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## ELLE DECOR brings you more in-depth articles and insights into design, decor and culture. Introducing our special contributors –



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An image maker for 16 years, he loves constructed imagery and enjoys shooting food, still life and spaces. In addition, he also manages Photolink, a British photographic and creative agency **Home to me** With my family

A city you'd love to frame San Francisco

In this issue Captures an Ahmedabad abode in "A Simple Life" Pg 186 and a SoBo dream home in "Of Scale and Style." Pg154



## Khushnu Panthaki and Sonke Hoof ARCHITECTS. AHMEDABAD

Perfect partners at home and at work, the artistic duo enjoy a common passion for art, design and furniture. While Khushnu was brought up in an environment enveloped by traditional crafts and modern art, Sonke infuses German knowhow and details into his works

Home to us Is family

Favourite objet d'art Papier mache birds and animals!

In this issue Walk us through their labour of love housed in the zesty metro of Ahmedabad in "A Simple Life". Pg 186



### Kunal Shah INTERIOR DESIGNER, MUMBAI

At the helm of his eponymous practice, he specialises in interiors, architecture and landscape. A visiting faculty at Kamala Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute of Architecture, Mumbai, he believes colour can distinguish and camouflage an environment Home to me Good art on the walls and good food on the table Fondest monsoon memory Walking around the Mandu ruins

In this issue Shares the shabby chic spirit of his SoBo project in "Of Scale and Style". Pg 154



#### Manish Gulati ARCHITECT, NEW DELHI

"Creating architecture with a soul," is the unique approach of this stalwart who founded M:OFA Studios in 2002. His constant inspiration stems from his vision to create contemporary designs and innovations that put India on the global map

Home to me Where I switch off

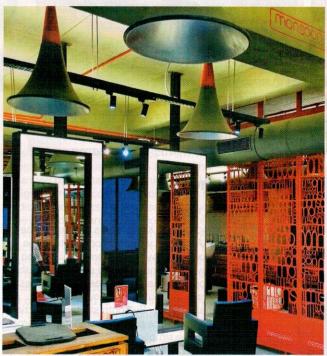
Best way to unwind Trying out my own food recipes

In this issue Gives us the inside story on his monsoon inspired spa in New Delhi in "Rain Rituals". Pg 126

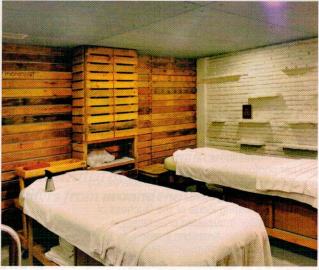


# RAIN RITUALS

Designed by M:OFA Studios, Monsoon Salon evokes peaceful vibes in the vibrant capital



Clockwise, from Top The red laser cut metal screen with Monsoon typology in a rain effect seperates sections; The serene couple's spa in a whitewashed brick wall and recycled wood panelling; The hair styling zone displays mirrors in raw wood and in-lit acrylic made by M:OFA Studios



nspired by the cleansing process of the season, this space imbibes nature's rejuvenating and sparkling spirit. To emphasise on the post downpour idea, natural materials such as exposed concrete, brickwork and rough cut wooden planks reclaimed from the cargo industry are kept in its pure form. While the display shelves and in-lit mirrors rising above the 3,000 sq ft epoxy flooring create a sense of expanse and light, the hair styling, pedicure, shampoo stations and spa sections are made to flow seamlessly into one continuous plan. This idea is further strengthened by a clean open ceiling where electrical conduits and the AC duct form a branching pattern. Macro proportioned light fixtures hang like tulips, fabricated from reclaimed loudspeakers known as "bhompoos". The main area is interjected by steel jaalis that display the letters of Monsoon cascading down to create an artistic impression of Indian showers. 

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