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FAMILY LIFE

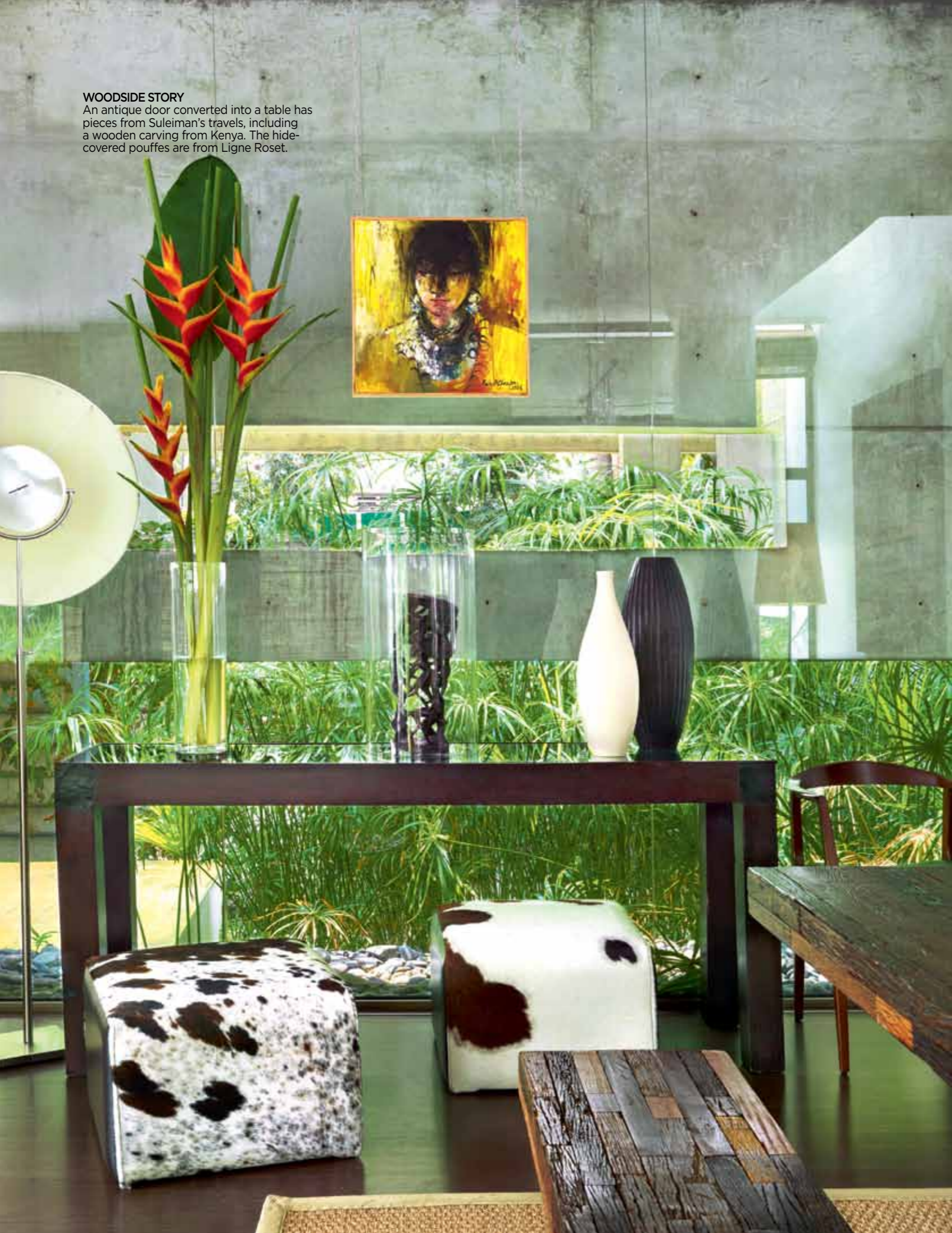
This typical 'tropical modern' home in Bengaluru uses natural views and iconic furniture to create the perfect space for a young family of four

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NATURAL BLEND
The living room features a reclaimed teak dining table, an LC4 chaise longue, an Arco lamp from the US-based chain, Design Within Reach, and a leather day bed from Natuzzi.

WOODSIDE STORY

An antique door converted into a table has pieces from Suleiman's travels, including a wooden carving from Kenya. The hide-covered pouffes are from Ligne Roset.



FINE DINING

Suleiman's dining table is her favourite piece of furniture and perfectly complements the artwork from Dallas.



THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE

A second-floor window seat overlooks the gardens; a cow-hide rug sourced from Texas complements the wood and marble structure; a Bertoia wire chair sits next to the staircase.



TOUCH WOOD

The master bedroom features a wooden West Elm bed and lamps found in a vintage boutique in Dallas; an Eames lounge chair and ottoman sit in the foreground.





(Clockwise from above)
COMFORT ZONE
The family breakfast nook features an Eero Saarinen marble table and Bertoia wire chairs from Design Within Reach. Suleiman and her son Zarek by the pool. The guest bathroom. The master bathroom.



FEELING THE BLUES
The L-shaped outdoor pool is a favourite spot for the Suleimans to gather around.

In interior decorator Huma Suleiman's Bengaluru home, her son's quirky watercolour hangs proudly alongside tribal artwork from Bangladesh and contemporary paintings sourced from her hometown Dallas, Texas. This varied mix of art perfectly indicates Suleiman's eclectic tastes, which also echo in her choice of modern and vintage furniture as well as in the inspired collection of antiques that occupies various nooks of the four-bedroom villa she shares with her husband and two children.

A software engineer by training, Suleiman remembers appreciating pieces of decor even as a child, which eventually led her to abandon her original career choice and adopt interior decoration. Suleiman currently works as a freelance decorator in Bengaluru and has several creative projects under her belt; she's done everything from sourcing unique merchandise for hotels to reworking the interiors of popular stores.

THE WORLDVIEW

The simple modern architecture of Suleiman's home contrasts sharply with the comforting mix of objects and furniture within. The heart of the house is a cozy family room that features a mix of warm colours and modern fixtures, including an Arco lamp from the US-based chain, Design Within Reach, a bright red console table from Ligne Roset and a quintessentially Texan cow-hide rug that brings everything together. She also has an enviable collection of antiques, such as a pair of painted horses from China and the seated Buddha from Bangladesh. "My surroundings are very important," Suleiman says, "And I love having things around that were chosen by me." Of Bangladeshi origin, Suleiman has lived in several different countries as a child and she credits this international exposure for her diverse inspirations.

The family spends most of their time outdoors, by the L-shaped swimming pool or in the cabana Suleiman sourced from Texas. The surrounding garden is home to an accessory that's very close to her heart: a stone cherub—her first decor purchase bought for her husband when they were dating in Dallas. "I was doing up his house and I found this in one of the gardens there, so I am very sentimental about that little cherub!" she says. Another testament to this decorator's very simple design philosophy: live with what you love. ❖