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# SALT INDIAN RESTAURANT, BAR & GRILL



Salt Indian Restaurant seeks to combine subtle Indian vibes, which are both deep rooted and progressive, with an urban ambience

Client: BLUE PLANETS FOOD PVT. LTD.

Location: Bengaluru, Karnataka, India

Built up Area: 320 sq mtr

## OVERVIEW

Salt Indian Restaurant is an attempt to combine the rustic charms of a Dhaba with the elegance of a bistro, both in terms of food and ambience. Located on the 3rd floor of the VR Mall, Bengaluru, Salt is known for serving Indian cuisine with a modern twist—a feature reflected in its interior design.

A simple, clean layout allows for easy circulation patterns combined with a variety of seating options. A Mezzanine is incorporated in the design for larger groups, corporate parties and private dining. An outdoor deck seating transforms once the lights come on; during the night the glass facade becomes transparent and unites the outdoor deck with the inside. Raised platform in front of the bar is elegant and uncluttered while the banquette is nestled inside a white portal lending a fresh and vibrant feel to the space.

The interiors are busy with unique artifacts and wall art adorning the space; on one of the brick walls, writing pads double up as frames for quotes. A blackboard, with neatly stenciled 'specials', makes for an interesting addition.

A colour palette of ochre and white reflects India's colourful and vibrant culture, enhancing the theme of the restaurant and helping it stand apart from other such spaces.



Design Firm : Choreography of Spaces  
Location : Bengaluru, Karnataka, India  
Website : [www.cosarchitects.com](http://www.cosarchitects.com)  
Designer Incharge : Divya Gangadharan and Gaurav Sareen  
Design Team : Divya Gangadharan, Gaurav Sareen & Suresh Gobi

Photography Courtesy : Aditya Puri



The banquette seating is complemented with chalk board frames with typography graphics lit using direct, focused lighting



Indian motif tiles have been used to highlight the bar and deck areas of the restaurant; intuitive lighting is used to bring various elements of the interiors to focus. Empty picture frames are featured on the brick wall at the staircase mid-landing - one of the design details



The main signage is backlit and is designed over fire brick façade





The bar and the main façade use ochre as a representation of Indian culture; the rest of the walls are kept muted using whites and earthy fire-bricks

The mezzanine is approached via a metal staircase



The mezzanine is used for private dining and corporate parties; it follows the general theme of the restaurant



Light pours in from the deck during the day while a warm and intimate environment is created once the lights come on in the evening



Simple furniture with subtle carvings done for table bases and white distressed finish allow for an ethnic look

Two seater tables find their place in the outdoor deck area, providing a view of the outdoors



