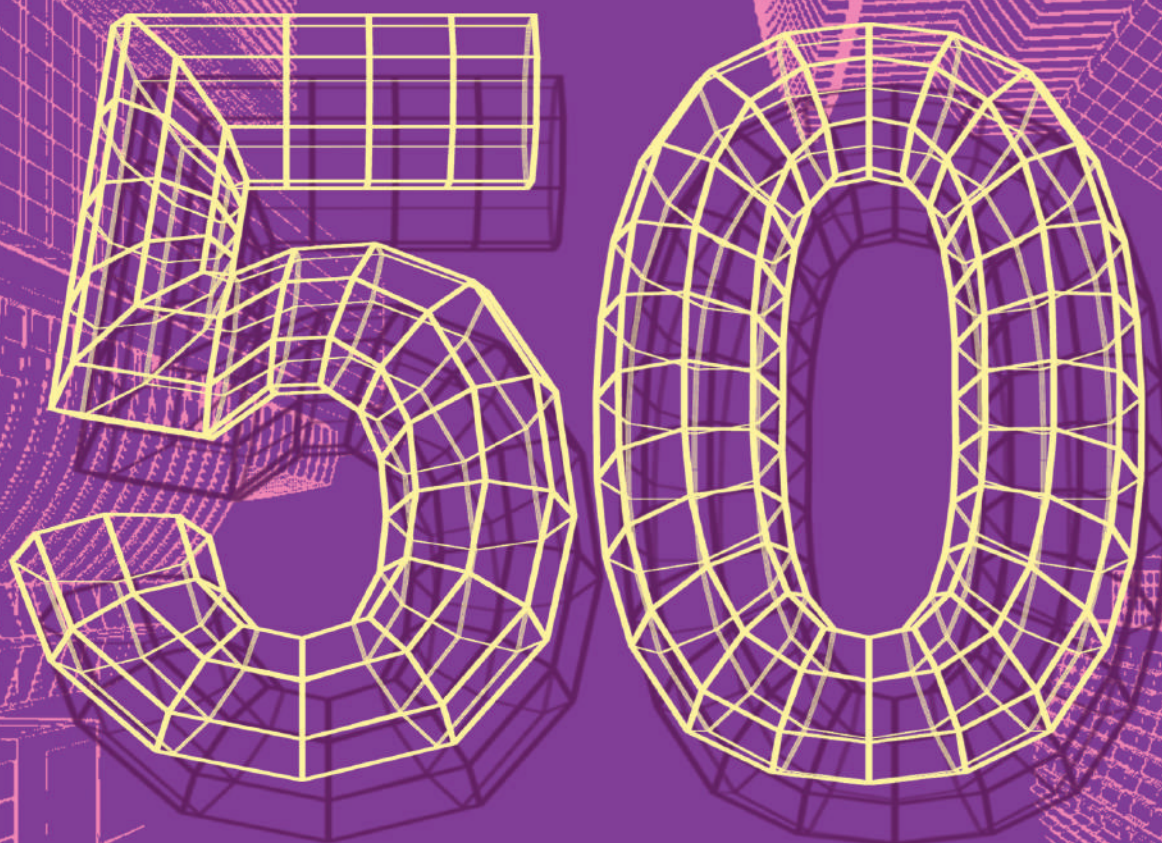


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# “Design crafts an environment that encourages physical, spiritual and intellectual wellbeing”



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## HIGH END SPACES

(clockwise from right) A luxe bath space in a Delhi-home the architects call Nuovo Residence; living area in an apartment in DLF Capital Greens, Delhi; facade of the office for Communique Marketing Solutions in Gurgaon

**A**rchitects Amit Aurora and Rahul Bansal studied together at the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi. While they worked well as a team, after graduating they explored their own paths, working with top names in the industry. In 1996 they decided to start their own practice and so group DCA came into being. What followed were out-of-the-box design concepts for residences, boutiques,

commercial complexes, retail stores and restaurants.

## Plot and Plan

A good example of their design language is the Nuovo Residence in Delhi, the multi-generation home, which accommodates the needs of the individuals without compromising on privacy or aesthetics. An interesting space here is the custom made prayer room in the heart of the home, accentuated by an

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elaborately hand-painted ceiling by a group of artisans from the Golden Temple in Amritsar. “The house, in its entirety is envisaged as a timeless villa with elements from classical and contemporary architecture held together seamlessly by means of materiality and detailing,” says Bansal. Equally interesting is the office for Communique Marketing Solutions in Gurgaon. “It is a modern and egalitarian workspace that fosters creativity, collaboration, and conversation. The spatial planning emerges as a direct result of disregarding traditional notions of professional hierarchy and the architectural design, reflects the company’s guiding philosophy,” says Aurora.

## Standing Out

The firm today has to its credit, award winning and acclaimed projects across diverse typologies. “All projects are guided by the philosophies that define group DCA—the use of local as well as



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sustainable materials, integrating people that inhabit the spaces with the nature and to ensure adaptability through innovation,” says Aurora. Further, what makes them stand out is that rather than following current trends, or designing for the short term, they believe in sustainable design, which is exclusive, well-balanced, contextual and fosters longevity and practicality.

## Luxe Living

The practice has been associated with brands such as such as Tiffany and Co. and Chanel for their flagship store in Delhi, the roll-out of Rolex stores, pan-India. Besides this they have also worked with other brands such as Gucci, Louis Vitton and Bvlgari.

— *Ridhi Kale*

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