

TOPICALLY TROPICAL

DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT OPTIMALLY USES NATURAL LIGHTING WHILE STILL GUARANTEEING THE OWNER'S PRIVACY, THE LOFT HOUSE IS A MODERN INTERPRETATION OF THE TRADITIONAL TROPICAL HOUSE.

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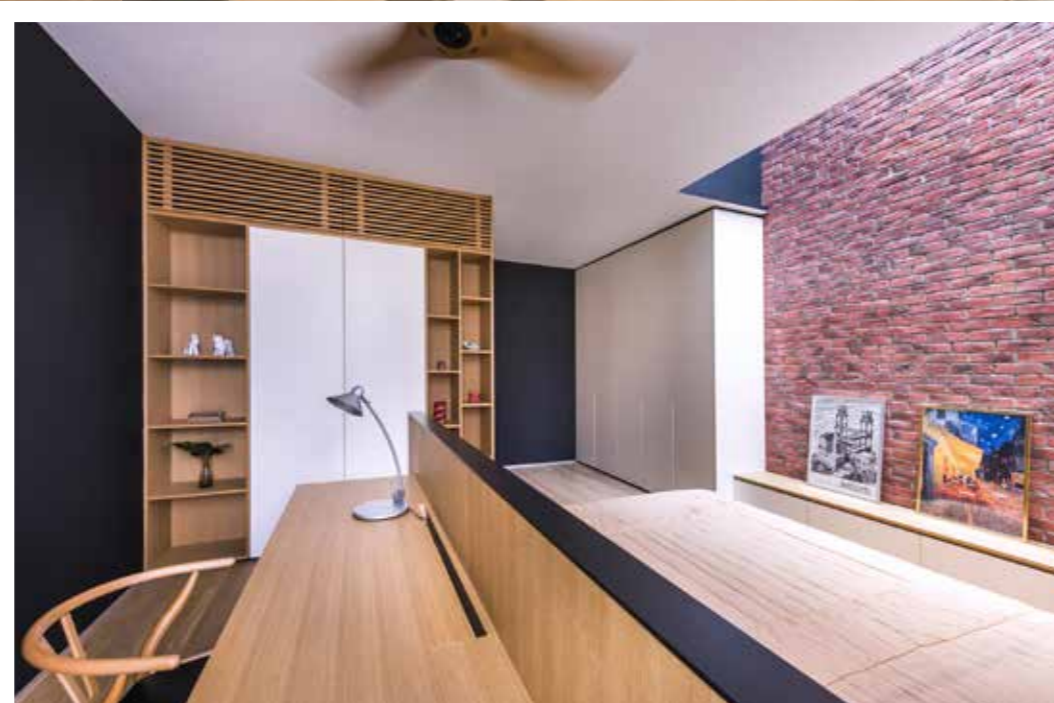
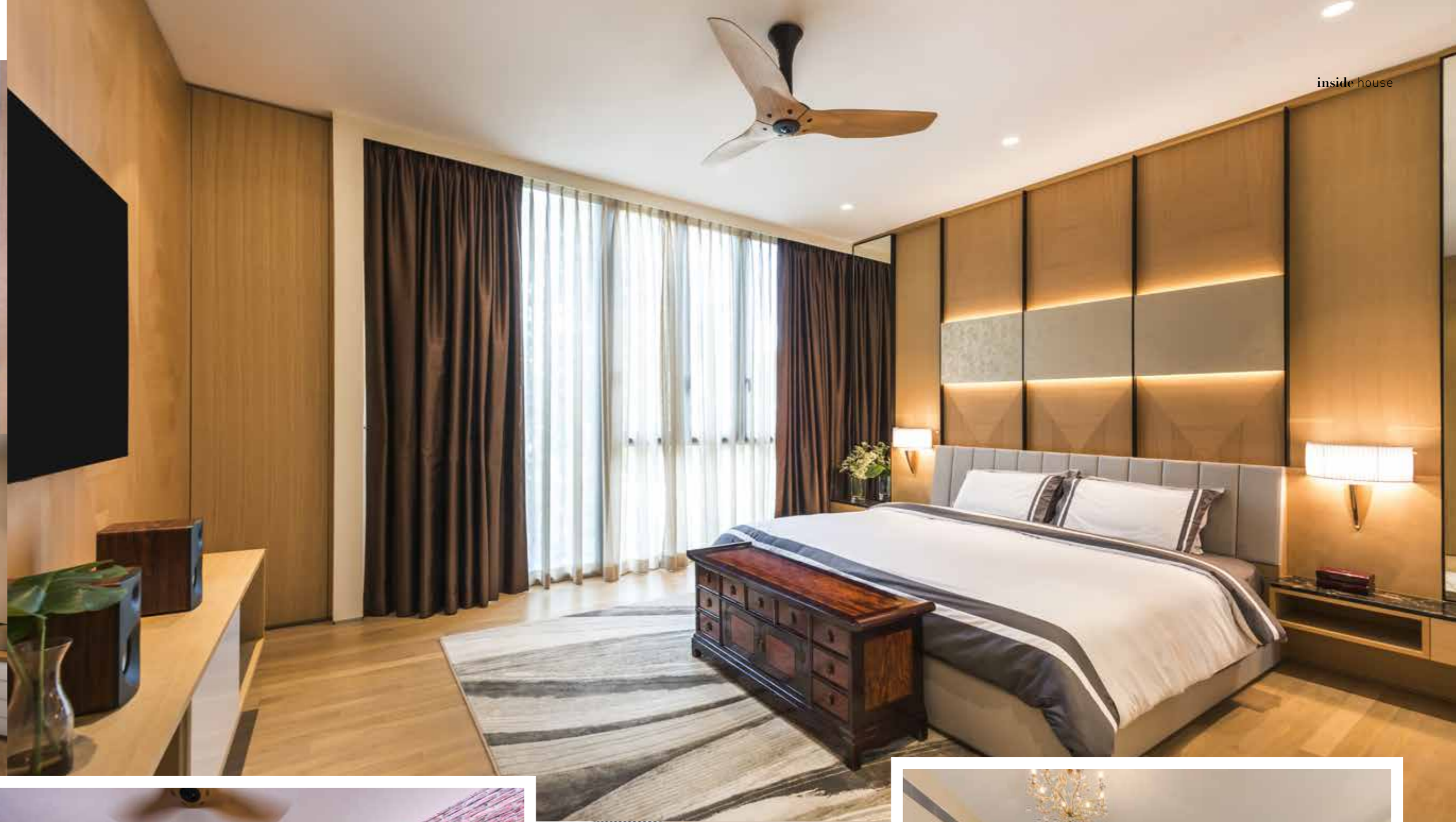
In response to factors such as climate change and a growing number of people living green, tropical homes are making a comeback in tropical countries but with a modern twist. The owner of a highly visible corner house located in a quiet neighbourhood in Singapore was of this mind-set, desiring a home that had a contemporary design and took into account the country's climate at the same time. Having also been informed of their client's desire for privacy and a way to properly appreciate their natural surroundings, local architecture firm TA.LE Architects crafted a masterpiece that met all the given requirements which they named the Loft House.



Bearing the unmistakable pitch roof aesthetic typical of houses in the tropics, the residence has a large overhang that provides a great deal of shade. This design choice had the added benefit of allowing for the extensive use of glass which facilitated the illumination of the interior with natural lighting. Another positive side-effect was that it allowed those on the inside to easily appreciate the beauty of nature on the outside from the comfort of their abode.

Another key feature through which natural light is able to filter in is the continuous skylight strip along the party wall. Carefully designed with a sandblasted finish in order to diffuse the sunlight passing through it, this element of the home ensures that the interior is suitably brightened even as it cuts down on the amount of heat coming inside. The Loft House's uplifting atmosphere has even further help thanks to the full height glazing of its main façade.





Inside, the highlight of the abode is naturally the double-volume loft which serves as the dining area and main social space. Interestingly enough, its design helps it visually connect the interior with the exterior in such a way that residents and guests alike can feel connected to the surrounding natural environment.

Achieving a similar effect but with the ground floor, the first floor and beyond is the staircase which is more than functional in nature thanks to the feature metal screen incorporated into it. Stretching all the way from the ground to the ceiling, it has integrated lights that not only provide illumination when natural light is scarce but also create a nice backdrop for the house against the party wall. m

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