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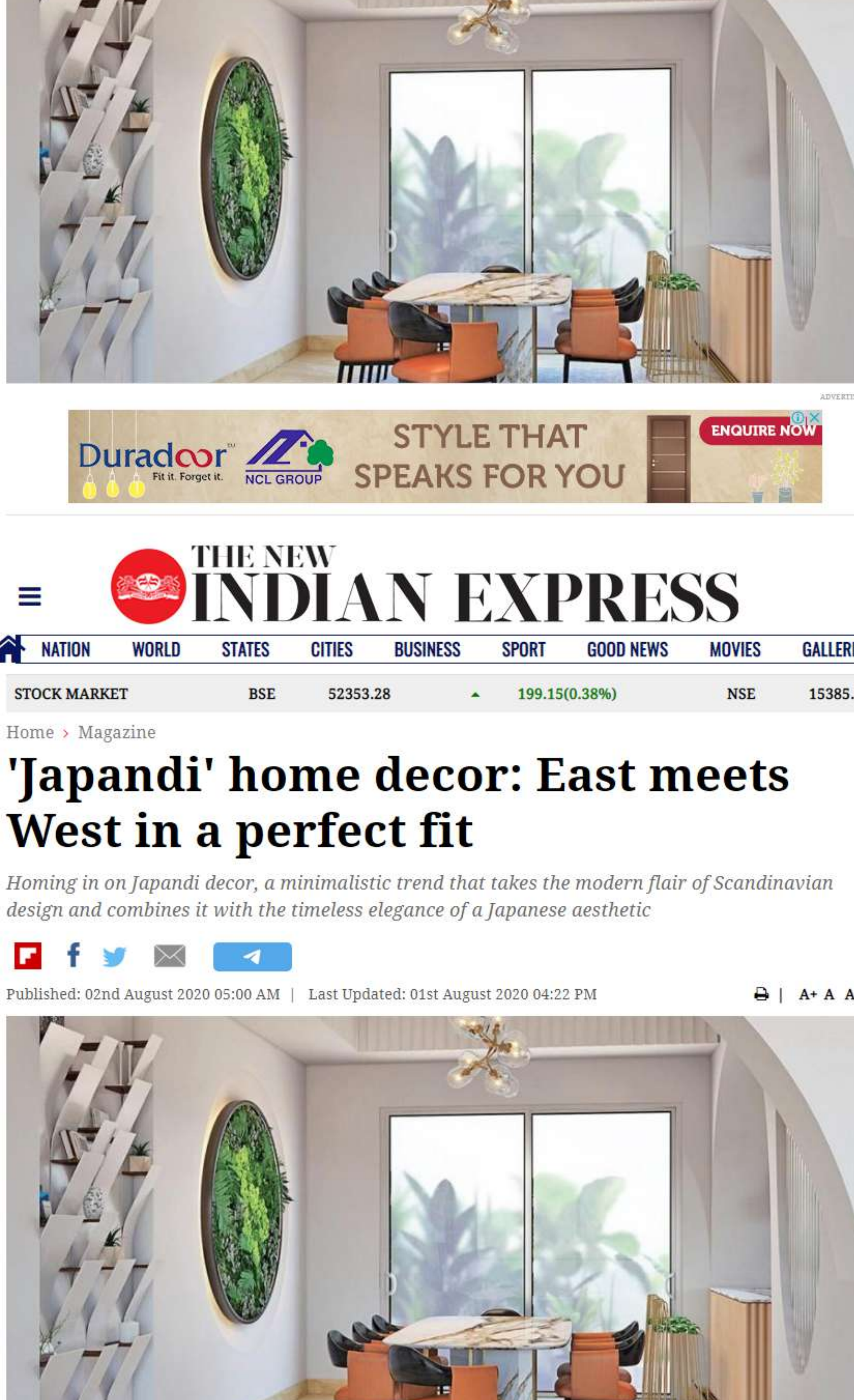
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'Japandi' home decor: East meets West in a perfect fit

