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Making a SPLASH

WHAT is cool and fun, promises hours of fun for weekend picnics, lazy summer afternoons and romantic nights and offers a convenient place to exercise and gather with family and friends? Hint: A party by its side at your home states that you have arrived, and with a bang. Yes, yes you are right. It is a swimming pool at home!

Seamlessly blending into your garden or home extension and, combined with effects to create a truly elegant setting, pools are emerging as the favourite hang out places at homes as well as in corporate houses and hotels. They offer a variety of options for shape, size, depth and style and you can choose between above ground or in-ground pools. A major investment in your home, these contribute to the value of your property besides catapulting you into the luxurious league.

Picture this: It was yet another manic Monday at work but you drive home through crawling traffic with a smile on the lips. Your thoughts are with your family by the pool in your backyard, frolicking in the water, waiting for you to join them,

your favourite cool drink almost ready... A relaxing evening later, you are ready for a million Mondays!

Ludhiana-based property dealer Mohan Adhar says that the buyer's emphasis is now on making life comfortable. "My experience tells me that besides a greater spending power, people public now want grander returns for their cash to make life as luxurious as possible. Not very long ago, a big house with facilities was only the choice of a fraction of the population. Now, with easier loans, even high net worth service class individuals want maximum facilities. A swimming pool is just one of them," he says.

Agrees property consultant Anil Sawant. He says swimming pools and other top of the line products cater to a very fixed, niche clientele. So, the creators and spenders want only the best. "Home pools are the rage in several Punjab cities like Ludhiana and Amritsar, Delhi and other big cities. Across the rest of the country, clubs, hotels and even certain guest hous-



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es are setting up swimming pools," he shares.

Hemant Atris, chief designer of

Technology Pools, one of the pioneers in providing fully customised swimming pool design, manufacture and installation service, says, "One of the most difficult aspect of building a pool is selecting the person to build it. It is always advisable to go in for a specialist, who has the right intention to provide the best of products and advice. Apart from selection, designing is another very

important aspect that can either add to the beauty of the surrounding or mar it."

Atris explains that pools are classified into different categories — outdoor and indoor pools, private pools, hydro pools, hotel pools, resort pools, water parks, school pools and society pools. All have a distinct style and the selection depends on the personal choice of the homeowner. "It is always nice to take the help of the designer before finalising any design," he adds.

Besides regular pools, certain companies also offer

Home swimming pools are the newest must-have on the luxury block, finds SANJEEV SINGH BARIANA

state-of-the-art technology to fit spas, sauna and steam rooms. Atris says, "People pay great attention to aesthetics in homes these days. In my 25 years in the field, I have seen the home layout change from the routine three rooms, a drawing room, three bathrooms and a kitchen! One of the common orders these days is a lawn in the front and a fish pond in the rear, a swimming pool in the back verandah accompa-

nied by a steam room, a gymnasium and a home theatre." So, what to do want?



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