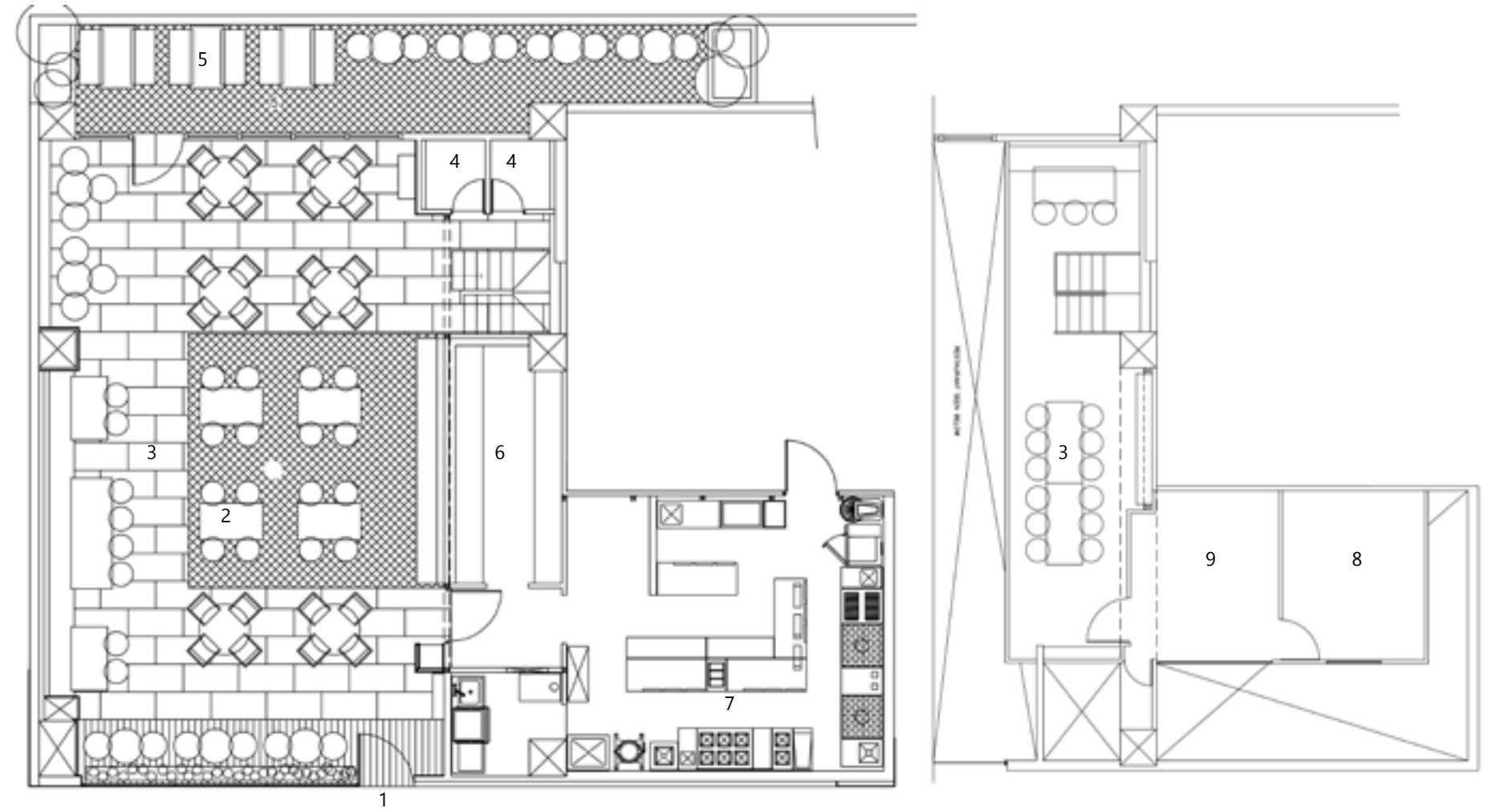
Internal and external ochre facades stand out in the mall

## MATERIALS

- FLOORING: Vitrified tiles
- WALL CLADDING: Fire bricks
- LIGHT FIXTURES: Filament bulbs
- FURNITURE & DECOR: Distressed wood finish

## LEGENDS

- 1. ENTRANCE
- 2. RAISED DECK
- 3. SEATING
- 4. TOILET
- 5. OUTDOOR SEATING
- 6. BAR
- 7. KITCHEN
- 8. OFFICE AREA
- 9. STAFF DINING AREA



FLOOR PLAN

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## Planet 3 Studios Architecture Pvt. Ltd

KALHAN MATTOO & SANTHA GOUR MATTOO

Helmed by the talented duo of Kalhan Mattoo and Santha Gour Mattoo, Planet 3 Studios is a multidisciplinary practice with a varied portfolio including high rise buildings, schools, corporate offices, resorts and hotels. Laying more emphasis on innovation and practicality than ideology, the firm believes in studying the client brief thoroughly to design projects that are flexible, sustainable, contextual and experimental.

Complimenting the design process with research and studies, each project is given a different identity. Going by the principle of 'Re-thinking' set norms and challenging conventionalities, the firm is conscious of the ever changing global concepts and incorporating them in their designs. Working within the allotted time frame and specified budget, Planet 3 Studios attracts talent from around the world to work on various assignments.



## Arch.lab

HARSIMRAN SINGH & MOHIT VJ

Borrowing its name from the concept of a 'laboratory of design', the young and dynamic team at Arch.lab approaches each project with an experimental and investigative attitude. Challenging existing norms and perceptions, the studio likes to reconstruct the age old notions of what architecture and designing should be. Their thoughts are projected onto each project they undertake, translating into a minimal and simple solution.

