



MATHEW AND GHOSH

ARCHITECTS Bengaluru NISHA MATHEW, SOUMITRO GHOSH Philosophy: Beyond an individual signature, the firm believes that the larger function of design is to emancipate and alleviate. Current Projects: A microbrewery in Bengaluru; a house in the hills in Coonoor, Tamil Nadu; the Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) in Bengaluru. **Project** in Focus: This four-bedroom Bengaluru home (pictured above) of an author is an appropriate parable for her profession, revealing different facets of its narrative gradually. The monolithic, form-finished concrete exterior, topped by an uneven roof, has a cavernous entrance through a zinc-clad door that reveals nothing-compelling further movement through the passage until you reach the heart of the house. → mathewghosh.com

### MANCINI ENTERPRISES

BHARATH RAM K. JT ARIMA, NIELS **SCHOENFELDER** Current Projects: A residence in upstate New York; a house on a pepper plantation in the Western Ghats, Maharashtra; a centre for yoga and meditation in the hills near Shoolagiri, on the border of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu; landscape and architecture for the DJ Academy of Design in Coimbatore; interior public spaces of a residential development in Chennai with RMA Architects; and furniture. Trending 2018: "We hope interesting and high-quality institutional and public buildings—like those by vir.mueller architects or sP+a—inspire society and decision-makers."

→ mancini-design.com

# ARCHITECTURE PARADIGM Bengaluru

MANOJ LADHAD, SANDEEP JAGADEESH Philosophy: To create environments that make a positive difference to people's lives. Current Projects: From residences to institutions and public buildings in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Hyderabad, Pune, Kenya and Bangladesh.

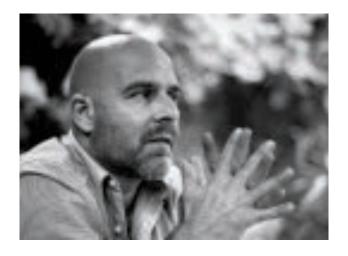
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### S.P.A. DESIGN

New Delhi
STEPHANE PAUMIER,
ANUPAM BANSAL,
SHAILY GUPTA,
CHINMAY K MOHANTA
Trending 2018: "We're
focusing on socially
meaningful projects. There's
enough iconic crap around,"
says Paumier (pictured below).

> spadesign.co.in



### APICAL REFORM Ahmedabad AMRISH PATEL, DARSHAN SONI

**Project in Focus:** At the firm's Ahmedabad office (*pictured right*), an undulating, uninterrupted wave vertically breaking across the facade serves the purpose of protecting the interiors from direct sunlight, and makes a strong visual statement on the cityscape, anchoring the ethos of innovation that defines the firm. **Philosophy:** To create an emotional bond that goes beyond surface attraction. Milestone: Establishing the AR Gallery at the Dubai Design District (D3), where they debuted Terra, a collection of furniture and lights (*wall light pictured below*); "[It's] one of the most exciting new international design markets," says Patel. → apicalreform.com



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# **MULTIDISCIPLINARY**

### **PAUL MATHIEU**

Udaipur

2017 in Work: New glass and bronze lighting and a textile collection for Holly Hunt Design; furnishing a suite at Palazzo Orsi Mangelli in Forli, Italy, with a collection that was created for the Luxury Living Group. Coming Up: A new collection with Luxury Living Group for the Salone del Mobile Milano; a show at Ralph Pucci New York.

→ paulmatbieu.net

## **PAVITRA RAJARAM**

**DESIGN** Mumbai

Philosophy: "I try to create spaces that are honest, authentic and warm. Colour and pattern are an intrinsic part of my design vocabulary and I am deeply inspired by nature and natural forms." 2017 in Work: The lead designer at Good Earth, Rajaram restored a 200-year-old family fort in Telengana, and decorated its interiors. She also worked on a spa in the Himalayas, and, in Mumbai, designed French restaurant Slink & Bardot. Clients: Javed Akhtar and Shabana Azmi, Shobana and Anil Kamineni, and Riyaaz Amlani.

**NUDES** Mumbai **NURU KARIM** 

Current Projects: The Ryewood International High School, Lonavala; community centres in Pune and Mumbai; stores for Regal Shoes in Mumbai, Pune, Chandigarh and Hyderabad; the Crowne Plaza hotel, Pune; branches of The BAD Cafe in Chennai and Hyderabad; a villa in Hyderabad. Coming Up: "We are attempting a Guinness record for the world's largest cardboard structure," says Karim. Trending 2018: "Artificial intelligence, robotics and 4D printing."

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KHOSLA ASSOCIATES Bengaluru

SANDEEP KHOSLA, AMARESH ANAND Project in Focus: "This retreat (pictured below) in the Sahyadris broke new ground for us in our approach to rural weekend homes," says Khosla. The humble spatial

layout addressed the needs of a weekend home, while the materiality and architectural expression of the house were innovative yet contextual. Current Projects: 1Q1 kitchen and bar, and an office, both in Bengaluru; an office, and a radio station in Kozhikode; residences across the country. Recent Discovery: "In colours, blush and teal; in style, a

reinterpretation of art deco; and in materials, it's a back-tobasics approach to sustainable and natural materials.

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