



head to the Design Hotel. This is certainly one of the best ways to discover or rediscover this culturally rich metro. ■

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HOW TO GET THERE

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(Previous page top) The Ati Corridor's optical illusion feel;
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(Current page clockwise from top left) The hotel entrance's lift lobby seating area; The entrance to the Ati Room with the red chair as its focal point; The rounded curves of the mosaic tiled Roop Bathroom

choice aplenty in the menu with cuisines ranging from North and South Indian, Chinese, Continental, French and Mediterranean accompanied with a large selection of both Indian and foreign soft and hard beverages. Special mention must be made of the in house *thaali* served in copper vessels that includes unique items like the zucchini *kootu* (a traditional curry), vegetable *kurma*, a perfect accompaniment to the flaky Malabar *parota* and the broccoli *melugu perethal* (that uses the broccoli tempered in traditional South Indian

spices). And if you want more choice, simply head to the mall where you will have lots in terms of food and drink. The hotel also has a small boardroom that can accommodate about 10-12 people. The mall has almost all major shopping brands as well as Chennai's only IMAX multiplex. The hotel even arranged a ticket for me to catch a latest blockbuster! This is what makes the Design Hotel an apt choice for both a family holiday as well as a business visit. So, if you want to discover Chennai in a fun way that merges the old and the new,



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