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last detail

Two private clubs in Kolkata
designed by Devika Banerjee:
the Residency Lounge
and Club de Ville.



the residency lounge

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The attractive
Residency Lounge,
in Kolkata's buzzing
new City Centre at
Salt Lake, is
designed by Devika
Banerjee
to feel like an
extension of the
residents' own
lifestyles – their
very own space.

The main hall is divided into four seating areas, each with its own identity yet in sync with each other.

A muralled wall enlivens the entrance (below left), while granite-topped wooden sideboards (below) form handy buffet counters for the dining area.



club de ville

Innovative and imaginative – two words that sum up Devika Banerjee's design for the interiors of Club de Ville.

Design in Kolkata has long skulked under the shadow of the 'colonial' style – a designer's interpretation of the British stiff upper lip. However, the times they are a-changing, as Bob Dylan famously sang. A small but vocal group of people is infusing a breath of fresh air into the city's staid framework. Every now and then one sees an example of contemporary design that young people can easily identify with, and that the older generation is open to accept.

From fashion to furniture – Devika Banerjee's career encompasses years of experience in varied forms of design. She has animated the interior spaces of Club de Ville with her very own simple yet avant-garde vocabulary, so that the simple lines outside belie the drama within.

One of a new breed of Kolkata clubs, Club de Ville nestles in the

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The bar, overlooking the pool area. Its false ceiling of pine slats, on a wavy frame, conceals the air-conditioning but does not make the space oppressive.

