

LUXURY HOMES YOU WANT TO LIVE IN

Take a leaf from these inspiring landed homes that proudly showcase innovative ideas and designer furniture without jettisoning functionality.

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In Singapore, living in a landed property is considered a sign of affluence, even though it may not necessarily be true. Some landed houses however, are undeniably grand and luxurious. It's not about how expensive the furnishings are; it's about the appropriate use of space and attention to detail. Here's our pick of some posh properties that underpin these attributes.



SOCIALISING SPACES

The owner of this spacious semi-detached has a penchant for spaces where friends and family can convene over a meal, watch a movie together or just while away time by chatting over drinks and snacks. The living room with its lofty ceiling and floor-to-ceiling windows allows plenty of sunlight to stream in, creating a sense of spaciousness and airiness. To add drama to this lofty zone, the designer added thousands of oyster-shell discs draping down from the ceiling. When illuminated by the alcove lights, it will leave guests' jaw agape.

This grandiose area also boasts an unbeatable view of the lush garden.

To capitalise on this natural design element, the designers specially grew a tree in a large, custom planter box. Another favourite socialising space is the wooden deck patio where modular outdoor furniture is flanked by verdant greenery grown in neat planter boxes. "As a family we love to mingle and socialise when we have friends over and these two spots in our home are the perfect means to do so," enthuses the homeowner.

Designed by Audrey Lee Interiors, images credit erwin@shade.sg

Design idea Don't underestimate Singapore's status as a tropical city! Bring the outdoors in, and introduce greenery into your home.



GAME ON!



Right: The current kitchen has been expanded to provide more working space, with new solid surface counters and lacquered cabinetry going in.

Bottom right: The bathroom was also thoroughly renovated, integrating a new linen and laundry cabinet, as well as a pocket door.

Bungalows are the undisputed king of properties when it comes to land-scarce Singapore. Many of these homes come with sprawling gardens and cavernous rooms. But instead of decking up with all the latest contraptions for creature comforts, turning a bungalow into a cosy, comfortable and practical home can come as a challenge for interior designers. The owner of this two-storey, 4,600-square-foot bungalow with an attic and swimming pool is proud of the final result. He and his wife who are both in the medical field, now spend more time at home with their two daughters.

The *piece de resistance* has to be the attic area boasting an entertainment room and study. Despite the sloping ceiling of the attic, the designers were able to make creative use of space. It houses sumptuous,

modular seating for the family to cosy up for a session of Hollywood flicks. The billiard table dominates this space and becomes the perfect respite for the man of the house to entertain his friends during the weekends. A window was built in the sloped ceiling of the attic to draw in natural light in order to make the space airy and light-filled. With movies and games to indulge, it's no wonder the bond of the family has strengthened through this creative use of space!

Designed by Elements ID Consultants, Kelvin Gan and Victor Ng

Design idea Home is a place for relaxation, so a games room is a great way to add fun and laidback vibes to your space.

FAMILIAL SPACES

Here's a modern family home primed for work and play with dramatic spaces that engage and entice the senses. Situated along Nassim Road, this expansive property sits on 23,000 square feet of land, ensconced in lush landscapes. Reimagining its 12,000 square feet of built-up space was a challenge but Lab Architects took on this job and turned it around convincingly. In addition, "We had to pay attention to the "metaphysics", that is, the homeowners' fengshui requirements," says Brenda Ang of Lab Architects. Designed for a growing family, the home offers seven bedrooms to meet their needs.

pool cum water feature that fronts the living and dining room for the family to chill, have fun and relax during weekends. At the pool's perimeter, beautiful jets of water spurt into the pool, creating an enchanting aquatic dance. It's even more bedazzling at night when lights in the pool illuminate. A stunning, luxurious home bent on family bonding is always the best!

Designed by LAB Architects

The wraparound structure made with white-washed Maritime Pine is built around the bathroom, housing the sleeping quarters upstairs and creating subtle sections in the open space.



Unique to the home is the striking C-shaped roof with internal wood panelling and a sinuous swimming

Design idea Incorporating fengshui into your design plans doesn't mean the home has to look tacky or traditional.

LIVE TO A HILT

How do you design a home where precious artworks need to be hung? Turning to renowned Australian interior designer Cameron Woo Design, the self-effacing homeowner wanted whimsical objects, designer furniture and prized artwork to be housed in a space he could showcase to his friends and family, plus allow his brood to relax and chill over weekends.

a theatre replete with show curtains and cove lighting, complemented by specialised audio and video equipment is the piece de resistance of this luxurious abode. Black and white photographs and sketches, one of which is Muhammad Ali, add to the style quotient of an old-world theatre.

Designed by Cameron Woo Design

Situated in the leafy environs of District 10, this plush 10,000-square-foot bungalow offers a James Bond-themed entertainment room with bar cabinet, tempered with modern aesthetics, eclectic furniture pieces and precious Dali artworks. The homeowner has an affinity for all things Hollywood so

The lively living space takes on a more serene vibe once the dining table is stowed away and the kitchen clutter is hidden behind doors. Perfect for getting a restful night's sleep.

Design idea Home is a place where your personality shines. Whether you're an art aficionado or cinemaphile, try and let your home reflect your interests.



MODERN ESCAPE

Space may be tight, but this room-cum-American-sized kitchen can also be used for dining or enjoying movies on the

pull-out 4K curved TV. Space may be tight, but this room-cum-American-sized kitchen can also be used for dining or

Once you step into this bungalow in Singapore's prestigious District 10, you'll notice a sophisticated interplay of colours, light, space and textures. This modern bungalow sits on 19,000 square feet of sprawling, verdant grounds and is home to a family who's inclined to outdoor activities. The brief to Aamer Taher: to create a dream tropical home offering spacious, light-filled spaces with plenty of cross ventilation and with the focus on lush greenery surrounding the premise. "I basically wanted a home that was not too "built-up", and I wanted it to have sylvan surrounds with pockets of greenery in the interior, too," explains the homeowner.

husband's private hideaway – a stylish study room complemented with designer furniture and high-tech gadgets.

Designed by Aamer Taher Architects

The final result is a home with four bedrooms on the second floor, two living rooms, two study rooms, indoor gym, basement entertainment space, koi pond and basement carpark. Unique to the property is an eye-catching boxed room that stands next to the glass stairwell. This is the



Design idea When space is limited, a juxtaposition of colours and textures is an effective way of adding design without taking up additional floor space.

