

MIRRORS ARE THE PERFECT WAY TO INCREASE THE SPACE AND BE BUSINESS-LIKE AT THE SAME TIME. SEEN HERE IS THE COLOURFUL LOUNGE AND LOBBY AT CENTRAL PARK

HOTEL DESIGN

The revamped CENTRAL PARK in Bangalore underlines its newly acquired image of a hip business hotel.

A photograph of a modern hotel lounge. In the foreground, there is a red sofa with several orange and white pillows, and a round wooden coffee table. To the left, there are two white armchairs and a large, white, pleated lampshade on a black tripod stand. The background shows a large, brightly lit area with a ceiling featuring recessed lights and blue LED lighting strips. Large mirrors on the walls reflect the interior, creating a sense of depth and space. The overall atmosphere is contemporary and sophisticated.

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Modern, stark, minimal. It is amazing how the words can be associated with varied and

remarkably contradictory spaces. Architect and interior designer Khozema Chitalwala looks around the revamped hotel Central Park and is visibly pleased with the brilliant white walls that beautifully complement the richness of colours all around. "The colours come from the fabric," he says pointing to the purple carpets, violet loungers and sheer red curtains. Put together, the look reads young and chic, yet formal and serious befitting the lobby of a business hotel.

The new look is a far cry from the erstwhile Central Park lobby that was a claustrophobic, dingy looking space totally out of tune with the current hospitality industry design trends. Khozema's brief

✦ **Architect and interior designer Khozema Chitalwala of Designers Group is a product of Academy of Architecture,**



Mumbai. His signature style is the simplicity of interiors and achieving that, he believes, is a very complicated affair. Understanding that lighting plays an important role in a design, Khozema makes a lot of effort in that direction as can be seen in almost all his projects ✦
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included a requirement to transform the space into a revenue generating area as well. Thus began the resurrection of the lobby which was opened out and given a younger feel. He came up with a unique idea to enliven a grey corner here by adding a DJ console to it. The lobby is now a warm welcoming area that flows smoothly into the elegant ambience of the 24-hour coffee shop cum restaurant Pinxx. The challenge was to complete a smooth transition from the serious mood of the lobby to a peppy tone of the restaurant and any visitor can see that it has been achieved without so much as a hiccup.

The very first look reveals the attention that has been given to detail and on accessorizing. An old found-in-the-flea market gramophone holds pride of place in the



THE STARK MINIMALISM OF THE LOBBY CUM LOUNGE IS OFFSET BY LIGHT AND THE FABRICS USED IN THE DECOR. NOTE THE SIMPLICITY OF THE STAIRCASE