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and future-design-makers of India

*Top fifty under forty*

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# UNVEILING SUPERPOWERS

**I**t's my favourite time of the year! The time when our office is buzzing with calls, nominations, and entries from young, talented, and enthusiastic trailblazers who are poised to make their mark in history. While the jury process for the iGen Awards is undeniably arduous (high five to Qutub Mandivala, Sonali Rastogi, and Sumit Dhawan for accomplishing this in record time!), it's also immensely gratifying. Not only do we get to witness design innovations emerging from offices of all scales, but we also receive design ideas from across the country—from tier 1, 2, and even 3 cities—each with viewpoints that are sure to blow your mind!

On that note, we've decided to crown our iGens of 2024 as our design superheroes! At the end of the day, our future rests in their hands, and they're all set to save us one building at a time! It's heartening to see their commitment to sustainability while embracing technology and remaining rooted in tradition. Join us as we unveil these superheroes and their superpowers in this issue!

As we prepare to give our superheroes well-deserved recognition at the iGen Design Forum on June 21st in Bangalore, we're also gearing up for the much-suspected ICA Design competition for the iGen winners. Here, our top 50 iGen winners will be tasked with designing a piece of furniture according to a brief, and the top 5 designs will be converted into prototypes displayed at the awards evening. More details about this competition can be found on our website.

Our theme for iGen Design Forum this year is Redefining Luxury, and we are looking forward to discussions on incorporating the different facets of luxury into our spaces. There will be conversations about technology, conscious design choices, client expectations, and creative decisions. With panelists from across the country contributing to the discussions, it's going to be one exciting day filled with inspiration. And I, for one, cannot wait for it!

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## SUPER HEROES of Design

### THE MOVERS, SHAKERS AND FUTURE DESIGN MAKERS OF INDIA

Architect and interiors India is thrilled to unveil the highly anticipated lineup of India's Top 50 Under 40 Architects and Designers, showcasing the iGen 2024. As we celebrate our 15th anniversary this year, it's a momentous occasion to spotlight the nation's most dynamic, innovative, and promising young talents.

The nomination journey, which kickedstart in February, witnessed a flood of imaginative presentations from young designers spanning every corner of our vibrant nation. They eagerly submitted their entries for the prestigious iGen Design Awards through our dedicated digital portal. This exclusive platform is a beacon for all architects and designers under 40, boasting an impressive portfolio of work.

Following rigorous rounds of scrutiny by distinguished architects and designers serving as jurors, the cream of the crop emerged as the iGen 2024 Winners! These exceptional rising stars have been handpicked for their outstanding work, groundbreaking design innovations, commitment to sustainability, and adept utilisation of cutting-edge technology.

We take immense pride in offering our discerning readers an exclusive sneak peek into the remarkable achievements of the iGen 2024 winners, poised to make an indelible impact on the architectural and design realm of our nation. The iGen Design Awards serve as an impartial platform, empowering young architects and designers to self-nominate, showcase their talents, and vie for top honours. We eagerly anticipate celebrating their triumphs at the extravagant ceremony this June in Bengaluru.



“At Yellow Door Architects, we embrace the ethos of learning from nature, understanding its enduring principles and applying them to our designs.”

## JOSHUA JOHN

Partners, Yellow Door Architects

### DYNAMIC DUO

**P** Joshua John is dedicated to infusing Indian contemporary ethos into his creations. With meticulous attention to detail and a commitment to quality craftsmanship, he crafts spaces tailored to client's needs.

Joshua's educational journey began at RV College of Engineering, followed by a Master's programme at IAAC in Barcelona, specialising in Advanced Architecture. He gained valuable experience at Ochre Architects and Ranjit John Architects, where he honed his skills across various architectural typologies. Drawing inspiration from local luminaries and international figures, Joshua integrates their philosophies into Yellow Door's work.

Central to Yellow Door's approach is the integration of natural light and consideration of site context and climate sensitivity. Joshua emphasises collaboration with clients and collaborators, blurring disciplinary boundaries to create cohesive spaces that enrich lives.

Joshua's view on sustainable design is about harmony with the environment and human well-being. He integrates sustainable principles into his projects, such as using poured earth walls and repurposing invasive species for construction materials.

He helms Yellow door along with his partner Juhi and as they believe in harnessing technology to optimise the design process and enhance creativity and collaboration.

His dream project entails designing a multi-use urban development focused on sustainability and social inclusivity. By integrating renewable energy sources, green spaces, and universal design principles, he aims to set a new standard for eco-friendly urban living.

Joshua's recently completed projects include the Kamala House in Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh - an inward-looking oasis that embraces natural light and breezes and features a unique terracotta breeze block facade and tropical interiors, and Apartment 5212 in Bengaluru, Karnataka, that balances warmth and luxury through contrasting materials and textures.

#### ONGOING PROJECT

• Residence for Ashok Reddy, Bengaluru



Apartment 5212, Bengaluru, Karnataka



Kamala House, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh