

# HOMES & GARDENS

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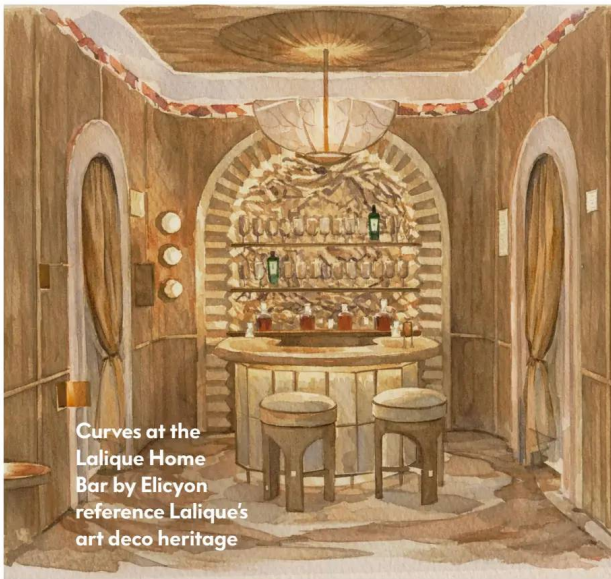
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# Party time

Entertaining at home takes centre stage at this year's WOW!house exhibition – here, we preview schemes for two rooms designed for elegant gatherings



Curves at the Lalique Home Bar by Elicyon reference Lalique's art deco heritage

## Lalique Home Bar by Elicyon

Interior designer studio Elicyon has collaborated with the iconic French crystal house Lalique to create this year's Home Bar. Conceived as a modern box of delights, the 20sq m space celebrates the art of hosting at home. 'This is a room that celebrates the pleasure of unveiling, a journey for the curious,' says Elicyon founder Charu Gandhi. 'Luxury here is about precision, comfort and atmosphere rather than spectacle.'

The concept is expressed through layers: pendant lights and backlit alcoves showcase Lalique's craftsmanship, while hidden compartments deliver playful surprises for guests. The design reflects Elicyon's signature quiet luxury, shaped by architectural forms and a calibrated palette of materials and colours. Lalique crystal is used as an intrinsic element in furniture, wall and bar panels, lighting and sculptural objects. Within a modest footprint, the room functions as a bar, lounge and social retreat. 'Even a small space can feel glamorous,' adds Elicyon associate director Rebecca Larn.

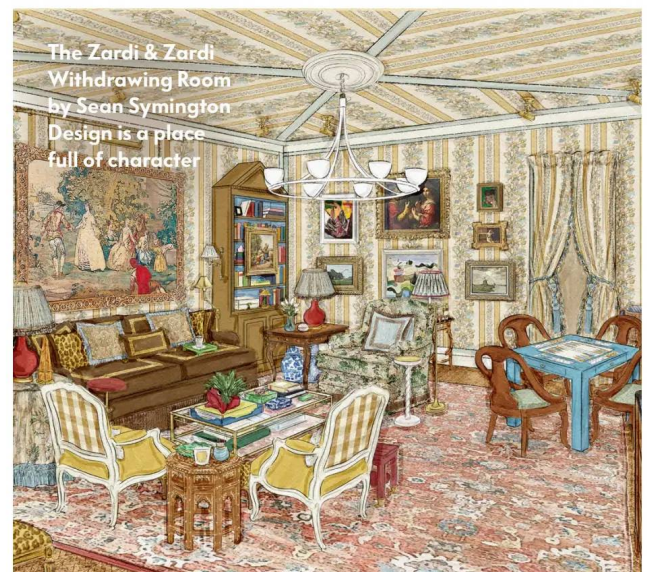
"We wanted the space to feel intimate and indulgent and to present Lalique through a crisp contemporary lens"

## Zardi & Zardi Withdrawing Room by Sean Symington Design

New York's Park Avenue meets an English country manor in this Withdrawing Room designed by Sean Symington Design with textiles company Zardi & Zardi. As a space where guests retire for after-dinner conversation, it's intended for 'long evenings that gently unfold', explains Sean. 'Our client is a modern collector. She doesn't save her best pieces for special occasions; she lives with them.'

The collaboration with Zardi & Zardi represents a natural dovetailing of talents: both firms are rooted in heritage and inspired by traditional design, but with a modern twist. 'Its collections have a richness and depth that we're naturally drawn to,' explains Sean. This scheme is centred around its Primavera print, which sets the tone and colour story.

Alongside this are antiques and new pieces from Lorforde, as well as lighting by Vaughan and Porta Romana. A bespoke games table is a standout piece, bringing a sense of fun while celebrating British craftsmanship. 'It's about the joy of living with lovely things, thoughtfully brought together over time, creating a room that feels personal and storied,' says Sean. 🍷



The Zardi & Zardi Withdrawing Room by Sean Symington Design is a place full of character

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