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Confluence: Luxury emphasizes timeless design. At Confluence, we achieve this through enduring design principles, understated decor, intricate craftsmanship, and sustainable materials. Neutrals paired with vibrant accents foster a welcoming ambiance. Outdoor spaces extend opulence, while comfort is paramount through carefully curated furnishings and expressive lighting. Sustainability complements luxury, reducing the ecological footprint. Unique experiences are woven by personalization, creating enduring elegance.

Luxury often involves a sense of timelessness. How did you ensure that the designs you created will remain elegant and relevant for years to come?

Rather than surpassing micro-trends, we focus on design principles and architectural tenets that withstand transient trends. These include understated decor pieces, the art of defined and clean lines, a palette of neutral hues, and durable, sustainable materials. This approach has not just proved to be a timeless appeal in luxury design but has also enabled us to design interiors that age gracefully, safeguarding their enduring opulence and sophistication. We often adopt neutral tones with occasional pops of lustrous hues, creating a unique yet welcoming ambiance.

Detail and craftsmanship are key components of luxury. Could you describe some of the intricate details or bespoke elements that make these interiors stand out?

Attention to detail and artisanal craftsmanship are the bedrock of all our high-end design. Our interiors bear testimony to the art of intricacy and bespoke elements that set them apart. Hand-wrought mouldings, custom-crafted furniture, and singular, unparalleled pieces such as specially curated lighting and sculptural masterpieces grace the spaces we design,



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Beyond Aesthetics

-Designing Spaces for Relaxation and Comfort



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underpinning not just expert craftsmanship but also imparting an air of exclusive uniqueness.

Many luxury homes incorporate outdoor living spaces. How did you extend the theme of opulence to outdoor areas, if applicable?

Often, there is interplay between interior and exterior spaces that seamlessly extends with the theme of grandeur design. For instance, expansive and finely appointed open-air living spaces blur the distinction between indoors and outdoors, allowing access to visual connectivity. Some examples include massive seating areas, seaside retreats, and even fully-equipped outdoor kitchens. Such spatial coherence, combined with natural materials like exquisite stone and top-tier outdoor furnishings, culminates in a multi-functional transition of indoor-outdoor spaces.

Luxury is not just about aesthetics but also about comfort. How did you ensure that these spaces are inviting and provide a sense of relaxation for the occupants?

Luxury, in its quintessence, transcends aesthetics and visual appeal. Luxury prioritises serenity and comfort. To craft spaces of repose, we meticulously curated our furniture that caters to the specific needs of the occupant. Luxuriant textures, ergonomic furnishings, and expressive lighting design all unite in this purpose – to create spaces where users may unwind and experience a sense of relaxation.

The use of colour can significantly impact the perception of luxury. Could you explain your colour choices and how they contribute to the overall ambience of these interiors?

Colour in luxury design acts as a pristine canvas for artistic expression. Our design philosophy embraces a clean, yet eclectic approach, where pastel hues form the backdrop, occasionally accentuated by vibrant accents on the walls. A neutral colour palette, adorned with soft tones and complemented by natural wood furniture, textured

materials, and indigenous fabrics, seamlessly elevates any space's ambience, invoking a profound sense of tranquillity.

The concept of sustainability and green luxury is gaining momentum. Have you incorporated any sustainable practices or materials in these projects?

The burgeoning notion of sustainability and green luxury finds consonance in our design philosophy. Our projects are a testament to eco-conscious practices and materials in luxury design. In our designs, we aim to include eco-friendly energy-efficient systems such as Smart Glass or DGU on facades for optimised daylight, and smart technology such as 'breathable concrete' and vertical gardens on facades, which not only elevates the luxury quotient but also enables a reduced ecological footprint.

Beyond aesthetics, luxury often involves creating a unique experience. How did you ensure that these interiors offer a distinctive and memorable experience for their occupants?

Interior spaces are more than the sum of their parts; they are personal narratives that resonate with the lives and identities of the users. To ensure that interiors offer a distinctive and memorable experience, we carefully curate each element to reflect the client's preferences and interests, resulting in an environment that feels exclusively tailored to them. The key to timeless design lies in mastering the art of sensitive design, where a personalised approach can foster a sense of luxury for all users. Offering an indelible experience that is uniquely bespoke requires a blend of unforgettable visuals and personalised memories within the existing space. Additionally, to render every moment spent within the interior walls, designers need to look beyond the notion of aesthetics while also considering trends with a sustainable approach. ■