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# WELCOME HOME

Architecture and interior design go hand in hand, and it's the symbiosis of both that can result in homes that are not just aesthetically pleasing, but also mindful of the surrounding environment

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## THE DUAL FORCE

» Today, we're faced with a number of debilitating factors (read: an acute shortage of resources, space constraints etc) forcing us to rethink our many choices and return to a more Spartan style of living. And when it comes to living spaces especially, it's only the synergy of architecture and interior design that can result in homes that fulfil the requirements of home owners and pay heed to the rising

concerns. Sahil Jain, principal architect, Morphlab shares, "Architecture and design, when undertaken thoughtfully, can make a world of difference in how people inhabit and interact with spaces." Akshat Bhatt, principal architect, Architecture Discipline seconds this when he says, "Architects and interior designers assume a significant role in crafting homes that are not only responsible but also pay equal attention to interior décor that is



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thoughtful and not just visually appealing.”

## SUSTAINABILITY FIRST

» One of the most imminent concerns currently is of course sustainability and eco-consciousness and here's where these professionals can step in and make a difference. Shobhan Kothari and Anand Menon, partners, ADND elucidate, “Design shouldn't be looked at as just a functional obligation. Good design and architecture need to protect our natural resources and resolve housing concerns to better human lives.” So both are equally essential to create a bigger impact at a micro and macro level. Saniya Kantawala, founder and principal designer, Saniya Kantawala Design adds, “Traditionally, the focus would be on the aesthetic needs of the clients, however now, the process includes environmental concerns. Interior designers hold the tremendous power to decide the materials and

products that will be incorporated, and so can positively impact the environment.”

## HOME NEEDS

» Every family has its unique requirements while every city has its own set of restrictions, for instance

***It is not the beauty of a building you should look at; it's the construction of the foundation that will stand the test of time.***

■ DAVID ALLAN GOE



with respect to space. Gaurav Sanghavi and Harsh Pote, co-founders, Pentaspace Design Studio aver, “With affordability playing an integral part in the economics of today's projects, the apartment sizes have shrunk, imposing a greater



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challenge for architects. The micro planning of each individual home has to be designed to maximise the utilisation of space for a function. Unplanned homes can lead to wasted resources. So it is extremely important that each home be sustainably designed to create an asset rather than a liability for the end user and the country as a whole.”