With the aim to create innovative, sustainable space using research and modern design tools, Arch.lab identifies modern day challenges and modulates their design language to create solutions in sync with the site and climate conditions, financial and market forces, local conditions, traditions and technologies. Each of their designs has a distinctive character, acquired by a deliberate shift in perspective.



## RPDS

RUSHABH PAREKH

Under the leadership of Rushabh Parekh, educator and principal architect, RPDS has successfully carved a niche for itself in the architecture and design community of the nation. Dedicated to finding solutions by focusing on contemporary ideas of form, materiality, and technology, the firm is dedicated to built commissions and experimental research. The studio, with its reputation for innovation, has attracted a particular clientele that

demands variety, customization, and unique design solutions. Mr. Parekh, Bachelors of Science in Architecture from The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture, has worked with architects and designers of international repute including Gage-Clemenceau Architects in New York and German architect Aurel von Richthofen, bringing a different perspective to the Studio.

## Design Equilibrium

DHRUV SARVESHWAR LAL & SHEETAL SHARMA



Founded in the year 2002, Design Equilibrium consists of a young team of dedicated and dynamic architects who have already worked on quite a few residential, commercial and hospitality projects, apart from being a part of prestigious projects such as the Indian Parliament furniture design and the Afghanistan

Parliament Furniture design. Their belief that "Architecture is the experience which turns surreal in its stable states and wherein equally significant as the end is the journey taken to reach there," the firm chose to be called 'Design Equilibrium' as a reflection on the idea of 'stability' in design, as in everything. Principal architects Dhruv Sarveshwar Lal and Sheetal Sharma both share the belief that judicious mix of art and technology is necessary to architecture.



## Formwerkz Design Team

DIVYANG MEVADA

Established in the year 2013, Formwerkz Design Team is an emerging design firm handling project in various domains such as interior design, product design, architecture consultancy et cetera. Helmed by Divyang Mevada, Formwerkz treats each project as an opportunity to explore new avenues and set new standards in design, presenting a solution unique to the project. Claiming their design methodology to be highly intuitive and innovative, the team

at Formwerkz is committed to the ideals of architecture and design, placing special emphasis on detail, creativity and experimentation. Each of their projects aims to enrich the user's experience of space, light, materials and craftsmanship. Having won numerous awards, they believe in revitalizing the existing, wherever possible, and the use of sustainable methods and materials.



## Chromed Design Studio

KANIKA SURI & ABHIGYAN NEOGI

Committed to architectural integrity and accomplished in a broad scope of design styles, Chromed Design Studio is celebrated for its fresh interpretations of living and working environments that address client vision, current trends and functionality. Founded in 2010 by Principal Designer Abhigyan Neogi, Chromed Design Studio offers a comprehensive range of interior design services and a broad collection of in house custom-designed furniture and lighting products. The blend of wanting to be a sculptor, the craze of a traveller and the thrust of an artist pushed Abhigyan towards his calling – architecture. Ar. Kanika Suri - Partner and the Business Head for

the firm bring in the blend of Art and Fashion – her trends and design philosophy trickles down to luxury thinking. The firm has won numerous national & international awards including Estrade Awards Singapore for Best Office Interiors, Saint Gobain Economic Times Award for Best Hospitality Project & FOAID Architecture Ideas 2.0 Award for Retail Interiors. The firm has recently completed projects namely Prankster in Sector 29 Gurgaon, Capsule in HauzKhas Village, Social in Cyber Hub Gurgaon, a luxury café-bar B.E.D in New Delhi and an international residential project in the heart of UK.



## Siddha Sardesai Architects

SIDDHA SARDESSAI

Having received numerous awards for excellence in design and architecture, including being nominated for National award, Siddha Sardesai Architects have established themselves as a young and exciting architectural and interior design studio. Based in Panaji, Goa, Siddha Sardesai Architects believe in the pursuit of excellence in design and professional services. They believe in taking on each project without preconceptions and working

with the client to better understand the requirements and challenges posed by the project. They have worked on various different types of projects including residential properties, corporate office facilities, educational and entertainment facilities and hospitality facilities. The firm has also had their works featured in Society Interiors, Inside Outside and Viva Goa, amongst other publications.



