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50 dynamic male–female duos who may not always be bound by love or family, but by something equally powerful.



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POVER

In a profession shaped by collaboration, The Architect's Diary presents 'POWER COUPLE,' a curated showcase of 50 dynamic male–female duos who may not always be bound by love or family, but by something equally powerful: shared purpose, mutual respect, and a commitment to create together. Across studios, disciplines, and cities, these partnerships reflect the evolving narrative of gender in the built environment. Whether as co-founders, creative leaders, or strategic partners, each duo exemplifies how contrasting perspectives can enrich a unified vision. This exclusive feature goes beyond portfolios. It delves into how these collaborators challenge, support, and push each other to do better, think deeper, and build bolder. In a field long shaped by individual authorship, these stories emphasize the beauty of coauthorship, where every sketch, structure, and space is a product of dual insight. Power Couple is not just about recognition; it's about redefining leadership and honoring the silent synergy behind extraordinary design legacies.











VINEET AGARWAL PARUL AGARWAL NATIVE SUTRA | GURUGRAM

For Parul and Vineet Agarwal, design isn't a division of disciplines; it's a shared language that flows effortlessly between architecture, interiors, and lived experience. As life partners and cofounders of Native Sutra, their journey began with a desire to strip away the unnecessary and design with intention, where every element has purpose and place. Their practice is built on deep listening, tuning into the voice of the site, the needs of the client, and the emotions each space is meant to evoke. Whether it's a quiet retreat or a

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dynamic home, their approach is always rooted in context, not convention. Materials carry memory, layouts reflect lifestyle, and details are crafted with care. With an in-house team that works as a seamless unit, they ensure creative vision and execution go hand in hand. Parul brings an instinct for composition and intimacy, while Vineet grounds the work in clarity and process. Together, they create spaces that feel timeless, tactile, and above all, human. Their designs don't just speak; they resonate.



KIRAN SABNANI MANOJ SABNANI NEBULOUS DESIGN | BENGALURU

Nebulous Design Workshop, founded by Manoj Sabnani in 2002, has evolved from a humble 10'×10' studio to a global design powerhouse. As the visionary "Fountainhead," Manoj brings architectural precision international expertise, shaped by projects across 10 countries and 44 cities. His partnership with Kiran Sabnani, the intuitive "Synergist," has been instrumental in elevating the studio's design vision. With Kiran's expertise in Dubai's real estate market and passion for interior design, the duo leads a tal-

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-ented team of architects, and designers. Together, they craft purposeful spaces that balance innovation with intent and functionality with emotional resonance. From carbon-neutral penthouses to immersive retail environments and intelligent industrial spaces, Nebulous's projects are guided by curiosity, integrity, and an unrelenting drive to design dreams. collaborative approach blends global perspective with local insight, redefining excellence in the built environment.