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and black tiers. A gold-stalked table lamp with a rumpled black shade joins the symphony readily, adding shadows and depth to the artfully executed flatness. Everything in the right place, everything in the right amount.

A bold intentionality defines the decor, an artfully constructed ease that design duo Untitled has aptly responded to the Vermas' brief with. "The Vermas appreciate art," they designers say, so, of course, the house had to reflect this. Within the confines of this Gurgaon bungalow, Untilted has concocted a unique ambience that feels much like living in an art gallery. Perfection is underrated today, and only the boldest are persistent enough to seek such mindfully exquisite living. Look up, and the mirrored ceiling gazes back at you knowingly.

The mirrored ceiling reflects the design philosophy that took over the Verma residence. The culture of reflection, and of selfies, has unfairly been criticised, even dismissed as the narcissistic actions undertaken by the most insecure. And yet, the mirrors in the house open up myriad possibilities of self-discovery and representation.

And how apt that they are placed so persistently inside a house, the most private of spaces, where a person delves into the deepest secrets of their self. The mirrors are scattered all through the house, and in the way each frame adds a different perspective to a nook, a room, a viewer, they counter their own flatness, endowing the house with indefinable depth.

"Given the varied areas in the house, the endeavor to ensure that the spaces flow into each other seamlessly" was, according to the designers, the biggest challenge. The repeated use of mirrors not only ensure that the spaces come together fluidly, but also serve a diversity of functional and aesthetic purposesthey open up spaces, and add a touch of humanity to an otherwise intimidating palette. Accordingly, the master bedroom wall is embedded with wooden framed mirrors, while the mirrors on the staircase ensure a well lit passage up and down the four level residence.

The basement houses a curious collection of spaces- apart from the living room, there is the pantry and a