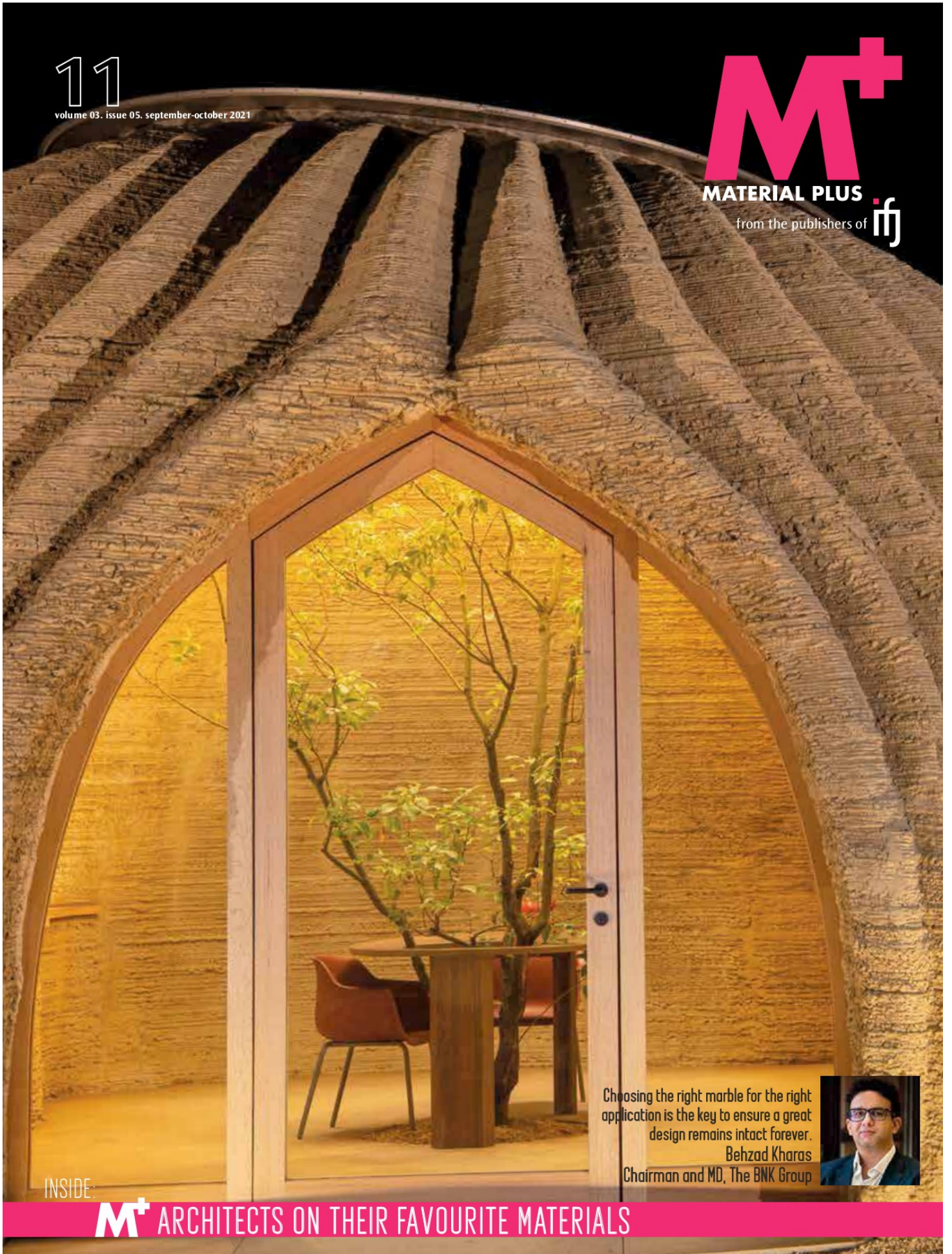


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Choosing the right marble for the right application is the key to ensure a great design remains intact forever.
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WOOD

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Material palettes, these days, have extensive options to choose from; with changing trends, the popularity of materials keeps changing as well. Some seasons last longer than others, but new materials are entering the market every day, thanks to technology. These materials come in different colours and finishes, where some of them are subtle and can be used in larger proportions. In contrast, some are beautiful but can be used in smaller proportions to highlight the decor or the overall theme.

The one material that never goes out of style is wood, which by far, is my favourite because it is timeless. There are a few reasons for this:



- 1) Wood is very versatile in its character and can be used in architectural detailing and interior design detailing in the outdoor spaces as well as the indoors. There is something magical about the warmth that wood adds to a space. Using it in larger proportions seldom looks overpowering, because of its subtlety and capacity to adapt to any design style.
- 2) Besides being versatile, wood is a very durable material. If seasoned and appropriately treated, wood can last for several years. Today, the market is full of high-end finishes and treatments that make it easier to maintain.
- 3) The natural texture of timber has beautiful organic grains, which are unique. The material provides the possibilities of varied tones, all of which add a distinct language and character to the space.
- 4) Wood has excellent flexibility and can be conveniently moulded to any shape. Its versatile, flexible nature allows it to be used for walls, flooring, ceiling, furniture and accessories.





- 5) Wood is also extremely elegant, yet very sturdy; Its material strength allows it to support its own weight, which is rare.
- 6) The material has natural acoustic properties that absorb sound and vibrations. This characteristic makes it an ideal choice for larger rooms and spaces, where one needs to minimise sounds and cut echo.
- 7) Wood is an energy-efficient material as it holds heat and regulates humidity. This is one of the reasons why most vernacular mountain homes are made up of wood.
- 8) Most importantly, it is a renewable material that can be regrown naturally through replanting. The processing of wood has fewer environmental implications as compared to trending materials in the market today.