## Sanjay Puri Architects

SANJAY PURI

The work of Sanjay Puri through his eponymous Mumbai-based design practice has been widely acclaimed, recognized, published and awarded. With a firm strength of 72 people, the practice has its works widely published in national and international magazine. Globally it is the only architectural firm to win 4 Plan Awards in Venice and 4 Cityscape Awards in Dubai in 2016. The firm has also won 8 World Architecture Festival Awards, 5 Chicago Athenaeum

Museum of Architecture and Design Awards, 5 Architizer Awards New York, 14 Mipim Architectural Review Awards and 3 Hospitality Design New York Awards amongst other 101 International Awards. A truly international firm, Sanjay Puri Architects has ongoing projects in Dallas, Montenegro, Mauritius and many Indian cities.



## Dipen Gada & Associates

DIPEN GADA

Dipen Gada and Associates, popularly known as DGA, began as a modest interior design firm in the year 1993. Based in Vadodara, Gujarat, DGA has since evolved into an award winning civil and architectural practice on the strength of its innovation, minimalistic and timeless designs.

Under the leadership of Dipen Gada, who holds a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from M.S University, Vadodara, Gujarat, DGA

has brought together a team of qualified and driven professionals comprising of Architects, Interior Designers and Engineers who create a versatile body of work ranging from architecture, interior, landscape and product design. Working together closely with the clients, the firm aims for a smooth planning and execution of each project they undertake.



## Collaborative Architecture

LALITA THARANI & MUJIB AHMED

Collaborative Architecture is an award- winning firm based in Mumbai and with a presence in Kerela and Beijing. Headed by Lalita Tharani and Mujib Ahmed, their completed projects include high-end residential, hospitality, retail, offices, corporate environments, institutional and temporary architecture. Collaborative studios are laboratories where experimental ideas are innovated and developed for implementation on life-size projects. In fact every project is an exploration that reaches beyond the functional

brief, creating a symbiosis of people, places, culture, climate, economy through a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach.

The firm offers services at par with the best international practices and follows design and delivery protocols rated as best practice norm internationally. The firm has won 38 awards, including 14 international awards. Recently, the firm was among 10 global firms invited to design Russian Atomic Energy Major, ROSATOMS work environment.



## Studio Osmosis

SHILPA JAIN BALVALLY & SAMEER BALVALLY

From big entrepreneur homes to challenging offices; healthcare & retail architecture to hippest of restaurants and bars, Studio Osmosis in its seven year journey has transformed spaces pan-India with a knack for providing that X factor that makes them stand apart from the rest. Founded by Sameer Balvally and Shilpa Jain Balvally with an aim to transform quality of lifestyle through the spaces they design, be it interior or architecture, the award-winning firm beautifully balances their youthful enthusiasm with experience

gathered by working with clients all over the world. The Studio's foundation is based on the genesis of the 'Osmosis' phenomenon by absorbing the individual needs of the client, working cohesively on the design and collaboratively arriving at a solution which is not only creative but also tangible and sustainable. With numerous awards including the 'Young Achievers' Award, IGen Top 50 Architects and Top 100 Commercial Architects Awards to their credit, the firm and its founders have also been featured in several Indian and international publications.



## Studio Ardete

BADRINATH KALERU & PRERNA KALERU

Believing that every problem has the capacity to inspire unique and creative solutions that motivate growth, the young duo of Badrinath Kaleru and Perna Aggarwal, founded Studio Ardete. Located in Chandigarh, India, the team at Studio Ardete aims to make each project they undertake, a study in logical and comprehensive designing. Their vision is to design spaces that would evolve into art, enriching the lives of people inhabiting them.

Working on projects ranging from architecture to interiors, the firm is motivated to transform what is regular and conventional and flirt with the boundaries of art in architecture.

They have been published in various national and international magazines and online portals, besides being the finalists for the WAF, 2015 and Runners-Up for AR Design Awards.



## Khosla Associates

SANDEEP KHOSLA & AMARESH ANAND

Khosla Associates, an award winning architecture and interior design firm based in Bangaluru was founded by Principal architect Sandeep Khosla in 1995. Khosla Associates stands out for its contemporary design sensibility and distinctive reinterpretation of tropical, residential architecture that uses local materials and concepts.

