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THE MAHARAJA
OF JAIPUR'S
PALACE
BACHELOR PADAD100: THE MOST
INFLUENTIAL
DESIGNERS IN THE
SUBCONTINENT

THE SANDCASTLE

EVEN THE COFFEE TABLE IS
MADE OF SAND AT THIS ALIBAG
BEACH HOUSE

ARCHITECTURE BRIO *Mumbai*
SHEFALI BALWANI, ROBERT VERRIJT

Current Projects: An artists' centre along the coast and a weekend retreat in Alibag; a retreat in Uttarakhand; a Buddhist-cave-inspired space on a hilltop along the Konkan coast, in Maharashtra. **Collaborations:**

The duo joined forces with billionBricks, a Singapore-based non-profit organization, to launch the WeatherHYDE initiative, a reversible, all-season tent, in several north Indian cities to help the homeless survive chilly temperatures. **Project in Focus:**

Subtle sophistication meets urban luxury and a modern French aesthetic in this duplex (pictured) in the heart of Mumbai. The pristine decor, evidenced by white-panelled interiors, is lavished with understated accents—sharp blue wall panels in the entrance foyer, the unique use of materials, a bespoke furniture collection, and elegant details.

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MANCINI ENTERPRISES

Chennai

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.

→ architectureparadigm.com

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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



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.

→ matbengbosh.com



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

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:** IQ1 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-to-basics approach to sustainable and natural materials."
→ kbslaassociates.com



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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 Forlì, 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.

→ paulmathieu.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."
→ nudeoffices.com