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With the upcoming festive season, lights are getting a makeover of sorts as they tread the tightrope of balancing form and function. And they are doing this with a sustainable twist too. Experts weigh in.

FESTIVE FUSION

This festive season, there is a growing trend toward accent lighting that transforms spaces with a festive glow while maintaining functionality. Hafele's Architectural Lighting Range offers a blend of ambient and task lighting perfect for festive occasions. "The range, including options like downlights and spotlights, allows for creative installations that bring warmth and highlight architectural elements. Our focus on customisable luminaire combinations helps set the right festive mood with ease, combining style with energy efficiency to brighten celebrations,"



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Likewise, lighting products are essential for festive home decor as they create ambience and warmth. Visionnaire's Nomad Collection 2024 introduces a range of lighting options that showcase progressive designs, fine Italian craftsmanship and new-age materials. The new collection offers a variety of lamps that includes the Polaris Suspension Lamp by Alessandro La Spada, the Sputnik Chandelier, the Sputnik-Oxy Pendant Lamp by Draga & Aurel and the Parade suspension lighting system by StudioPepe.

GREEN FINGERS

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growing preference for decorative lights that enhance the overall design. "Customisable lighting that can adapt to different moods or functions, such as dimmable fixtures and smart systems, is highly favoured. In addition, architects are leaning towards lighting that complements natural light, using large pendant lights, wall sconces, and hidden LEDs to create a seamless indoor-outdoor connection," says Akshay Adhalrao and Pritesh Modi, Co-founders, Vita Moderna."

The use of integrated lighting solutions such as recessed lights, track systems, and pendants that complement the architecture of the space without overwhelming it is also becoming a favourite among architects. "Linear lighting and cove lighting are also favoured to create ambient effects while keeping the focus on the overall design. Flexibility is key, with architects choosing modular, customisable lighting systems that allow adjustments for different functions within the space. Additionally, natural light maximisation is often paired with artificial lighting to create a balanced, sustainable environment," says Martin Chab, Founder and CEO, Sans Souci.

CONTEMPORARY CALL

Lighting trends today focus heavily on the personalisation of spaces. With a growing understanding of circadian rhythms, biophilic lighting designs that mimic natural daylight patterns are popular. "This trend not only enhances well-being but also integrates technology into the core of design, with tunable white light systems allowing users to control the mood and functionality of spaces. Minimalism remains a strong influence, where fixtures become



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architectural statements—sleek, unobtrusive, yet capable of transformative impact. Additionally, there's a strong shift towards luminaires that double as art pieces, emphasising the blend of form and function," says Aryaman Jain, CEO, Innovative Design Studio by IDG.

GOING SMART

Lighting solutions are becoming increasingly smart with the integration of remote control, dimming capabilities, and sensor technology. The ability to adjust lighting according to the time of day, activity, or ambience, along with energy-saving features, showcases how lighting is evolving towards more intelligent, user-friendly solutions. Martin says, "Smart lighting with app or voice-controlled systems, allowing for full customisation of brightness, colour, and scheduling is in. Smart systems can be programmed to reduce energy consumption, contributing to sustainability efforts. Sustainable innovation and brands are developing solar-powered lights, recyclable fixtures, and low-impact manufacturing processes. Lighting is no longer just about illumination, it is becoming an integral part of interior design, well-being, and environmental responsibility."

The advent of smart lighting has revolutionised how we interact with spaces. Smart lighting systems are no longer restricted to basic dimming and colour changes; they are now deeply integrated into building management systems, capable of responding to real-time data, user preferences, and environmental conditions. "These systems can be programmed to mimic natural light cycles, improve energy efficiency by adjusting to occupancy, and even integrate with voice-activated platforms or mobile apps for seamless control. Soon, we expect AI-driven lighting solutions to become more prevalent, offering even greater customisation and automation, making lighting a more intuitive, responsive element of design," says Aryaman. Lighting is increasingly becoming a tool for personalisation and enhancing emotional experiences. Minimalist designs with bold, innovative forms and layered lighting strategies are enhancing both residential and commercial spaces. **AS**



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Falgun Shroff - Co-Founder & Promoter, Sources Unlimited

using sustainable materials like recycled metal, reclaimed wood, and responsibly sourced glass in their creations. "These designs incorporate energy-efficient technologies to reduce environmental impact without compromising on style. Luxurious, visually appealing lighting fixtures are now being crafted with sustainability in mind, offering both beauty and functionality while ensuring minimal energy waste and a smaller carbon footprint," says Nikunj Shah, Promoter, Sources Unlimited.