Currently co-headed by Amaresh Anand, the firm boasts a diverse

body of award winning and widely published work, encompassing architecture and interiors of residences, corporate offices and retail and hospitality spaces. Wallpaper magazine, UK, listed Khosla Associates as one of India's 10 most innovative architectural practices in 2011. Architectural Digest named Khosla Associates as one of the 50 most influential names in Indian architecture and design for two consecutive years, 2014 and 2015.



## Brickwood 419 Design

SIDHARTH BHATIA AND KANIKA KAUSHAL

Established in the year 2013 in Delhi by the dynamic duo of Sidharth Bhatia and Kanika Kaushal, Brickwood419 is a team of young professionals with interdisciplinary expertise in fields of architecture and design. Embracing the notion of 'internal development and external engagement', the studio aims to lend an experimental quality to the projects they undertake, highlighting their commitment to evolve and innovate.

Sidharth is a licensed Interior architect, leading a private practice both as the creative and business head of the firm. He strongly believes in the philosophy that the design of a space is created by structural

boundaries and the human interaction within those boundaries. Kanika is an architectural designer and an urban researcher. She received her Master of Architecture degree from University of Waterloo. She believes teaching and practicing together opens up a greater conversation about different design approaches and their meaning. As a result, she has tried to maintain a balance between urban-cultural research, private practice and teaching. With their designs focused on energy and cost conservation, they rely on better systems of design, technology and improved space planning strategies.

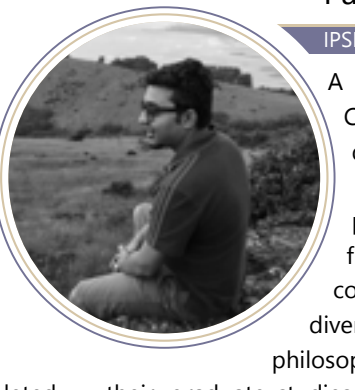


## The Orange Lane

SHABNAM GUPTA

Having worked on various projects across the country varying from residences, farm houses, corporate offices, bars and restaurants, they have won national and global recognition, including the International Property Award in the Residence and Hospitality categories awarded in 2014, 2015 and 2016. They have been listed as one of the top 10 designers to watch out for by Forbes India, 2010 and Elle Club, 2012 and have been felicitated as one of India's

top 50 Interior Designers by Architects and Interiors i-Gen. Under the guidance of the principal architect, Shabnam Gupta, the firm was invited to showcase their eclectic interior products at the Salone, 2015, a part of the Milan Design Week. They are on a path of creating fresh design stories for clients around the globe.



## Patch Design Studio

IPSIT PATEL AND RIKA CHAUDHRY

A brainchild of Ipsit Patel and Rika Chaudhry, Patch is a multidisciplinary design studio located in Mumbai. Having worked together on several projects including documentary films and architecture and design competitions, they aim to bring diverse experiences with a mutual philosophy of design to the table. They both

completed their graduate studies from the Faculty of Architecture,

CEPT, Ahmadabad. Ipsit Patel has worked with many design firms and architects including Gerard da Cunha in Goa, Busride Design Studio in Mumbai and Ireko Design in Mauritius. Rika Chaudhry completed Masters in Advanced Architectural Design from Columbia University, New York. She has worked with Architect Hafeez Contractor, Architect Anupam De and \_Opolis Architects in Mumbai. She believes that academia is an important aspect of practical design solutions.





## Gaurav Kharkar & Associates

GAURAV KHARKAR & VIDHITA PAREKH KHARKAR

Established in the year 2008, by Gaurav Kharkar, the principal architect and Vidhita Parekh Kharkar, the principal designer, Gaurav Kharkar & Associates believes that client satisfaction is one of the most important aspects of design. Having worked on a number of architectural and interior projects, including Residential, Commercial, Retail Spaces, I.T. Parks in major cities across the national, they have expanded their scope to international

arena as well, with projects in Dubai and Kenya. The firm is passionate about contemporary aesthetics, functionality and sensuality in using quality materials. They believe in versatility in design as opposed to signature styles. Their keen eye for detail, coupled with their motivation to design sustainable projects, make them one of the most sought after firms.



