

The Evolution of the Home

Trend Report for Little Diversified Architectural Consulting

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Briefing: Exploring how people will be living and working in their post-pandemic homes, including shifts in the way people guys, decorate and remodel their homes. Takeaway: For one, the wellness industry continues to be impactful on consumers' lives, including how they interact with their homes. With people being increasingly experimental in their approach to their physical and mental wellbeing, firms that are offer unique wellness rituals are becoming more appealing to consumers, particularly when those rituals can be adapted to their everyday lives and routines without inconvenience. Additionally, the ongoing pandemic has changed how parents, caregivers and people who run households manage both day-to-day household tasks, as well as the recreational tasks that make a home fun for its inhabitants. Now, household management has extra layers of security attached to it as people look to stay responsible in a post-COVID world.

Top Insights



Affordable Milestone Traditional milestones are made accessible for the post-pandemic Millennial

Trend - Conventional adult milestones, such as buying a home or having children, are more difficult for the Millennial generation to achieve than ever due to the financial situation post-pandemic. Apps and services that make these milestones more accessible provide consolation and compromise. Insight - Even before the pandemic, the Millennial generation in North America was in a precarious financial situation due to the aftermath of the great recession and debt from post-secondary education. The pandemic exacerbated this while also causing the Millennials to rethink their priorities. As a result, the generation previously delaying adult milestones is now seeking ways to fulfill them on their own terms, more specifically, more affordably and conveniently.



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- 2 How might these insights make you think about the consumer differently?

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For more info on Trend Hunter's methodology, check out the Appendix section.





Consumer Insights

Overlooked Opportunities & Examples

Trend Hunter's Insights highlight the what and why of major industry shifts. They are split into two sections: the trend section, which identifies a new opportunity in a given industry, and the insight section, which explores the specific target consumer's motivations, attitudes, beliefs and ultimately tension behind that opportunity. They are built on a foundation of Trend Hunter's crowdsourced trend examples, clustered together by underlying patterns.

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Cork Construction



Cork is increasingly used as an eco-friendly construction material

Trend - Cork is an increasingly popular material as its known for being renewable and biodegradable. Thus, the durable material is now being used in construction projects that are aiming to be sustainable.

Insight - Consumers are increasingly expecting that brands and institutions prioritize sustainability as the impending consequences of climate change make themselves known. These expectations go past brand values, with consumers expecting everything from production to brands' charitable initiatives going towards reducing environmental harm.



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Rollable Home



Furniture & tech are adapted to offer a higher degree of convenience & compactness

Trend - Brands are optimizing smart home products to better serve the needs of consumers who live in smaller spaces or those who frequently change abodes. The designs of these objects allow for ease of storage and use thanks to compactness and minimalism.

Insight - Many consumers who live in urban environments—especially Millenials and Gen Z—are conscious of space as they often find themselves occupying small apartments and/or shared living situations. As a result, individuals are prioritizing compactness and convenience when making decisions about interior design and technology for the home. Functional features such as these enable consumers to be more comfortable and even productive in a clutter-free space.



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Scanned Convenience



Scanning devices are improving consumer lifestyles by taking out the guesswork

Trend - Tech brands are launching scanning devices for the home, allowing consumers to complete chores in an efficient and informed manner. Deployed either as hand-held devices or as a built-in feature in appliances, these products deliver assistance and support to those using them.

Insight - Contemporary consumers in urban environments are faced with a technologically enhanced, fast-paced environment that demands the efficient and simultaneous balance of work and personal life. In this space, many are looking to lessen the workload in order to have more time for rest and relaxation. As a result, individuals are prioritizing convenience and efficiency when making purchasing decisions.





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