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architects, designers and  
design firms that are putting  
India on the world map

## Amit Gupta & Britta Knobel Gupta

FOUNDING PARTNERS, STUDIO SYMBIOSIS

Having completed their Masters in Architecture and Urbanism from the Architectural Association, London, partners Amit and Britta founded Studio Symbiosis in 2010. They have also had the good fortune to have worked under the renowned firm, Zaha Hadid Architects, amassing a lot of insights and experience during their stint there.

Studio Symbiosis is today an architectural, master planning and interior design studio with its bases in Stuttgart, Germany, and Delhi NCR, India, and is involved in a range of projects in terms of scale and sectors. They believe in creating integrated design solutions, with sustainable design and performative architecture as their core values.

The two major projects completed by Studio Symbiosis in the last years are ID Origins – a mixed-use project in Mumbai, and Villa KD45, a symbol of urban, green living.



### UPCOMING PROJECTS

1. Sky Garden, Residential project, Hyderabad.
2. The Nest, The biggest residential project in the planet, Delhi.



### ONGOING PROJECTS

1. The Park, Delhi
2. Rescaled International Airport, Assam

## Anand Sharma

FOUNDER & PARTNER, DESIGN FORUM INTERNATIONAL

He can be credited for coining the term, 'People First' as the guiding principle of his practice. Anand believes in socially inclusive architecture and in the last 25 years his firm has been instrumental in nation building across India. DFI works across diverse project typologies and provides unique and efficient design solutions. Anand has played a key role in leading large scale commercial projects, besides working on multiple civic infrastructure developments, including the Dakshineswar Skywalk (Kolkata) and the ITO Foot over Bridge (New Delhi), among others. Through projects such as Gulf Adiba (Gurgaon) and the ongoing Arrtron (Bongora, Assam), Anand is taking concrete steps toward re-envisioning traditional workplaces.

Anand believes that cities must have a distinct character and that an architect must create contextually with socially relevant designs. A philanthropist at heart, Anand has created some of the major affordable housing projects in Delhi-NCR and the first-ever affordable housing project in North-East India.

AIFL, Joystreet, Gurgaon, a blend of retail, entertainment, and serviced residences in one location, and the Guwahati City Centre, Assam, a globalised one size fits all shopping mall, are two of DFI's vital projects in recent years.



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