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The living room has luxurious and glossy interiors

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Fashioned on the Garden Apartments theme, this home is designed to enrich city lifestyle and fulfill contemporary residential needs. Equipped with all possible modern facilities and amenities, this project in south Delhi's Greater Kailash, Part-2 is intended to reflect luxury with a conscience. The best part, while being green it remains high on the luxe ladder.

**CAREFUL PLANNING AND POSITIONING**

Over the years, with a decreasing green cover in urban colonies, the craving for a green view and a desire for a connection to nature has become more intense, both for visual reasons as well as to create sufficient biomass to produce oxygen. Originating from this intent, this project is conceived by inte-

# AN ODE TO MODERN LIVING

Can a contemporary apartment marry form and function while following eco-friendly techniques? This Delhi home proves that it can.



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A monochromatic colour palette in the bedroom

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Statement chairs create an arresting visual



grating the existing trees into the spatial planning. Planned with a key intent that all spaces including kitchen, study and bedrooms open on to a green view, well-proportioned, vastu-enabled and efficiently planned spaces are appropriately linked to each other to create a convenient flow between the kitchen, dining, bedrooms and study lounge. The windows are aligned in a manner that the trees around the building can be viewed from within, fulfils the twin desires

of visual relief and the physical need of fresh air. All balconies are designed with potted plantation to visually connect the inside to the outside at all levels with requisite plumbing being enabled for practical green-scaping. A forest terrace garden has been crafted at the roof top with flowering and fruiting trees, to enjoy the cocoon of green, up above the city, while simultaneously enjoying the pleasure of digging the earth and enjoying the sweet fruit.



A wallpaper designed to mimic a library

**THE ECO-FREINDLY FEATURES**

Great emphasis is laid on natural light and cross ventilation. Green building features such as high performance double glaze glass, dust-proof and sound proof windows with thermal barriers have been used. Mosquito netting allows opening of windows and five star rated air conditioning, solar geysers help in heating. Local materials such as exposed brick and contextually appropriate dhokpur stone are used inside, while the exteriors are embellished with a contemporary stone *jaali*.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

The apartment building has a step-free entrance to the lift that is wheelchair friendly and the masterbath is wheelchair accessible. Great care has been taken to ensure that windows can be cleaned from inside and outside with ease of maintenance. All plumbing has been planned in an exposed manner, where vertical plumbing runs through tiled lined cupboards and horizontal plumbing lines are under slung. No PVC pipes are used, and only spun iron nicco pipes and high quality GI pipes with insulation are used for plumbing. Stainless steel tanks and plumbing pipes are used for kitchen to ensure longevity and purity of drinking water. The basement also houses the water treatment facility, to ensure that complete care and attention is paid to water management. Overhead tanks are also planned using insulated stainless steel tanks that are further protected thermally with a covering on top.

**SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE INTERIORS**

The vocabulary is minimalistic and uses clean straight lines. Patterned imported stones have been used in the washrooms and a juxtaposition of wooden surfaces with stone comes together to create interesting compositions. Warm and indirect lighting has been used; night lighting is enabled using concealed LED fixtures. Planning is done in detail to locate the electrical points for convenience and practicality. The kitchen is designed in a monochromatic colour palette of oak wood with mirror finished panels manufactured by Veneta cucine.