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TOP 50 INTERIOR DESIGNERS

INDIA'S 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL INTERIOR DESIGNERS IN THE COMMERCIAL SPACE

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ARJUN MALIK

Prinicipal Architect

Malik Architecture

Arjun Malik completed his Bachelors in Architecture at the Rachana Sansad Academy of Architecture, Mumbai, and went on to receive a Master of Science in Advanced Architectural Design from Columbia University in New York. Before commencing his Masters in New York, Arjun worked at Malik Architecture for three years and returned to the practice in 2005. Malik Architecture has an office philosophy of providing a comprehensive design capability and harnessing new technologies that has resulted in innovative and dynamic solutions in the field of institutional architecture and interiors. The firm's practice has, from its inception, attempted to develop a contemporary design syntax for the sub-continent by approaching architecture as a synthesis of 'Ecology' and 'Spirit'. Their work draws inspiration from nature not through its physical forms but through its principles and processes. Malik has also done his bit to resurrect Indian artisans by cultivating the use of local materials as a corollary to encourage sustainability.

Key projects: MMX Multiplex, Ghaziabad; CCI, UTI HQ, Mumbai; Ishanya, Pune; Taj Vivanta, Logarh.

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KALHAN MATTOO

Prinicipal Architect

Planet 3 Studios

Kalhan Mattoo, along with his Santha, heads Planet 3 Studios, a young, internationally acclaimed practice. Their eclectic portfolio of built projects includes path-breaking architecture, interiors, product design and art. Mattoo's focus is always on the context, the constraints and the opportunity that a project presents. The duo likes to create designs that maximise the positive impact of design on the environment, use appropriate technologies and materials and source labour locally. Recognised with over 25e prestigious international and national awards over three years, their work has been displayed at museums and galleries in New York, Barcelona and Singapore.

Key projects: Vidyalankar Institute, One Group, Mumbai; Karnala Resort; Conventional Centre, Srinagar.