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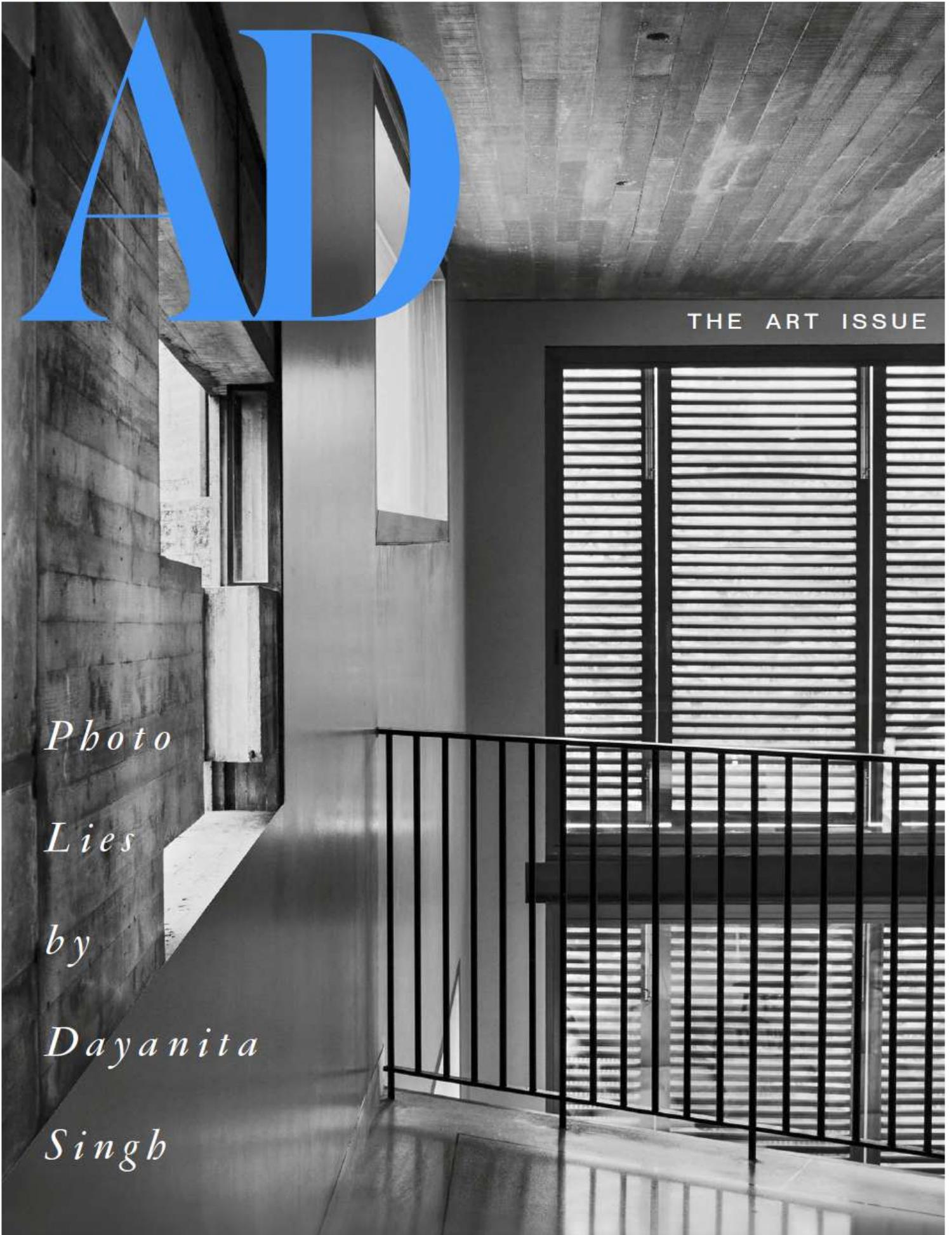
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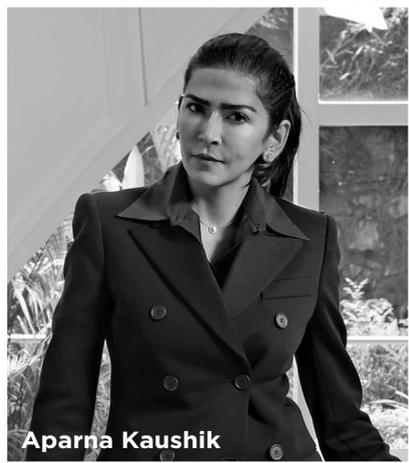
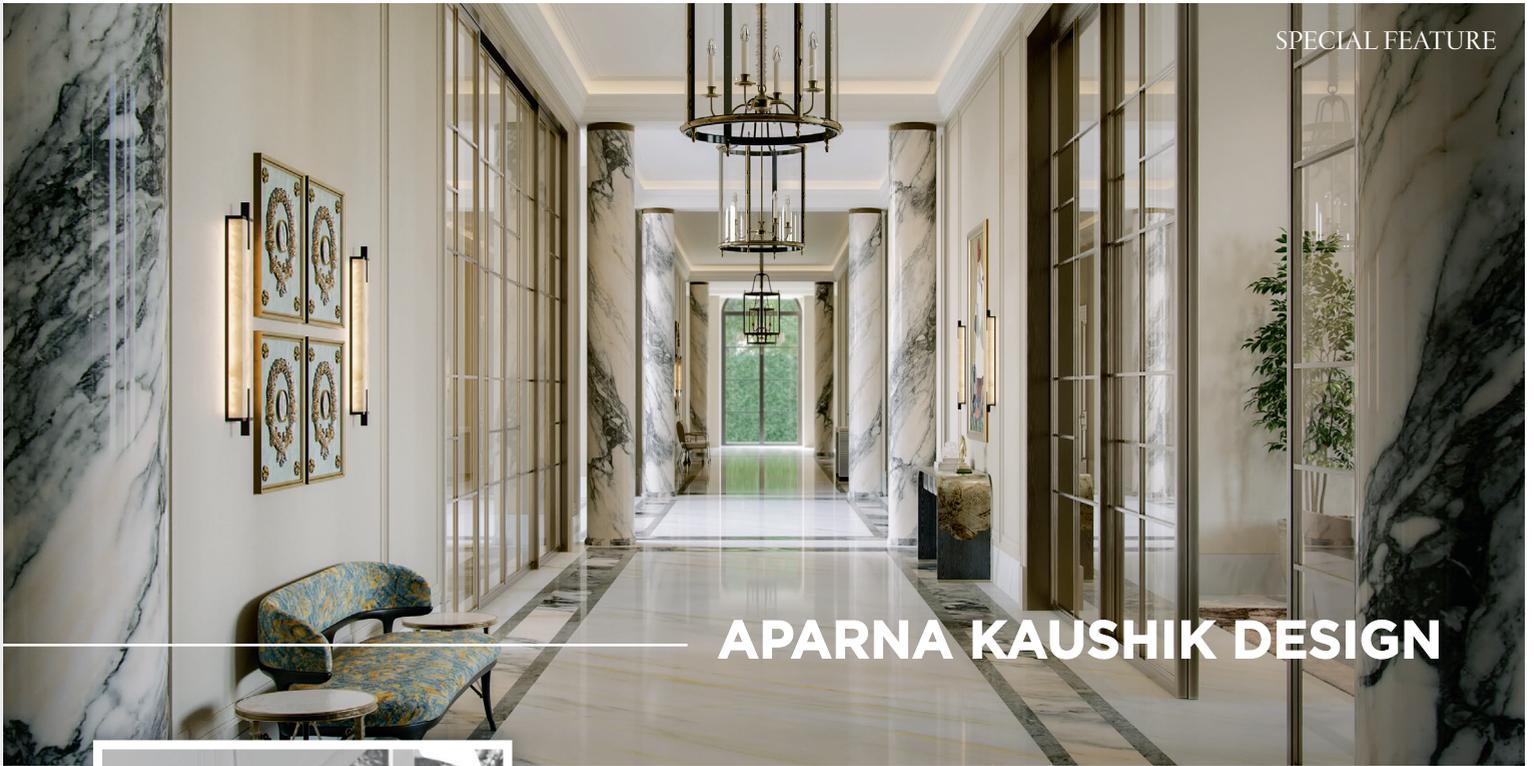
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Aparna Kaushik

