

Life is architecture and architecture is the mirror of life

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FOREWORD

India's enigmatic life is a silhouette of its tradition, unfolding as a continuum of temporal processes. With the progressive times, India strives to create a dialogue with the built environment, carefully manifesting meaning, expression, and character to the buildings and spaces. With the freedom of imagination and unity of design, architecture in India is expressive of its time.

The poetics of architecture subtly blended in the current times, carefully crafted by architects and designers aim to tell a story. Throughout time, architecture has been an ongoing interpretation of the nature of the built environment as a design for living. This dialogue with the built environment is continuously reinvented, manifested through spaces. Our interpretation of the modern world is built by the dialogue formed between architecture and literature. The universal phenomenon of the art of building has moulded itself over time, narrating a story.

As the FOAID 2021 edition unfolds itself, we have the pleasure to create narratives of the people who create narratives of the built environment, also helping to connect thoughts, people, and spaces. Architects and designers strive to tell a story and we at the Festival of Architecture & Interior Design pave a way for the stories to reach its audience. These stories, we hope, will synthesize the narrative of modern-day architecture and design. We believe in creating and further strengthening the dialogue between visionaries, paving for the exchange of ideas, inspiring generations of youth, and creating a boundless country of creative individuals.

Through another edition, we have endeavored on this journey to showcase inspiring works of the most prominent designers across the country. This book is a living and inspiring representation of the legacy of India's greatest designers depicting a multiplicity of voices and forms of expression. In closing, the FOAID secretariat truly appreciates the contribution of all the architects who have been a part of the journey this year and our esteemed event partners for their support. The story of FOAID builds on the existing narrative and we will only keep engaging to provide a new layer of meaning for the congregation.

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Emerald Garden Kanpur

Project Status: Completed Site Area: 4984.75 Sq. m. Project Area: 181317.53 Sq. ft.

Initiation of the Project: February 2014 Completion of the Project: November 2020

Client Name: Mr. Sameer Chakraborty, Morning Glory Infra. Ltd. Design Team: Design Forum International, DP Architects Pte Ltd.

Located in Swaroop Nagar, Kanpur, Emerald garden is a lush green township spread across an area of 40 acres. The development is targeted at people accustomed to living in large, independent homes, but missing out on the communal nature, amenities and security of a gated enclave.

Designed in collaboration with DP Architects (Singapore), the master plan comprises flats, recreational and commercial spaces, with 60% of the built volume low-rise. 3, 4 and 5 BHK units are packed inside regular towers and an iconic tower. The apartment typologies are further segmented into regular floors, penthouses, garden apartments and club-side apartments. The design is centred around a clubhouse and other amenities, integrated through central greens, thereby crafting vista views for the apartments. Vehicular circulation is restricted to peripheries, thus making the development pedestrian-friendly.









The apartment layout uniquely focuses on clubbing two units together into different cluster arms, with 4-5 units on each floor. The iconic tower is a 100 m high elliptical tower with expansive views of the Ganges and Kanpur's urbanscape. All units consist of balconies in each bedroom, and the living areas consist of large openings to ensure ample lighting and ventilation.

The clubhouse is located adjacent to the swimming pool and smoothly manicured lawns. Patios flow from the entrance lobby of the towers, over the clubhouse, acting as its roof and winding up to the swimming pool, thereby integrating the residential and communal spaces. With separate pools for adults and children, a waterside juice bar, a state-of-the-art gym, an indoor badminton court, a squash court, and a community room, the clubhouse is a means of leisure and relaxation for the residents.

Rolling greens flow all around, amalgamating the towers with the central amenities. Impeccable design, finest global fittings and finishes, fire safety measures, earthquake-resistant construction, disabled-friendly common spaces and bathrooms and advanced security systems are features that make this development unique in all aspects.

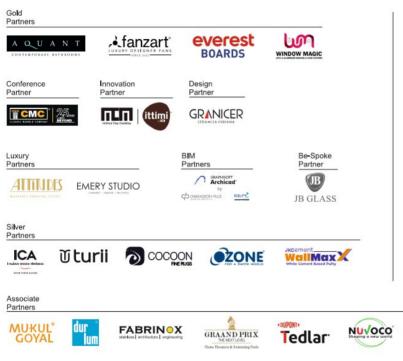




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