

## Life by the Bay

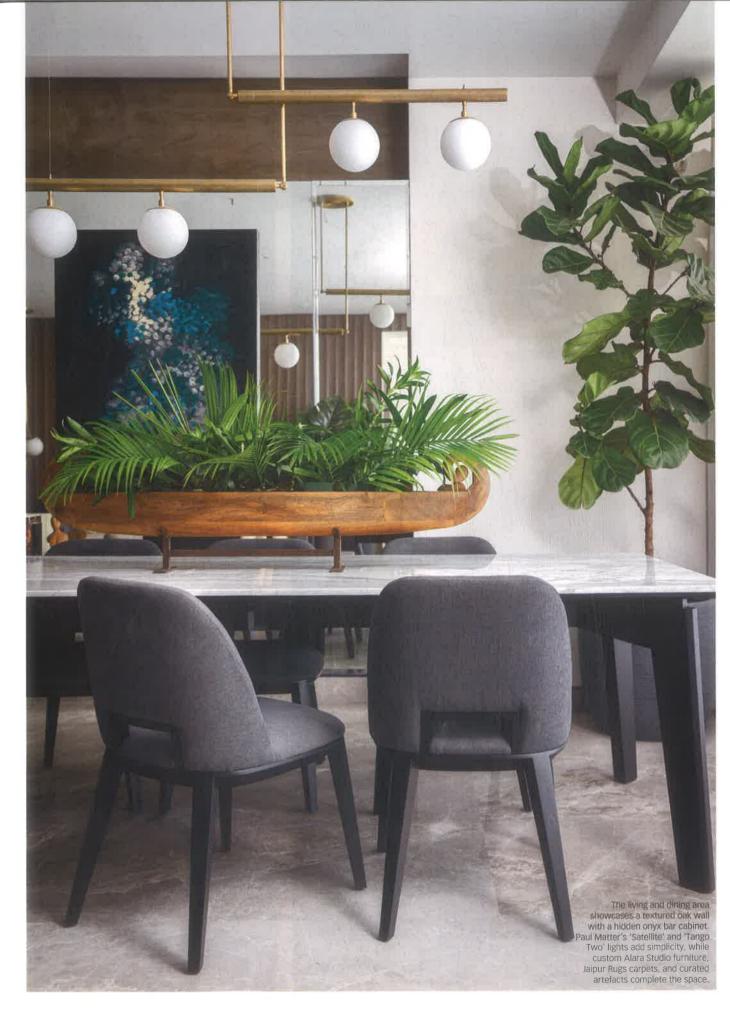
Overlooking the Bay of Bengal, this apartment in Chennai takes its style cues from the cool of the ocean waters

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The different views of the Bay of Bengal take centre stage in this home. Classic, understated interiors paired with muted colours ensure your attention stays on the stunning sea vistas.

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Our vision was to create a home that exudes quiet luxury, celebrating the stunning sea views visible from every corner. We planned the design with minimal and simple details, ensuring a timeless and elegant appeal.

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(BOTTOM) The entrance features a striking composition of well-designed pieces like the Sade console by ALARA Studio, inspired by chess pieces, and the minimalist light fixtures by Hatsu. These simple forms stand in perfect synchrony with the expansive sea view. Amrita has cleverly curated a look with hints of black and brown, as they frame the view and create a lovely silhouette



p high in the clouds, this 3,500sqft residence on the 30th floor enjoys an envious view of the

of ALARA Studio, this was the starting point. In pursuit of a high-sensory experience, the floor plan features easy transitory passages, elegant surface treatments and customdesigned pieces that structure a look focused on celebrating the waters of the bay.

With expansive glass walls and vertical gardens, Amrita used the inherent qualities of the skyscraper to her advantage. She colluded with these modern aesthetics to orchestrate a style that celebrates nature. From the view to a profusion of greenery gracing the interiors, Amrita marries these worlds succinctly.

God is in the details. Natural marbles, travertines, oak wood, and linen fabrics form the crux of this luxurious materiality. Intricate oak details, such as fluted walls in the living room and slatted panels in the bedrooms, are paired with ash marble floors. The foyer features the Sade console, a piece by ALARA Studio, while in the living and dining area, a textured oak wall and concealed onyx bar cabinet are the heroes. In the family room, open shelves and a versatile sofa bed from Ventura focus on functionality, while the master bedroom features a leatherupholstered wingback bed against an oakpanelled wall.

With so much to admire and enjoy, the bay has our hearts and our hearts have found itself at home in this address.



## AMRITA THOMAS

## Architect and Interior Designe

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A curved, fluted wall

organically traverses the living

room. Within this wall, a

concealed bar cabinet offers

a simple yet smart, space

saving solution.

Having studied architecture from CEPT Ahemdabad, Amrita Thomas co-founded the furniture brand 'ALARA' in 2017. She blends her architectural expertise and passion for interior design to create spaces that balance style with function. Amrita promotes indigenous techniques and crafts





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