Homing in on Japandi decor, a minimalist trend that takes the modern flair of Scandinavian design and combines it with the timeless elegance of a Japanese aesthetic

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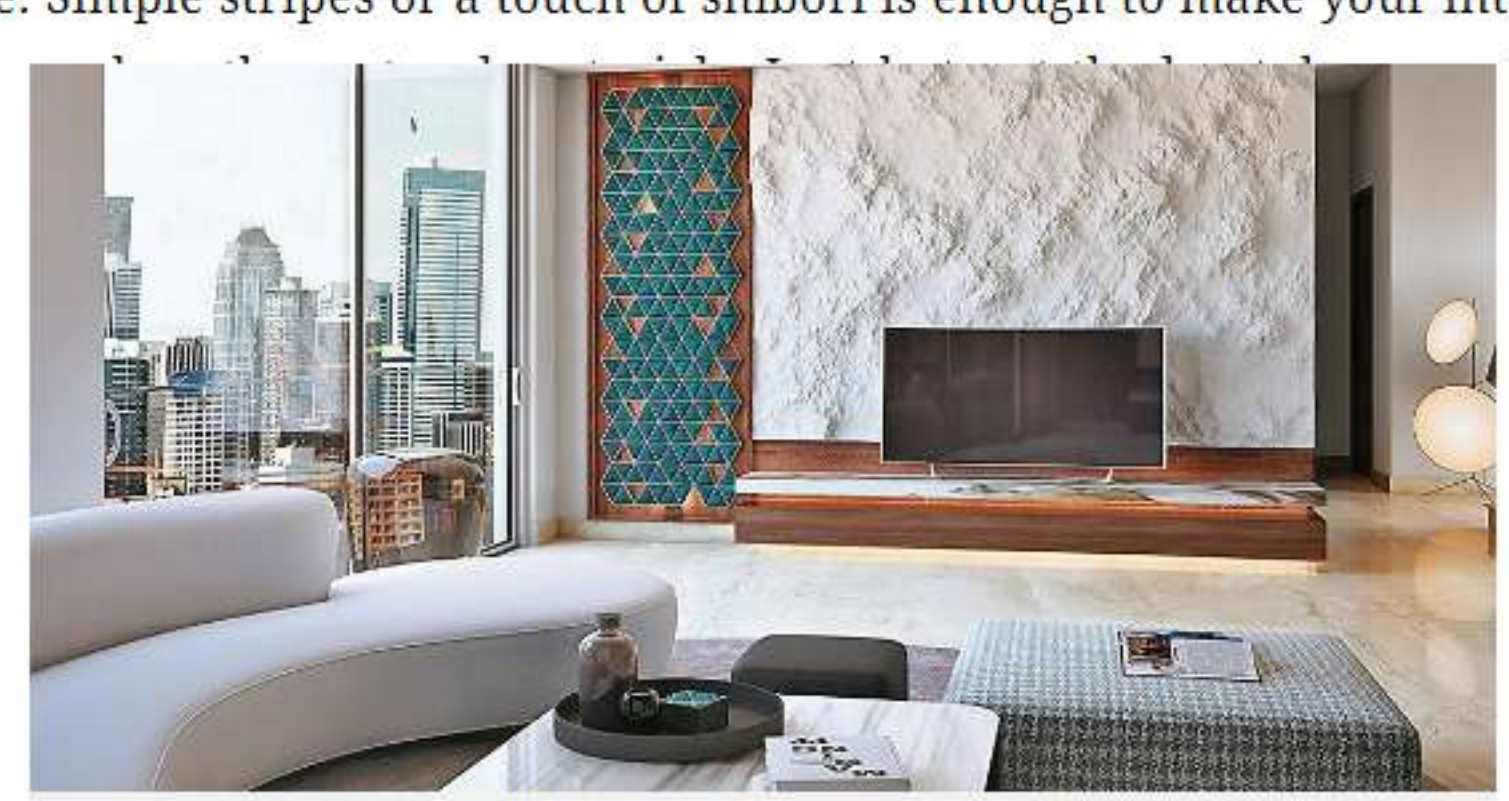


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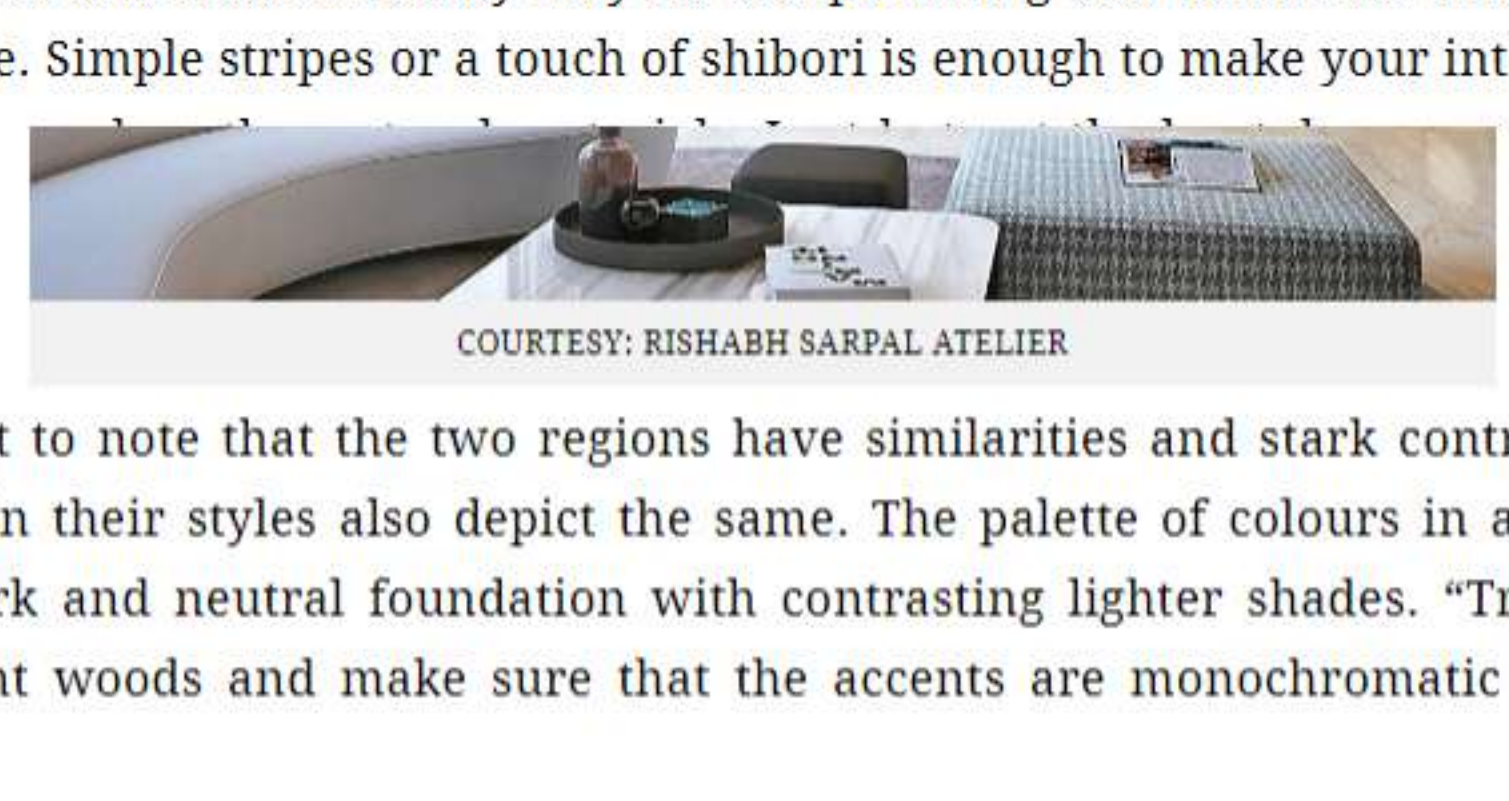


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