A renowned architect specialising in luxury lifestyle spaces, Aparna Kaushik's design philosophy centres on simplicity, functionality, and the natural beauty of materials. Kaushik's deep appreciation for natural materials like marble and wood allows her to create spaces that are both elegant and enduring.

**Could you describe your overarching design philosophy and the types of projects you typically take on?**

Aparna: My design philosophy focuses on clarity of purpose and simplicity. I aim to highlight the natural qualities of a space, enhancing its beauty through thoughtful functionality.

**What are the primary materials you work with in your projects, and how do they contribute to your design goals?**

Aparna: Natural materials, such as marble, wood, stone, and metals, are

central to my design work. Marble brings a timeless elegance to the spaces I create, its resilience makes it an excellent choice for surfaces that need to withstand daily wear while maintaining a luxurious look. Wood adds warmth and texture, balancing the sleekness of stone. By using these materials, I can forge a strong connection between interiors and the natural world.

**When selecting materials like marble and wood for a project, what specific qualities do you prioritise?**

Aparna: I prioritise quality, durability, and how the materials age over time. Marble is a favourite because of its resilience, and I often select 20 mm slabs for their added stability, particularly when crafting fine details or exposed elements. Pre-polished marble is also crucial for ensuring a flawless finish and saving time during installation.

**How do you balance aesthetics and functionality when working with materials like marble and wood?**

Aparna: The key is to find materials that fulfil both aesthetic and practical needs. Marble offers a luxurious aesthetic but can be delicate, so I focus on using the right thickness and finish to ensure it's durable in high-traffic areas. Wood provides a warm counterbalance to the coolness of marble. By thoughtfully combining these materials, I create spaces that are not only visually stunning but also stand up to daily use.

