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INDIA'S DESIGN LANDSCAPE

INDIA'S TOP

UNDER 40





## iGen 2023

### Rising Stars of Indian Architecture and Design

Architect and Interiors India Unveils the 50 Hottest, Most Promising Architects and Designers Under 40

Architect and Interiors India is delighted to unveil the most awaited list of India's Top 50 Under 40 Architects and Designers, representing the iGen 2023, at a grand ceremony in Bengaluru this June! Our 14th anniversary this year marks a momentous occasion to showcase the country's most dynamic, innovative, and promising young talents.

The nomination process, which began in February, saw a flood of creative presentations by young designers from all corners of the nation, submitting their entries for the iGen Design Awards on our digital portal. This exclusive platform is open to all architects and designers under the age of 40, with a remarkable body of work.

After meticulous rounds of jury evaluations by distinguished architects and designers, the top 50 candidates with the highest scores were shortlisted to be presented as the iGen 2023 Winners! These exceptional young guns have been chosen based on their remarkable work, innovation in design, sustainable practices, and efficient use of technology.

We take immense pride in providing our discerning readers with a sneak peek into the iGen 2023 winners, who are sure to leave an indelible mark in the architectural and design landscape of the country. The iGen Design Awards is an unbiased platform, where young architects and designers can self-nominate, showcase their talents and compete with the best, and we cannot wait to celebrate their triumph at the grand ceremony in June!







*Rutuja Desai*

Co-founder, co\_LAB Design Studio

## Artistic Titan

*“One exciting development in the world of sustainable materials is the rise of closed-loop systems, in which materials are continually reused and recycled.”*

As a designer, Rutuja Desai finds inspiration in the world around her. She believes that inspiration can come from anywhere, whether it's a verse of poetry, the sight of a bird in flight, or the colours in a sidewalk. She stays connected to the larger world through documentaries, design magazines, art films, and collaboration with other designers through competitions or events.

Rutuja is known for her attention to detail and her ability to collaborate with clients to create spaces that meet their unique needs and vision. She has a passion for designing spaces that are both functional and aesthetically pleasing. Her design philosophy focuses on the idea that good design is simple and stimulating. She believes that every project is unique and requires a specific design solution, sensitive to its context. To achieve a valuable design, Rutuja engages in extensive research and evaluation, combined with technical expertise and an artistic approach.

In her work at co\_LAB Design Studio, Rutuja is committed to sustainable design practices. She recognises the importance of protecting the environment and incorporates eco-friendly materials and technology into her projects whenever possible. She is dedicated to reducing material wastage on-site, selecting recycled or biodegradable materials, using water-based and low VOC paints and varnishes, and checking product certifications to ensure the use of environmentally friendly materials.

Rutuja's portfolio includes a variety of projects, ranging from luxury homes to office spaces. One of her most recent projects, the Walnut House, is located in one of the prime areas of the Western Suburbs and is a perfect example of her design philosophy.

### ONGOING PROJECTS

- Penthouse, Oberoi Exquisite, Mumbai
- W, Office, Cbd Belapur, Navi Mumbai
- Sea Abode, Marine Lines, Mumbai



Angelica, Mumbai



Walnut House, Mumbai