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ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HOMES IN THE WORLD

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FLAT *Plans*

MAKE THE MOST OF **SMALL SPACES**

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HOW TO

SHOP SMART, ONLINE

**DESIGN YOUR OWN
HOME OFFICE**

STYLE YOUR LIVING
ROOM FOR LESS

EDITOR'S LETTER

What you hold in your hand is supposed to be AD's smallest edition of the year. We organize the editorial line-up for the May-June issue at the busiest point in our editorial calendar—between producing the magazine's March-April anniversary issue, and planning our annual gala to celebrate it. So, for this issue, we've scaled it down—in a smart way.

This year, instead of 'small', we're focusing the summer edition on smaller spaces. What design-conscious folks do with a limited canvas can be fascinating, proving that necessity can birth seriously inventive solutions. One of my favourite pieces based on this theme is the opening feature of the last section of our magazine, *AD Inside*. For months now, I've been instigating members of the AD team to let a camera into their homes and reveal their interior design backs. I finally managed to prise open a few doors; judge for yourselves. (It's easier convincing celebrities than this lot!)

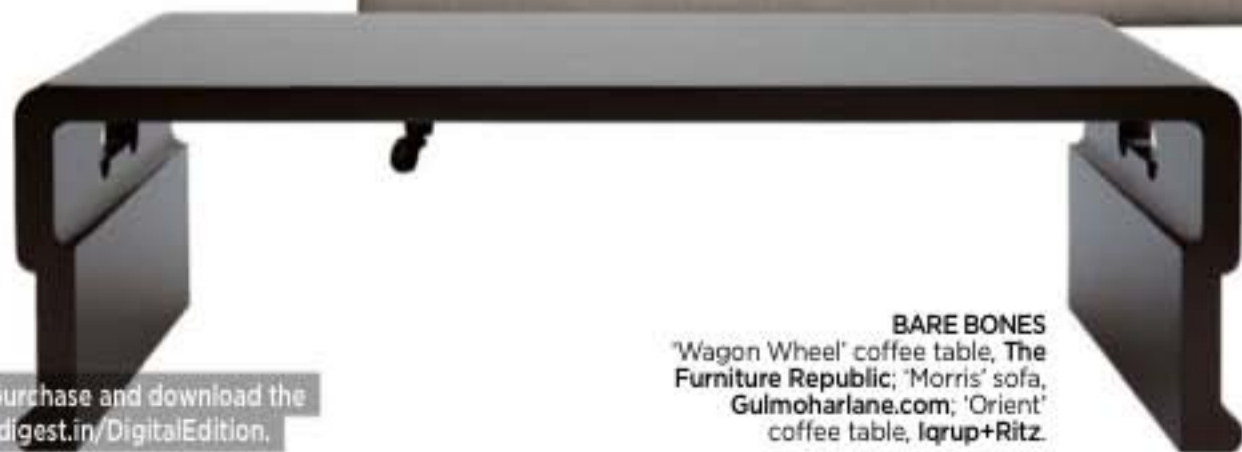
Speaking of celebrities, in an AD exclusive, we got design's first couple Nipa Doshi and Jonathan Levien to front this edition. In addition to the amazing work they've been doing in the international arena, their studio and home are both great showcases of functional yet creative contemporary spaces. That idea runs like a gently winding river through the rest of the houses in this issue as well. By the time you're done with the seven homes here, you'll have met seven personalities with seven widely different interpretations of living well.

I'm going to jump back to the AD Perspective section to mention a story I'm very proud of. Over the years, I've had several conversations with architects and designers about the importance of showcasing the craftsmen who actually make the products and buildings we feature in these pages—the unglamorous but vastly talented individuals at the heart of Indian design. Poonaram Sutbar is one such craftsman. An exceptionally talented carpenter, he mastered his inherited trade under the exacting, if sometimes high-strung, gaze of architect Bijoy Jain at his award-winning practice, Studio Mumbai. Sutbar's sketches and his ability to translate paper-dreams into reality has to be seen to be believed. The story is a must-read; take it from me.

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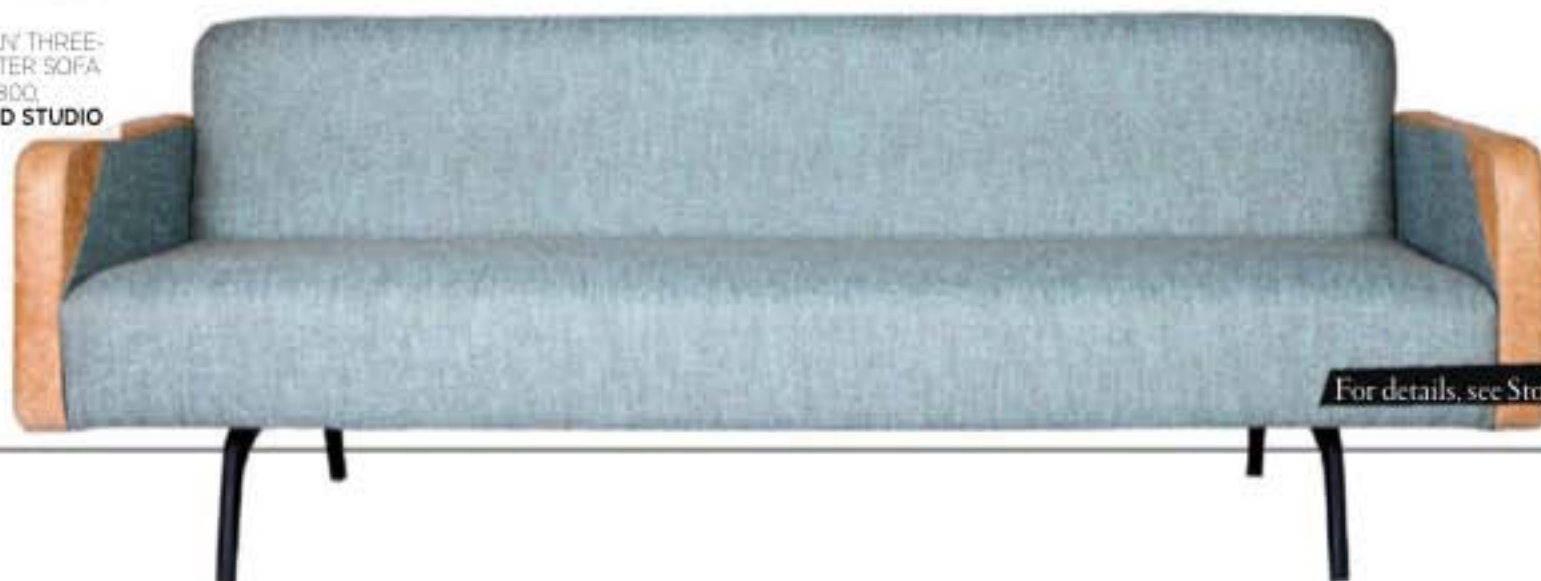


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