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THE experiment stage is over. It's time to live and experience modernism. That's right, all those who surf the Net and TV channels looking for intelligent homes, can cut the chase and look homeward. Companies are now out with umpteen hi-options to give your home a smart edge. From drapes, fitness corners, cooling....everything now depends on just a teeny weeny switch!

Somfy, for starters, has windows, blinds, gates and awnings that work with a remote control based on a sensor technology. "It's perfect for a fast lifestyle," says Benoit Thouvenin, General Manager, Somfy India, as he explains the new innovative solutions, all available on www.somfy.co.in. "We work pan India and anybody can contact us online," he adds.

Move to Dr Himanshu Kumar's and he has on display personal home theaters. "Now there's no need to skip your dinner, scoot to a movie halls or battle your way to the ticket counter. You can just choose from a range of personal home theatres that come customized with perfect acoustic interiors, specialized lighting and comfort seating." Kumar, Managing Director, HKMT Acoustic Designs Pvt Ltd, can be contacted at www.mini-theatres.com.

With custom-made spas and pools flooding the market, Technology Pools, a UK-based company, provides fully customized swimming pool. Introduced in India by Hemant Atris. "From linear replacement, adding or removing a step section, deck, coping or plumbing, we at Technol-

ogy Pools do it all," Atris tells us that one can choose from ultra level infinity swimming pool, mobile pools, hydrotherapy pool, glass wall swimming pool, outdoor swimming pool to stainless steel pool et al. "With environmental control systems you can enjoy the waters any time of the year with just one click on the remote," he adds.

Those who love indulging in their bathrooms like the Kohler ones, drive over to Mohali-based

Jupiter Aqua Lines (JAL). They have innovative foot operated taps. "They are not only an aesthetic delight but also very hygienic," Sudhir Gulati, Managing Director of JAL brand of Bath Fittings and Bath Wares, tells us that the semi-automatic water flow control system puts the convenience of operation at your feet. "A splash free stream of water flows through the faucet as soon as the control lever is gently pressed with the foot. The flow of water stops immediately as the pressure on the lever is released, resulting in saving of precious water," Gulati feels that they are ideal for places where cleanliness is the first casualty. "Besides, this is about three times cheaper than sensor-based taps and much easier to maintain," he says.

As for Moen, they bring in faucets that complement Indian cooking. "One that will help you fill water in a tea pan without even lifting the pan," says Smarty Pal Singh, National Head, Sales and Marketing - Moen India, as he shows us taps with a hose that can be pulled to where the container is placed. "It is also ideal for watering indoor plants," Smarty tells us that the product was designed after about three years of market research. "A study revealed the different patterns of Indian cooking and so we customized our collection for India," Smarty adds that they have about 75 patents to their credit and are supplying to Agarwal Sales Corporation in Sector 28, in Chandigarh. "The options are to make your life simpler. And if you're the intelligent user of these super intelligent gadgets, you can rest easy," says Smarty. That's life for you!



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