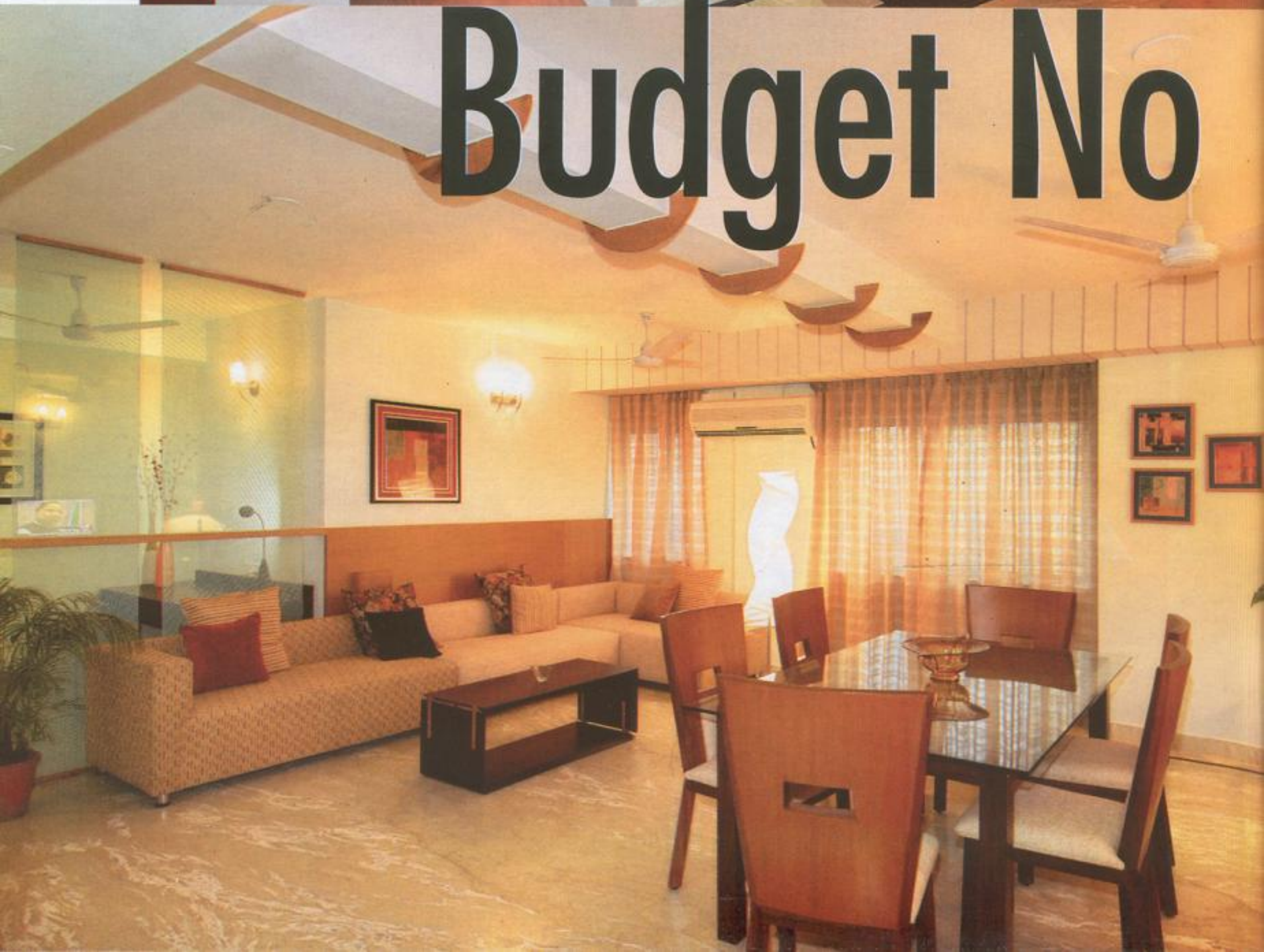


design focus



Budget No





When Devika Banerjee was offered the Telcon Guest House, she knew that the work involved several constraints including a shoestring budget. "But I believe that if you are creative there is always a way out and we at Designers' Guild have a very creative team," says Devika obviously very proud of her team.

Telcon Construction Equipment, a Tata group company, selected a three bedroom apartment in a new building just off the main road in Ballygunge, Kolkata. "In addition to stone flooring, the landlord had equipped the kitchen and toilets to a basic functionality and provided wall mounted general lighting in the absence of a false ceiling," says Devika. "Since, it was a house taken on lease we could not change many things that were already provided." The brief was to furnish and equip the flat to a standard suitable for senior officers visiting the city. Telcon MD was so charmed by Devika's earlier work at the Tata Motors' guest house that she was given a free hand...except, of course, the strict budget!

To start with, the space was divided into three zones. The first one at the entrance is used mainly by the staff and visitors. On one side is the kitchen and on the other a small open living cum dining area. "Since we could not make a false ceiling, we used a small hanging wooden structure to put up the lights. It gives an interesting dimension to the room," Devika explains.

Constraint

Working against a tight budget, Devika Banerjee creates the ideal guest house for Tata Telcon.