## Sumesh Menon Associates

SUMESH MENON

Founded by Sumesh Menon in the year 2005, the firm, Sumesh Menon Associates believes "Good Design is Obvious, Great Design is Transparent". An interior design firm specializing in high end and bespoke residential, corporate and hospitality interiors, they provides their clients with elite level of turn-key service, ensuring a dynamic and efficient design execution.

They have designed homes in South Africa and villas in Dubai; they have also worked on a number of restaurants including high-end dining

spaces across the country and around the world, from Mumbai, Delhi and Pune to New York. Each of the designs by the studio are individually conceived and meticulously crafted; they can be interpreted in a variety of ways, embracing both the traditional and the contemporary. Having been published in several magazines and online portals, he has also received accolades as one of India's Top 10 Hospitality Designers, listed in India's Hot 100 list of Designers and felicitated as one of the "Top 50 Designers" by iGen Awards.



## Studio K-7

KETAN JAWDEKAR

Established in the year 1995, as Ketan Jawdekar and Associates, under the leadership of principal architect Ketan Jawdekar, the studio was reinvented as a private limited company in the year 2004 and took on the name of Studio K-7 Designs Private Limited. Believing that, "Architecture created is comparable to an emergent poetry arising from the fine application of patterns, generative principals and refraction", Ketan Jawdekar utilizes viable resources to

ensure client satisfaction. With over 20 years of experience, in the field of architecture and interior design, Jawdekar has directed the dynamic team at Studio K-7 Designs to work on the guided principle—"from pin to piano", providing holistic design solutions. The studio has won numerous awards and boasts of publication in prestigious magazines and articles.



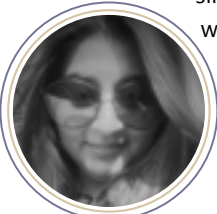
## Studio 5 India

DINESH GADA, SACHIN KHATPE, SNEHA DAITEY & TARUNA DALWANAY PANCHAL

With professional work experience in the field of interior design since 2000, Studio 5 is credited with repeat clients and innovative work. The studio is assembled in varied sized teams to respond to the demands of a wide range of projects.

The studio seeks to remain agile, open-minded and flexible, striving to create work that reflects their clients' taste and fulfils their requirements. Work that is both functional as

well as aesthetically appealing, that makes optimum use of space and material. They describe their work as 'a growing study- each former experience building upon the latter'.



## NA Architects

NALLARI NIROOP KUMAR REDDY & NALLARI RUPANA REDDY

With the vision, 'to succeed in business through professionalism, collaborative spirit, emphasis on client service and passion for excellence in design', NA Architects was established in the year 2001 by Nirop Reddy. A multi-disciplinary consultancy practice, NA Architects offers services in the fields of architecture, building structures, building services and interior design. They have offices in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Myanmar and Dubai.

With nearly 15 years of experience, the firm believes that each project is unique and presents individual challenges and opportunities and that one can only do justice to it by recognizing the singularity of it and develop solutions that are both, client and context sensitive. NA Architects realize that true creativity lies in taking risks and balancing form with function.



## Studio Lotus

AMBRISH ARORA, ANKUR CHOKSI & SIDHARTHA TALWAR

Studio Lotus was established in the year 2002 by Ambrish Arora, Ankur Choksi and Sidhartha Talwar. A multi-disciplinary design practice, the studio believes in delivering enriching design solutions through a value-driven process. Utilizing the expertise of a team of 60 members, Studio Lotus works its strengths over a number of domains including interiors, architecture and master planning amongst others.

The studio works on the principles of 'Conscious Design'—an approach that celebrates local resources, cultural influences, a keen attention to detail and an inclusive process. With an attempt to create sustainable solutions for all projects, they take into consideration the local context, while employing innovative methods. Studio Lotus has won numerous awards in India and abroad and has been widely published.



## The Busride Design Studio

AYAZ BASRAI

Helmed by Ayaz Basrai, The Busride Design Studio is an independent design firm comprising of a team of architects, interior and industrial designers. Launched by Ayaz along with his brother Zameer, it provides solutions from micro to macro level; the studio believes in providing flexibility and variety to the projects they undertake. Specializing in a variety of built environments, they have already designed projects ranging from hospitality and

entertainment venues to film and production environments, from exhibitions and temporary installation to institutional and architectural environments. They have also worked in the area of street art, graffiti, illustration and heritage conservation. Known for their eccentric design solutions, they nevertheless deem practicality and attention to detail an essential component in contemporary design.



