

Looking ahead ~ 2018

Every new year brings with it a bubble of expectations, leading one to speculate on what the year holds. Several sectors depend on the ability to anticipate and judge correctly what the trends for the coming year would be like. Team Statesman sought answers from leading personalities from three vital segments of industry - food, decor and, wellness and beauty - on what the year 2018 holds for the consumers.

What is in store for diners?

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To thrive in the industry, restaurants should be constantly updated with the latest food, dining trends and diner's etiquette. Certainly, that is the key learning from 2017. So, what are the food trends and formats that are likely to influence diners' preferences in 2018?

The year gone by was very much about "zero wastage" and sea vegetables. I see this trend continuing into 2018. Zero wastage, root-to-stalk, is focusing on sustainability and elimination of wastage of food. This has always been important for us and we will continue to pursue it aggressively. While preparing vegetables or meat, every part is used. For example, if we are preparing a lamb's leg we separate all the meat and use the same to prepare pepper lamb. We then use the bone by boiling it to prepare stock. Transforming these discards will test the creativity of a chef, serving up everything, from fragile stems, cleaned up roots of vegetables and edible flowers.

Top home interior trends

Home trends never stand silent and suddenly there is a whisper of decorating trends for New Year. "The kitchen is an essential part of every house where a lot of time is spent and hence, should be designed ergonomically while keeping in mind aesthetics. Kitchen design is constantly evolving in response to consumer trends and preferences," mentions Sukriti Sharma, director of home decor brand Plüsch.

Natural elements, such as warm woods, soft comfortable fabrics, textured tiles that bring dimension and smooth sleek surfaces will be the main focus for 2018's home decor.

Satinder Chawla, managing director, Span Floors, said, "With people being more and more sensitive about the impact of chemicals on health, there has been a move towards natural as well as benign materials, which do not contain harmful chemicals. In terms of colour trends, there is a clear shift towards pastel, lighter tones and greys in the wood flooring segment."

When it comes to themes and trends, saturated colours and rich colourful accents will be one of the latest trends. "For 2018 we expect a great attention towards new finishes and new materials both for the faucets and the furniture elements inside the bathroom. The trend of luxury is to create products that can make the customer's life easier and more comfortable; for this reason products have to be attractive as well as functional, resistant, and easy to maintain. Thus, in 2018, GRAFF will introduce a full programme of new bathtubs and washbasins," disclosed Emanuela Tavolini, director of sales Europe, GRAFF.

You feel great when your house is liked by everyone and when there is positivity all around. So try to mix-match new things in your home interior that will definitely give it a new look and add drama to your interior

