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kitchen special

An open kitchen in an eclectic apartment designed by Brinda Palan

Modern yet Cosy

Pune-based architects Anjali and Ashwin Lovekar of Lovekar Design Associates design a show flat to showcase its design potential!

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"Designing a show flat for a builder has its challenges. One has to create a residence that is warm, interesting and aesthetic. Unlike other residential projects, there is no individual client in mind here as one works on the design. The flat needs to be one that would appeal to a cross-section of clients. The design needs to convey the potential of the space, as buyers with different requirements and expectations come by to see it. Further, as the sample flat is a template for other residences in the building, one has to work within the given plan and not make any major spatial changes", say Pune-based

A light colour palette, ample natural light and sliding doors that open to connect the living room with the terrace give the living room a spacious look.

The entrance passage is divided into two sections: (above) the initial area is for receiving deliveries, and (below) the second is more private with a side counter and the warmth of wood.

architects Anjali and Ashwin Lovekar, speaking of their approach while designing a sample flat at Aakashparva, a single 25-storey building with a combination of three and four-bedroom luxury apartments.

Aakashparva is located in Bavdhan, an upcoming area of Pune, with proximity to the IT hub of Hinjewadi and the Mumbai-Pune Expressway. Due to its location, the builder has pitched the project as ideal for clients working at Hinjewadi or looking for a second home near Pune. "Given this context, we thought of creating a

home that would be modern yet cosy as – at times – starkly modern spaces can be a bit clinical and uninviting".

Spacious, Modern Interiors

Given a four-bedroom apartment of 1775 sq ft with a 300 sq ft terrace the Lovekars discussed the project with their team, architects Kasturi Balel and Sshradha Fulfagar, and the soft furnishings with creative textile designer Anupama Kabra. As the rooms were relatively compact – the largest being 12ft by 13ft – they knew creating a sense of space was as important as creating a design statement of a modern lifestyle.

In the course of their discussions, the architects planned the parent's/guest bedroom near the end of the entrance passage for privacy and easy access to the living areas, and the

The living and dining areas are subtly differentiated by using a lighter colour palette for the living area, and wood veneer for the dining area

Anjali and Ashwin Lovekar

Kasturi Balel

Sshradha Fulfagar

FACT FILE

PROJECT
Show flat for
Akashparv Luxury Apartments

LOCATION
Pune

AREA
1775 sq ft & 300 sq ft terrace

MODULAR KITCHEN
Kitchen Décor Xclusive

DESIGN TEAM
Ashwin Lovekar
Anjali Lovekar
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Sshradha Fulfagar

YEAR OF COMPLETION
May 2016

01 : ENTRANCE LOBBY
02: PARENT'S BEDROOM
03: PARENT'S TOILET
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08: DRY TERRACE
09: ENTERTAINMENT ROOM
10 : MASTER BEDROOM
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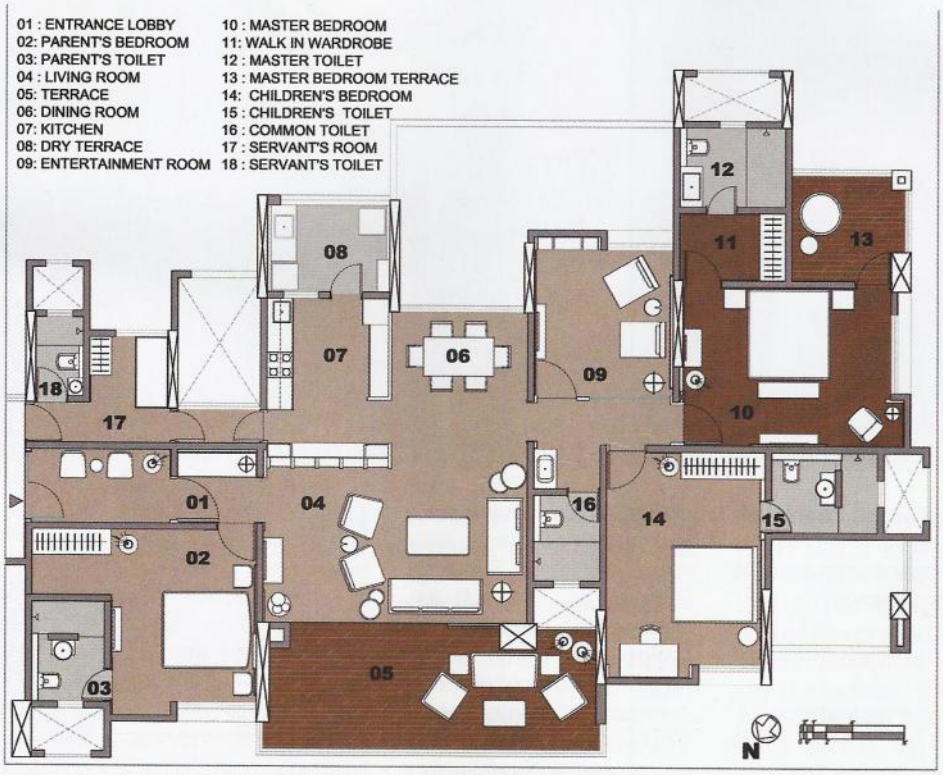
13 : MASTER BEDROOM TERRACE
14: CHILDREN'S BEDROOM
15 : CHILDREN'S TOILET
16 : COMMON TOILET
17 : SERVANT'S ROOM
18 : SERVANT'S TOILET



