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Crafted to harmonise the living experiences of a family dispersed between India and Finland, each space within this 1,350sqft residence is renovated to reflect a blend of function with high-end aesthetics.



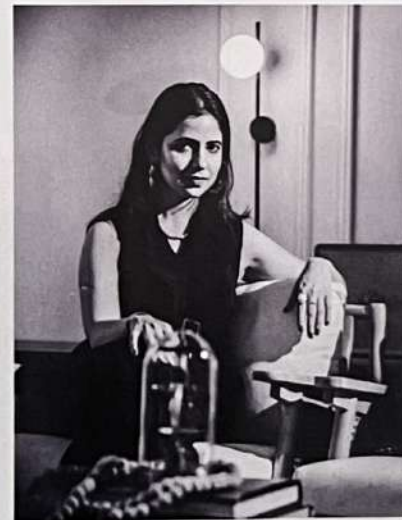
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While the parents live here, their two sons live in Finland, so when the boys visit, this home has to be more than just a meeting ground. We had to create an address that was graceful, vibrant and felt personal.

— Kirti Dodeja, *Principal Interiors Architect*







## KIRTI DODEJA

**Principal Interiors Architect**


Kirti Dodeja is a multi-disciplinary designer with expertise in interiors design, spatial branding and product design. She founded her boutique design practice in Delhi NCR in 2020. With a degree from Sir JJ School of Art and a Master's from Milan's Domus Academy, her international experience sharpens her design sensibilities.

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To embrace the spirit of all residents, we’ve woven two design languages into seamless European harmony. This home, aptly named ‘Midnight Sun’, captures the alchemy of two cities — each touched by its own light, each warmed in its own way.

— Kirti Dodeja, *Principal Interiors Architect*

Inspired by the homeowner’s roots in Delhi NCR’s warm climes and their son’s lives in Finland’s darker hues, this home is a blend of contrasts. To suit all its residents, Kirti Dodeja, the principal interiors architect of the eponymous design studio crafted a balance between warm and cool tones, capturing an essence that feels both familiar and unique. The project, aptly named ‘Midnight Sun’, embodies this harmony — an alchemy of two worlds, merging the glow of tropical light with the subtle depth of Nordic shadows.

Kirti took on this renovation project intending to embrace sustainable design practices. “We have used a lot of existing furniture and elements available on site. This reduced the cost overruns of the renovation and allowed us to mindfully utilise resources. We tried our best to upcycle as much as we could. This created a challenge, as we ended up working on a completely new look using existing elements, but that’s the fun of it, I believe. Design is a solution to a problem,” says the young designer.

The overall show-stopping element is the general feeling of wellness throughout the home. Kirti executed structural changes that consciously enhanced the flow of spaces. “We restricted the entry to the balcony from the living room, thereby creating more space for the living area while allowing natural light to filter in. We removed the door access and added a window with a ledge wall. The kitchen is one of my favourite spaces. We reduced the dead space (balcony) by taking it in, and created a large kitchen with the colour brief from the lady of the house.” 

Designed with the lady of the house in mind, this kitchen blends functionality and beauty. By incorporating the balcony into the interiors, Kirti enhanced natural light throughout the space. The clean white theme is elevated with a striking Indian green marble (rainforest green) backsplash, creating a perfect contrast.



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