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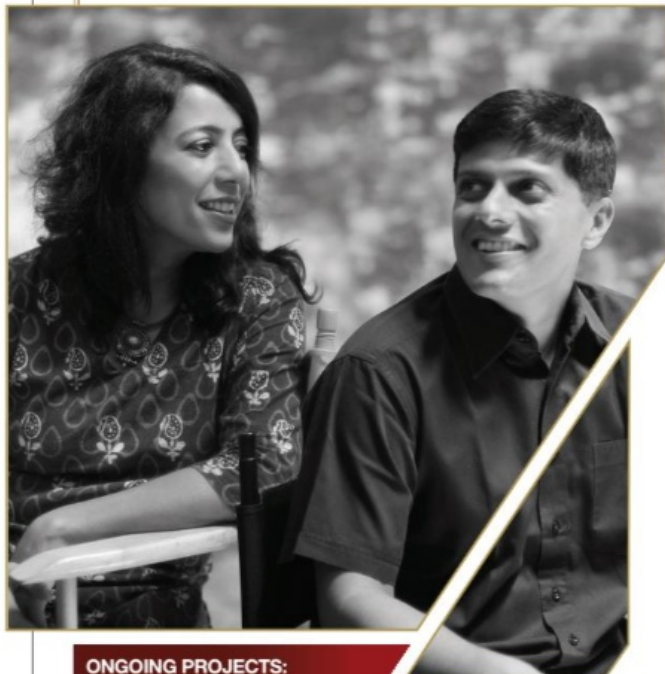
Presenting India's hottest architects, designers and design firms, whose immense contribution towards building our nation and towards the fraternity has elevated Indian design to an international platform, cementing India's spot on the map.

## Rahul Gore & Sonal Sancheti

PRINCIPAL DESIGNERS,  
PARTNERS, OPOLIS

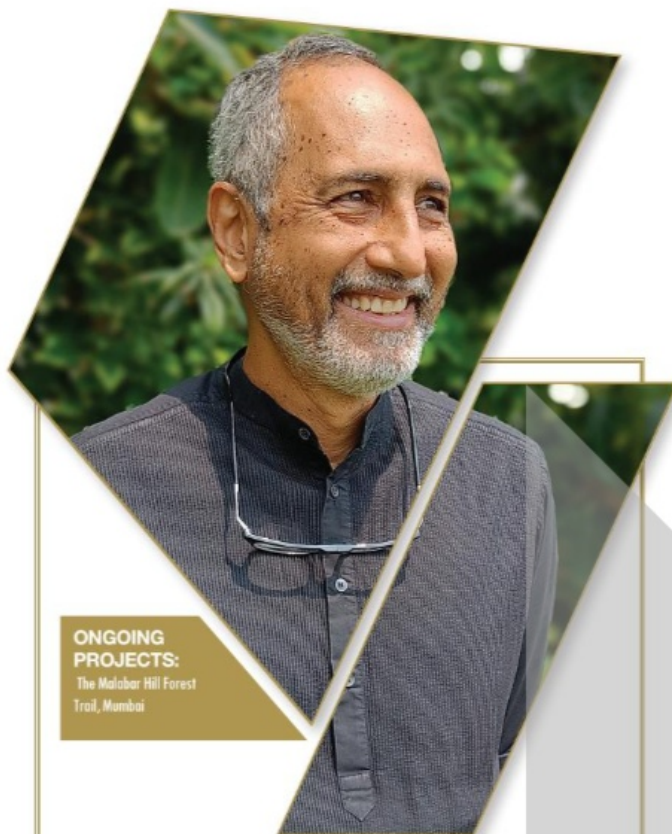
Rahul and Sonal make a dynamic duo. Their individual aesthetic strengths, technical expertise, creative inclinations, and artistic vision has translated into their firm, \_OPOLIS, becoming a leading multidisciplinary design practice. They believe in keeping things simple and this sensibility is evident in their several pathbreaking architectural, interior, and urban projects.

A couple of their significant projects are the G3 house in Ahmedabad which sensitively occupies the site, retaining the existing trees while catering to the large and varied program requirements, and the IIFLW office in Mumbai. The wealth arm (IIFLW) took over the entire building from the parent holding company IIFL. This was an opportunity to redesign not only all the 10 floors but also put in additional infrastructure like a service Dumb Elevator and new chillers for air-conditioners at the terrace level. Skylights were created below terrace spaces and an entire slab in one grid (2nd Floor and 3rd Floor) was demolished to make way for an inter-connected floor.



### ONGOING PROJECTS:

1. SHSS Hospital, Pune
2. SHA Girls Hostel, Pune



### ONGOING PROJECTS:

The Malabar Hill Forest Trail, Mumbai

## Rahul Kadri

PARTNER AND PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT,  
IMK ARCHITECTS

Rahul took over the reins of the flourishing practice from his father, the legendary IM Kadri in the '90s. It was a time when India was witnessing significant shifts in its socio-cultural landscape — in a newly liberalised economy, models of patronage and typologies of projects evolved while modern technology made inroads into the architecture and construction industry. Concerns of climate change emerged in mainstream discourse as well. In response and with Kadri at its helm, IMK Architects transformed to focus its practice on social consciousness and urban ecological sensitivity. Today, a unique, collaborative SCRUM design process, which involves intense workshops with all project stakeholders, ensures the effective and efficient delivery of holistic design solutions from buildings to city masterplans.

With over six decades of experience and 150 executed projects across India and overseas, Rahul has established expertise in various segments, ranging from Healthcare, Hospitality, Educational Campuses, Institutions to Self-redevelopment and Residential Townships. The firm has notable clients like the Taj Group, JSW Energy, The Supreme Court of India, Symbiosis Society and Club Mahindra. Not to mention, Rahul has received several felicitations and awards in his stellar career. Rahul likes to write on the importance of citizen participation in public projects.