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# LUXURIOUS LIGHTING

*Luxury Lighting can add a touch of glamour and perk up the oomph quotient instantaneously.*

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Once Aaron Rose, the American film director famously said, "In the right light, at the right time, everything is extraordinary." Read that again and it is not hard to realize the impact that lighting can have on a space is tremendous.

## COLLECTIONS & MORE

Luxury lighting can be a conversation starter and focal points in the residences, when installed in your living area or above your magnificent dining table. From traditional chandelier and contemporary industrial lighting to small pendants and large installations, the market is full of options. Glass is a

material that is typically used in most lighting collections because it is versatile and full of life. It offers endless possibilities of shapes, colours, optical effects or combinations with other materials. It is pure and fiery, delicate and flamboyant, organic as well as geometric. You only need to give it direction according to your taste and courage to experiment. "As part of the Diversity collection, Hive Home showcases multiple forms of glass in compositions of light fixtures, which are but a mere fragment of the actual possibilities. We at Hive Home provide bespoke light installations, created from an array of wide materials like glass and metal. They can be tailor-made in terms

of shape, scale as well as colour amplifying spaces like a hotel foyer, staircases, atrium, banquets, restaurants, private residences and more. The design is developed to create sculpture focal points for areas within large and small interior spaces and transforming them into surreal space," explains Shivangi Shah, Proprietor and Creative Head, Hive Home. Likewise, The Black Steel's 'Grande Luxe' Collection is an assemblage of most iconic pieces in their portfolio. It features sophisticated craftsmanship with high emphasis on adding decorative elements, from functional desk lamps to modern artistic wall light fixtures which are a perfect fit for every interior. At The Purple Turtles,

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the luxury lighting collection includes a range of traditional and modern designs. The Noble, Hazel and Adeline Chandeliers have the classic form accentuated with distressed finish in sync with the contemporary times. These chandeliers have delicate crystals and ornate designs that further add to their lux appeal. The Free Fall Coco Flower Floor Lamp comprise of coco flowers rendered from handmade banana fibre paper. Sculpted by hand, each petal emulates the fold and crease of the flower in the natural form. The handmade creation process adds to the unique aesthetic value of this lighting. The Meander Pendant Lamp is inspired by

nature and sculpted from handcrafted banana fibre paper. It is ideal for mood lighting in homes and hospitality spaces. Vizion’s luxury light collections include the recently launched ‘lines’, a range of slender luminaires inspired by linear geometry, and ‘rings + forms’, a series of luminous hoops, polygons and myriad forms inspired by nature.

#### TECH TALK

Technical innovations such as smart luxury lights are redefining boundaries. Users are brought to comfort with advancements such as app integration, automatic color adjustments and longevity. “The new lighting technology

like connecting and controlling the lighting of your space is just one touch away and is making possibly the biggest advancements in the industry. The dimmers and sensors are part of the lighting industry for ages now, but with advanced digital connectivity, this trend of controlling has become an utterly important part of the lighting industry. Our products are an amalgamation of handicrafts and the use of cutting-edge advanced technology with attention to detail and high-quality craftsmanship,” says Shah. The advent of automation has led to better utilisation of lighting colours, intensity and the lighting system as a whole. Mood lighting enables comfortable



lighting as per the situation. This lighting system enables control of light colour and its intensity in an indoor space as per occupancy and other factors. "Brighter yet elegant when entertaining guests, subdued while watching movies and so on and so forth. Smart lighting also offers convenience at customer's finger tips. Customers can control the lighting system by downloading an app on their smartphones. Furthermore, elegant light fittings with motion sensor settings help conserve energy," adds Radeesh Shetty Founder & Director, The Purple Turtles.

#### TREND CHECK

A new trend in luxury lights is the

amalgamation of two very different materials like for instance cork or leather with glass as well as application of indigenous handicrafts and latest technologies which helps to create fabulous design. Vishal Singh, Founder & Managing Director, Vizion opines, "Industrial chic lights have made a comeback in the luxury lighting segment, with people moving towards richer finishes and tones for their 21st century décor. Minimalism has also been an evergreen trend and will continue to be so, due to its streamlined design and timeless appeal, making it a go to inspiration for luxury lighting designers." The demand for customised lighting is the foremost trend in this category. A blend of different materials are used in creating such site-specific lighting products. Additionally, a growing number of customers are encouraging traditional art and handcrafted designs and including them in their interior decor. "For instance, hand-beaten brass domes with hand-painted design or lamp posts with intricate bidri work and other Indian crafts are regaining popularity. A blend of contemporary form with traditional design is much in trend. Customers are open to experimenting and going beyond the classical understanding of the term 'luxury'. While in the past, luxurious lighting was contained to chandeliers or

fabric domes, the category now includes some innovative designs. There are cases where the lighting feature has played the central role in the space and the decor has been designed in tune with it," avers Shetty. Residential spaces have a huge scope for luxury lighting, as these personal spaces are shared by families and cherished for generations. Hospitality spaces are public areas, where most often the decor is changed within a couple of years to retain the attraction. A good mix of ambient, task and accent lighting makes the personal space efficient or cozy, as per requirement. Earlier, the Indian market was only limited to foreign brands that offered luxurious light designs. Today there are a few Indian brands that offer amazing designs in this segment. Their products are not just available in India but also showcased in the international arena, which is a remarkable feat. "Luxury lights can be incorporated as decorative as well as ambient lighting within a space. They hold the potential to be the sculptural focus of a room, just as they can be used to create a specific mood or set the tone for the decor scheme. Decorative fixtures in particular add to the vibrancy and exuberance of the space they inhabit and create visually engaging perspectives. They add an extra dimension to a room and can make a room appear larger," concludes Vishal. ■