mrs. Sheila Shinde*

"We like the raw woody look and rough wall textures but we also want it to be trendy like denim jeans". *The client's sons Samir and Kunal.*

Vaastuvit Associates is a design firm started by 3 Architect friends Sudiksha, Sonia and Milind after completing their architecture degrees in the year 2007.



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Plan layout

Magic with colours and graphics. A journey from yellow, mustards and brown to the greens, blues, and soothing whites.



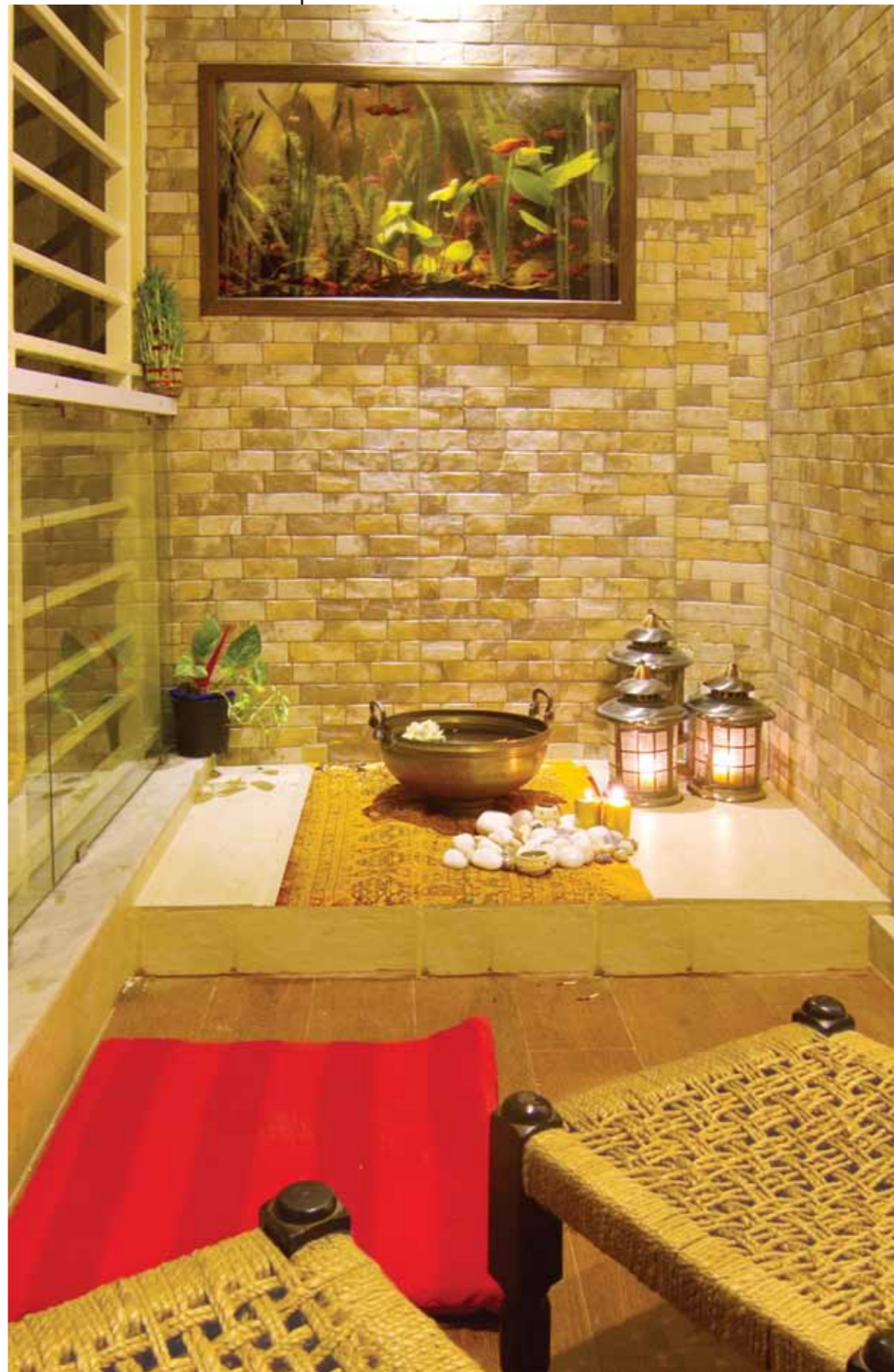
The design and decor of the house was assigned to Vaastuvit Associates.

The designers set about deriving a common concept to fulfill the diverse needs.

Ar. Sudiksha had done research on colours, graphics and their application in the 3D. Milind explored the materials so ideas could be achieved physically.

They experimented with colours, textures and finishes to achieve the desired outcome. Sonia put all the raw and green elements together finally.





As one enters the house, there is the fragrance of the families past memories intact within the raw, rough finishes and captured safely in the shades of mustard with images identifying their far land as a part of the house. As one moves around there is a slow transition of the elements of their new surroundings articulated with their likes of the new place.

The sons room has the wood look; wood finished wardrobes fashioned with the denim walls and red "manu" rollers.

From shutting close all doors and windows to ward off the sandy winds to open balcony spaces and large windows to welcome the winds and droplets of water into their living spaces the transition moves forward.

The guest room is their favorite greens with trees as the back drop and the leaves on the sheers where Mrs. Shinde reads by the window sipping her cup of coffee and nostalgic of her old house and yet happy to be in her new one.



All of this has continuity like a narration of “their journey”, to their guests and a surprise they enjoy every day while they enjoy the spacial feel created in every corner of their house.

THE DESSERT RAIN HOUSE” recreates an exciting experience with surprises like rains in a dessert.

The designers aim was to contribute a new approach to the process of designing spaces and develop the unique imprint of the client’s individuality into his space through the various tools.

In this project the space is treated like a painting which talks and with that they derive their outcomes.

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