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## Living in an Architectural Feat

The house of a young couple has slanted walls, a Ferrari-inspired kitchen and a living room with a car collection display

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The monolithic structure is made out of reinforced concrete



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The car loving home owner displays his prized automobile collection at the living room



“I wanted a house that wasn’t typical. I wanted a house that resembled that of Tony Stark’s, a man cave that was still conducive to family life,” explains the homeowner. The dream home of the resident was designed by Architect Ed Calma, who had proposed a monolithic structure built with reinforced concrete. The residence has a solid, slanting exterior that draws attention from passers-by for its unique form. A special Boysen Deco Render was used for the exteriors while Boysen Permacoat was utilized indoors.

Inside, it is spacious with high ceilings and inclined walls on which a collection of contemporary art works gifted or made by the mother of the homeowner hang. None of the posts are visible to the naked eye. The diagonal lines reflect a preference for a young and daring approach to design.

### SLANTED WALLS ALL AROUND

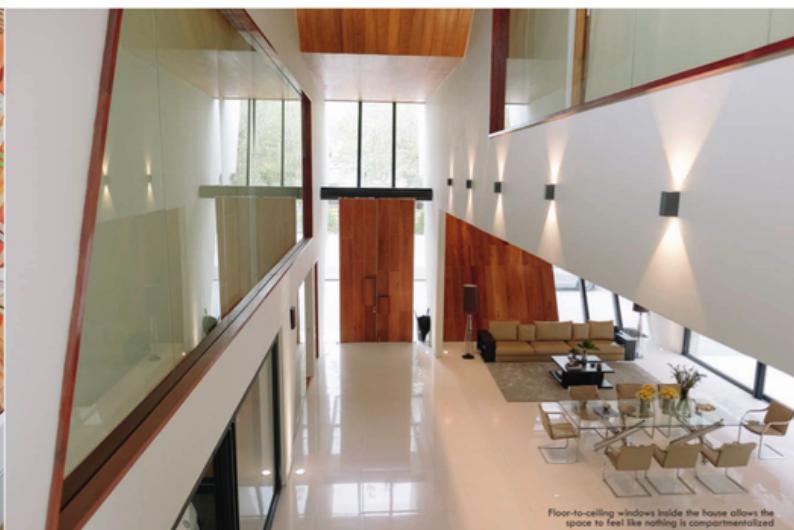
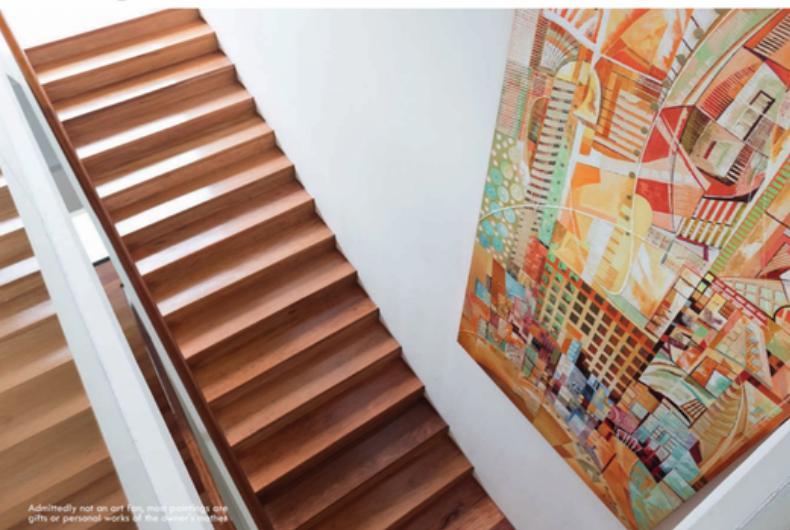
The 12-foot front door was built using solid Narra wood. It opens up to a living area where all the four levels of the home are immediately visible. White tiled floors add to the feeling of light and space while the high beam Narra ceilings evoke an earthiness.

The inclined walls near the facade of the home makes a statement that an architectural feat can be a liveable place. “Calma is a bit like a maze. He is



Numerous sitting areas are found throughout the home

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never traditional," says the homeowner. Split-level configuration emphasizes the scale of the 1,600-square-meter property. Creating clean spaces was a major consideration in the design of the house, resulting in a preference for floor-to-ceiling glass windows. It achieves the architect's plan for a space that is "very transparent, nothing compartmentalized." It also allows crosswind and the natural flow of air. The floor area includes five bedrooms, an elevator, a gym, the home office and a car showroom.

### A FERRARI INSPIRED KITCHEN

While most homes would have a man cave dedicated solely for the hobbies of the male homeowner, this residence has an automobile showroom. The husband considers premium cars as art that deserves a suitable space where these can be displayed. It takes up half of the living room and can also be viewed from any corner of the house. It was paramount for the owner to see his collection from any angle in his residence.

Following his open space design philosophy, Calma positioned the car display strategically so it can be viewed from the staircase, the private office and even the master's chamber. Rare and limited edition cars from Ferrari, Lexus, Porsche, Lamborghini and



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Red counters, cabinets and appliances are homages to the exterior of a sports car as envisioned by Italian kitchen designer Giugiaro

Mercedes-Benz, all in mint condition, are parked like sculptures chronicling automotive history.

Even the nook and kitchen by Italian designer Giugiaro reflect the penchant for motoring. It follows the contours of a Ferrari and is furnished with red, shiny countertops and cabinets. Calma says, "Each client would have a different house. That's why my houses take longer to make. (The owner) gave us the opportunity to experiment a little bit."

### ROOF DECK, BBOSS AND GOLF

Pin lights are used instead of chandeliers to illuminate the common area. Upholstered couches and low coffee tables emphasize ceiling height. The anterooms are designed to function as entertainment areas. State-of-the-art technology of a JBL sound system are installed to provide crisp quality audio that can be heard from every corner of the home. It can be controlled using a smartphone.

Entertaining is done in the open air on the top floor. "The house doesn't have a garden. That's why I wanted the roof deck," the homeowner explained. He plans on hosting barbecues there for his family and close friends. The space offers the possibility of adding a place to hit a few balls and practice the golf swing. There might be putting greens, grins the homeowner. □



The homeowner collects premium, exotic and limited edition sports cars



The main room reveals the home's split design design