THE ARCHITECT CONNECT

Architects are increasingly opting for integrated lighting systems that offer versatility and precision. They are also using flexible, multi-functional lighting solutions in their designs. LED technology remains popular due to its energy efficiency and adaptability, but there is also a



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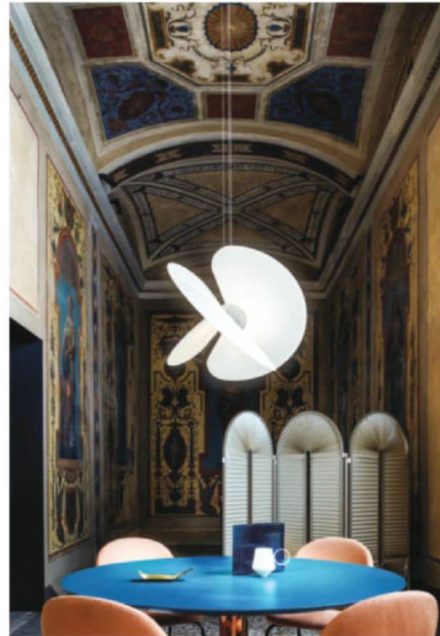
modular design that give rise to a unique yet reproducible product. The lamp with a circular form is made through the combination of concave parts in steel, completed by a diffuser in onyx with an organic form. This sophisticated chandelier unites the worlds of technology and nature," says Eleonore Cavalli, Art Director and Co-Founder, Visionnaire.

BALANCING ACT

Balancing aesthetics with eco-friendliness is becoming a priority. Designers are increasingly



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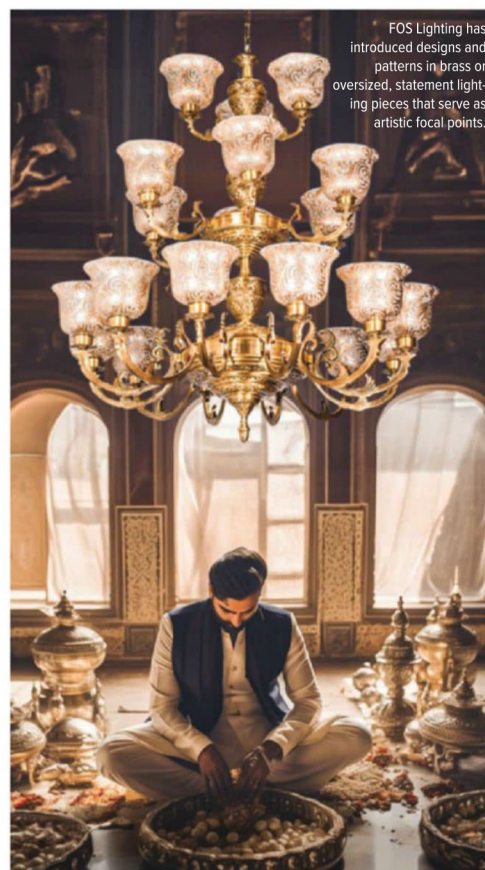


Hafele's architectural lighting range offers a blend of ambient and task lighting that is effective and efficient.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Architects are increasingly opting for integrated lighting systems that offer versatility and precision and lighting companies are getting into the groove as they do this and more.

By Bindu Gopal Rao



FOS Lighting has introduced designs and patterns in brass or oversized, statement lighting pieces that serve as artistic focal points.

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merge aesthetic appeal with sustainability as they incorporate energy-saving LED technology, which drastically reduces power consumption while offering high-quality illumination. "There is a growing demand for lights made from sustainable or recycled metal and wood, upcycled glass that don't compromise on style. We're also seeing a rise in modular lighting designs that allow for easy repair and part replacement, reducing waste while maintaining a sleek, modern look. Sustainable materials like bamboo and recycled textured glass are being incorporated into festive lighting designs, appealing to eco-conscious consumers. We offer fixtures that can be used year-round, perhaps with adjustable shades or interchangeable components for a festive touch," says Sidharth Rohatgi, Director, FOS Designs & Services Private Limited.

TRENDING TALES

Today's lighting trends focus on minimalist designs and multi-functional lighting solutions. Low-glare lighting (UGR) is a key trend, ensuring comfort and visual clarity without harsh lighting. Another significant trend is the shift towards customisation, allowing users to design unique lighting setups that reflect personal style while serving practical needs. The latest lighting trends for 2024 are all about creating stylish spaces and making a statement. "Layered Lighting combines different light sources like recessed lights, pendant lights, and lamps to create a versatile vibe. Sculptural pieces add artistic touches with unique shapes and materials and classic designs incorporate elements for a timeless look. This can be seen in the Polaris chandelier by Alessandro La Spada, an example of craftsmanship and