## Sanctuary Architects & Designers

ANSHUL CHODHA

Established in the year 2003, in Bangaluru, Sanctuary Architects and Designers is the brainchild of Anshul Choda. The firm offers professional services in the field of architecture and spatial design and has worked on a diverse array of projects ranging from restaurants, bars, café's, spas, salons and offices, to very intimate as well as lavish homes.

The firm borrows from Japanese Wabi Sabi's aesthetic of voluntary

poverty, and the spirituality of Zen philosophy, besides Minimalism. Showcasing sensitivity to climate and location, the firm believes in delving in an approach that is sustainable, yet aesthetic. They achieve this by exploring new sustainable materials, reusing and recycling materials used in projects, using passive solar methods and changing fixed mindsets on design, materials, construction, technologies and lifestyles.



### Choreography of Spaces

DIVYA & GAURAV

Divya Gangadharan and Gaurav Sareen established 'Choreography of Spaces' in the year 2006 with a clear set of goals and ideologies. Choreography of Space is a young architectural and interior design firm comprising of highly motivated and creative group of architects and designers whose aim is to look beyond the obvious while exploring new materials and forms. Over the years, the firm has stuck to its core principles and successfully delivered projects of

varying scales and types. The founders believe that the term 'choreography' is more than just a term representing composition. It is an implication of a person, her inhabitation and experience of space. Their designs strive to create balance between solidity and transparency, minimalism and complexity.

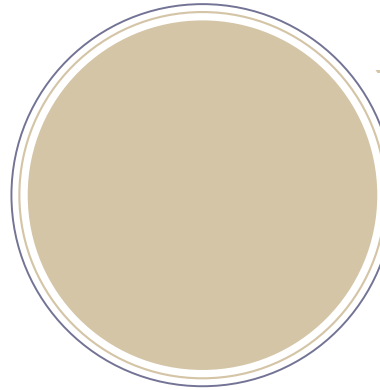


### Livin' Colors Design

AMITH CHHABRA

Helmed by self taught designer, Amith Chhabra, Livin' Colors Design, or LCD is an interior design firm driven to create one-of-a-kind spaces that captivate and enthrall the visitors and the occupants. Working in a collaborative and open environment, the team at Livin' Colors Design believes that listening and providing personal attention to the client's requirements is the key to successful design. This approach had helped them form everlasting bonds with their clients over the years.

Since 2002, LCD has designed an impressive array of projects ranging from restaurants to retail spaces, and residential to commercial projects. Believing that each space should have a soul, Livin' Colors Design is constantly evolving and is known for their unique, fresh and timeless aesthetics.



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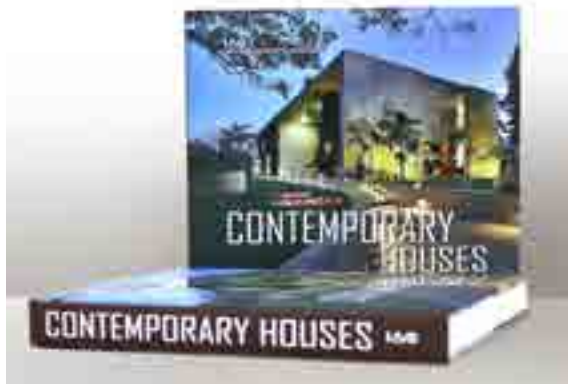
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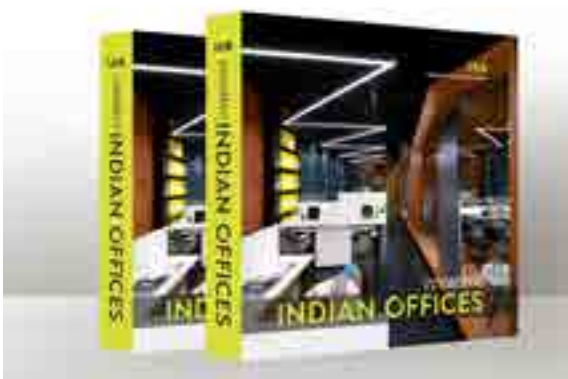
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