

## BETGERI HOUSE: IN FRENCH CLASSICAL STYLE

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Conceptualised, planned, executed and completed by **Elysium Abodes**, the 9500sqft. Betgeri House is nestled in a small town in Byadgi, in Haveri district in Karnataka. Elysium Abodes is a building and construction company headed by **Hemil Parikh** and **Isha Parikh**. The company was appointed to restore the dilapidated two bedrooms of an old ancestral family home into a beautiful French classical villa. Hemil Parikh tell us about how the interior elements are incorporated in Betgeri House.

The home was converted into a seven bedroom with ensuite bathrooms, foyer/reception area, dining area, living room with an adjoining ladies room, puja room, dedicated home theatre room, bar with an outdoor deck, library, spa, salon in the span of 13 months. The villa was given a special outdoor section complete with a patio, barbecue, outdoor lounges & recreation area comprising of a pool table & an outdoor jacuzzi to name a few.

**Materials:** A varied mix of materials were used in designing this home to make sure it fits into its own space and doesn't strike out as being too opulent. Italian marble, specially treated stones, tiles, wood and brass were extensively used and the old wooden rafters and carved doors were refurbished keeping the French classical theme in mind. The furniture was designed using metal, fabric and gold leafing work keeping in mind the family's love for all things gold. The external façade of the home has been clad with glassfibre reinforced concrete (GRC) with intricate designs and mouldings which highlight the palatial and royal lifestyle of the Betgeri family.



### French Classical Style

French interior design styles cleverly combine the old with the new, and still inject a healthy dose of the homeowner's personality into the space.

The entryway sets the tone for the rest of the home. "We utilized this transitory spot to showcase a console table with intricate wooden carving with a backdrop of antique finish mirror. We had a console table by the wall embellished in gold, topped with a touch of Italian marble to complete the look," says Jiten Mistry, the Interior Designer.



The floor, ornately tiled with a black & white chessboard flooring creates a dramatic entrance and takes you back in time to the Royal Museums of France.

Two opulent gold gilt chairs upholstered in zebra skin an equestrian life-size statue of a white horse, a mirror-framed painting of the Louis IV chair, an oversized antique clock and an oversized chandelier help create the right French ambience.

### Living Room

Polished white natural stone is used to capture the vastness of the area. To give the room the French interior design style, chesterfield sofas with a touch of gold antique nails and couple of metal coffee tables are used. A gold leafing façade adds to the character of the living room. There has been a graceful use of volume chandeliers, mirrored pillars with brass inlay work, a rose gold mirrored pillar for chess, cushions with golden embroidery, and air chiffon curtains with a silken draped sheer curtain. Art deco items comprising of high quality resin furniture embellished with real leaves, tree trunk and solid wood have been sourced from Austria. The ceiling has been clad with intricately carved wooden panels sourced from an auction house and have been meticulously restored.



### Stairway

A French classical home is incomplete without the mouldings, and the passage showcases this style with the addition of wall art and a Buddha statue depicting peace and solitude.

The stairway to heaven was created keeping in mind the mystical mood set by light on stone and tapering shadows on steps. The architecture of the staircase combines form and function, upper and lower space. The skylight atop the staircase is an important design feature- allowing the light to stream in and for star gazing on a romantic evening.

The intricately designed wrought iron staircase not only creates high drama but also provides allusions of grandeur on your way up. The beauty of the white stone was enhanced with a leather-finished treatment to provide the feel good cushioning to the feet. The Empire chandelier adds to the dramatic ambience. At the end of the staircase is 'The Arch' which sets the mood for recreation and leads you to the dedicated home theatre room.

### Guest Bedroom

The room is designed with a very interesting shade of light green complemented with much darker Italian marble flooring. A strikingly decadent French Bed for the discerning eye, the upholstered bed features white leather with a doublepiped trim and framed in antique gold leafing. The plush velvet ottoman provides a striking colour accent to the room and compliments the rug for the complete look. The white and gold sleek wall lights provide the royal setting to the Royal bed. The room is filled with natural white linen socks with solid gold legs, a marble top coffee tables, and vintage green console near the bed.



### Colour Palette

French interior style depends on the range of colours. These interiors are predominantly executed with pastel colours like beige, white, pale pink, pale blue and light green. Dark shades may show up in furniture finishing: brown, bronze and gray, black & gold. The walls are usually painted with matte or semi-matte paint. Special touches can be added by using wallpapers, textures and vinyl. The walls should be light. Bedroom interior will look perfect in sand shades, with a smooth transition into the golden palette. Linens and decorative pillows should ideally be in harmony with the overall design so the light palette of milk will be ideal in French classic interior design. You can decorate the room with pictures, mirrors, wall sconces, and big vases & artifacts.

