



## STRANGE BUILDINGS OF THE WORLD

**DANCING HOUSE, CZECH REPUBLIC:** Designed by architect Vlado Miluni, this weirdly crooked building was originally named Fred and Ginger after two famous dancers. The site previously had a house of historic significance that was destroyed during the bombing in Prague.



**NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, CHINA:** Shaped like a semi-spherical hub, the entire dome is covered with titanium-accented glass. Its construction started in 2001 and it took six years to complete. 46.28 meters in height, it



**KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY:** A library designed in the form of a stack of books; what else would a library be designed as? Straight out of Kansas City, it was established in



# TOP 5 INTERIOR DESIGN TRENDS TO CARRY INTO 2016

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**IT HAS BEEN NEARLY A MONTH SINCE WE BID FAREWELL TO 2015. THE LAST YEAR SAW SOME PARADIGM SHIFTING CHANGE IN THE INTERIOR DESIGN CULTURE AT HOME AND ABROAD. HERE WE COMPILED A LIST OF INTERIOR DESIGN TRENDS**

**MINIMALIST DESIGN**  
Why it's still in: This design theme has been highly debated for the last couple of years. And every year we got to see a good amount of apartments and offices prefer this design scheme. There's a good reason for that. Simplicity, serenity and seamlessness - who wouldn't want to decorate their casa centered on these themes. Plus it is a proven fact that minimalist designs are clutter free making offices soothing to work in.

**PENDANT LIGHTS CHANDELIERS**  
Why it's still in: 2015 was the year of statement pendants and chandeliers. So is this year. And probably in the coming years too. The reason is simple: there are many cool pendant and chandeliers in the market. It not only brightens up the place but it also automatically changes the atmosphere.

**SEGMENTED SOFAS**

Why it's still in: Segmented sofas or sectional sofas were one of the trends that picked up this year. According to interior designers, segmented sofas use spaces more efficiently. These sofas can also be moved front and back. So if you have friends and family over for a hangout then these sofas will come in handy.

**FANCY TILES**  
Why it's still in: Tiles on walls are old news. So to spice up the design of a wall or any particularly corner, fancy tiles are the way to go. In Bangladesh, fancy tiles are mostly of two types: rustic and decorative pattern tiles. Interior decorators prefer rustic tiles because they add a character to the room. Decorative tiles are, on the other hand, less expensive and easy to maintain.

**MISMATCHED MATERIALS**  
Why it's still in: Mismatching material (that too deliberately) can be a daunting task. Yet, somehow if done properly it can add an



## PROJECT REVIEW CYMBIDIUM BY ASSURANCE DEVELOPMENTS TYPE: RESIDENTIAL

Right beside Pizza Hut, Gulshan 1, stands Cymbidium, a beautifully designed 14-storied residential plot by Assurance Developments. With 36 apartments in total, two of the primary features that first catch your attention are the indoor playground and a badminton court on the ground floor. A raised garden and a small water body on the opposite side offers a serene entrance for residents and visitors.

Three apartments are placed on each floor, each designated with multiple parking spaces (72 overall) inside two massive underground basements. The entire building follows safety and security guidelines set by Rajuk and has everything from fire alarms to hoses. CCTV cameras all over the place ensure security for the residents. There are two elevators with a capacity of 8-12 persons and a generator that covers the whole building, sits on the ground floor.

The whole first floor is dedicated to a community space, a meeting room, a kitchen and a wide open terrace. There are three types of apartments. Type A (North) is 2340 sqft, Type B (South) is 2425 sqft and Type C (East) is the largest one available with a huge space of 2530 sqft. Each apartment has 3 bedrooms along with 4 bathrooms and 4 balconies. These also include a



servant bed and bath beside a spacious kitchen. Not to mention the family living room designed for you to spend time with your loved ones.

Throughout the apartments, a blend of elegant design aesthetics and materials can be seen. Barmatic doors and aluminium windows paired with beautiful marble tiles make it a near perfect option to consider for your next humble abode.

The rooftop is a work of art with breathtaking views of the Hatirjheel

lake. A small garden on top and concrete benches to sit on add to the wonderful experience of standing 14-stories up high as gusts of wind every now and leave you refreshed.

Natural light and ventilation is hardly the last issue to come up in this plot as wide openings on each staircase and floor alike makes it hard to not feel free within. While Gulshan 1 isn't exactly the quietest place around or one with the lowest traffic, it does have all modern amenities spread around the area.

Dining spots and shopping places are in abundance and various medical centres and hospitals can be found. There are also a number of banks and embassies in the area.

Completion due: Cymbidium is to be completed within June-July of this year and is priced at 18-20,000 Tk per sqft. Keep your eye on this section for more such in-depth reviews of commercial and residential projects.

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