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# Big home trends for 2021: More automation, multi-functional living spaces

Luxury décor retailer, architect and designer Jimmy Mistry, and architect Alfaz Miller list out home décor trends for 2021, as people concentrate on sprucing up their living spaces to make staying indoors amid Covid-19 comfortable, functional and interesting

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The Covid-19 lockdown has changed the way we look at our home and live in it. People now want fancier kitchens, dedicated entertainment rooms, home offices and increased automation at home, to be able to live indoors for a long period of time. The demand for eco-friendly building materials and made-in-India is also on the rise.

"Now is the time for architects and designers to become problem solvers and have an empathetic approach towards people's lives. After the lockdown, people's requirements from their homes have changed and evolved," says Jimmy Mistry, luxury décor retailer, architect, and designer. "Luxury stores and brands have never seen better days. People are investing in their homes, which they have realised is the safest haven," he adds.

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HNIs and UHNIs who had left India during the lockdown are back and looking for alternate homes away from metro cities that are designed to be safer and more comfortable. "These clients are asking for fabrics and materials with antibacterial treatments," says architect Alfaz Miller.

While Mistry has been working on a 50,000-sq-ft multi-brand home furniture and décor store in Della Lonavala, Miller has been busy with the Bangalore International Airport's Terminal 1 domestic lounge. The two highlight the

top luxury home trends of 2021.

### Home offices and multifunctional spaces

People are reassessing their home design. They want their gym to also be a study, a guest room and/or a theatre room, says Miller. There is a lot happening in the home office space. People are building both large and small office set-ups at home, which can be an isolated and disturbance-free zone. "From collapsible set-ups to permanent rooms and studies, everyone today wants a corner where they can work from home," says Mistry.

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