Wood veneer and blinds bring a touch of warmth to the dining area.

master bedroom and children's bedroom beyond the living areas. They retained all the functional spaces; only one bedroom was converted into a lounge and its inner wall replaced with a glass partition to create a sense of space. And they drew up a contemporary yet warm design by selecting textures, fabric, colours and elements that would create the look and feel of a cosy, modern home.

A Cohesive Design

A play of muted colours, modern elements, function and design, sets in from the entrance lobby as each space is done up in a distinct colour combination that is pleasing and works well in the overall design scheme. The entrance passage is divided into two sections: the initial area is for receiving deliveries, and the second is more private with a side counter and the warmth of wood. Located at the end of the passage, the parent's/guest bedroom room is designed in light colours and the furniture placed to offer ample space to walk around it.

White ceiling to floor drapes, upholstered seating and a set of nesting tables give the living room an open ambience. The adjoining dining area, defined by wood veneer, is compact and cosy. Large sliding glass panels make the terrace adjoining the living

A centrally located bedroom was converted into a family room.

The bedroom near the end of the entrance passage was designed as the parent's/guest bedroom for privacy and easy access to the living areas

room an easy extension; and informal seating and open, panoramic views make it a restful space to enjoy the outdoors.

Set in the heart of the flat, the bedroom-turned-lounge room is designed as a central family room: the warmth of wood veneer and blinds; a niche converted into a wall unit for books and display; a television; and comfortable seating make it a spot to relax. The spacious master bedroom with a walk-in wardrobe and terrace has a contemporary touch; it has a modern four-poster bed with diaphanous drapes. Bright colours and a study table give the children's room a young look.

Powder-blue walls, wooden flooring and a modern four-poster bed with diaphanous drapes give the master bedroom a warm, chic look.

A Warm Palette

Beige Italian marble flooring through the home except for the master bedroom and terrace that have wooden flooring; white and soft shades such as powder blue, grey, green-grey, and deep rust-red for the walls; and white and wood ceilings create a light, open and appealing ambience. A combination of pendant, table and floor lamps along with spotlights offer ample general and task lighting, keeping the spaces well lit and cheerful.

The judicious use of wood – in part of the entrance passage, the dining area, lounge, master bedroom and children's bedroom – brings a touch of warmth without being overwhelming.

Deep rust-red colours, wood veneer, mirrors on the cupboard to brighten and enhance space, and a study table give the children's room a young look.

Storage has been neatly integrated into the rooms; the drawers and cupboard have recesses (rather than knobs or handles) to open them, making them unobtrusive. Mirrors on the cupboard in the children's room brighten and enhance the feeling of space of the room. Paintings, light fixtures and artefacts complement the interiors and create the ambience of a home. Attractive and spacious, the sample flat has caught the eye of site visitors and there has been an offer to buy it as it is! The gesture gratified the team that they had accomplished what they set out to achieve!