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COMPANY PROFILE

Abraham John ARCHITECTS is a multidisciplinary architecture, interior design, landscaping and urban planning firm founded in 1967.

Abraham John & Alan Abraham are the Joint Principal Architects of Abraham John Architects.

The firm works at multiple scales and with various organizations right from private clients to corporates & NGOs. This allows them to experiment and diversify work: master planning, architectural & interior projects, such as luxury villas, high end residences and unique offices, as well as hospitality & institutional projects; several charitable works including earthquake and cyclone proof buildings in Karaikkal (Tamil Nadu), Vijaywada & Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Latur (Maharashtra) and Rajkot (Gujarat).

Abraham John Architects’ design approach is to re-connect architecture with nature, make optimum use of space, natural materials, lighting & landscape to reinvent and transform living environments and urban spaces. The firm strives to create design that inspires, approaching each project, regardless of size & scale, with an understanding that architecture has a unique power to influence lifestyle and society. Their forte is attention to details and customisation. Honesty to design, client satisfaction, and sustainability are the driving forces, along with the ability to constantly explore & evolve. They are dedicated to unique design approaches adapted to each project, and achieving a balance between functionality & aesthetics, context, climate, material, cost & time-frame.

The Principals are registered architects with the Council of Architecture, associates of the Indian Institute of Architects and IIID. Alan Abraham was invited as a professor at JJ School of Architecture and he was recently felicitated as one of Architect and Interiors India IGEN 50.
RECENT PROJECTS
MASTER PLANNING
The design revolves around the seemingly antonymous concepts of privacy and openness: through the orientation of villas and landscape design we achieved privacy from the road while maximising the views and sense of openness.
Proposed layout for a 100 acre township abutting a creek. Emphasis was given on making the most out of the site location. Amenities were designed as low structures and were sited along the creek, while the residential towers were designed higher and placed towards the further end of the site, thus promising views and accessibility to the creek.
THE BOMBAY GREENWAY PROJECT

The Greenway addresses minimum 75 lakhs daily commuters, plus newly-generated tourists, cyclists & leisure-oriented public, and creates 917 acres of green space.

- The Bombay Greenway Project allows for a multiplicity of uses that a modern city like Bombay should expect from its public spaces: the railways double up as a vibrant park: cultural and retail re-invigoration, E-W connectivity, environmental restoration, green transport solution.
- 740 crore litres rainwater harvesting potential, faster train services & upgraded railway stations, reduced carbon footprint, inter-nodal retail spaces
- The proposal aims to offer a dynamic & engaging public destination that could turn Bombay into a 21st century city.
ARCHITECTURE
5 BHK VILLA

Part of a villa scheme, these villas are spacious and exciting holiday homes. Every room opens onto a private outdoor space; a private swimming pool surrounds the island-like dining area.

Outdoor decks and landscaped gardens serve as expansive entertaining areas with mood lighting.
Boasting of an exceptional variety of world-class lifestyle, recreation and wellness facilities, the Club House is poised to be one of Mumbai’s most sought-after leisure destinations. The lush surroundings are a great background for family outings!
LIFESTYLE CLUB

The club is sited on the beach and conceptualised with an open feel.

Gazebos, pergolas and space trusses were designed to accommodate the restaurants, café and retail spaces.
The Clients’ brief called for an unconventional office space that would exude a sense of identity for the upcoming realty firm.

One of the three floors of an existing building was turned into office spaces, while the other two floors were designed to accommodate a sprawling lifestyle store.
SEA FACING PENTHOUSE

The design of this luxury penthouse reflects the modern minimalist style of the Architects & the needs of the client. The open plan concept called for integrating indoor & outdoor spaces, maximising the benefits of the site location (sea side) and the climate.
The Client’s brief was to provide enough space for groups to come together and work in teams. People from this creative field need space to move around, brainstorm, communicate and collaborate; so a spacious and acoustically viable core was designed to seamlessly adapt to its different functions.
LANDSCAPE
The design encourages a multiplicity of simultaneous itineraries, experiences and encounters through its function and form – a series of indigenous gardens displaying flora in creative, interactive and educative ways.

The building terraces have landscaped panoramic sky decks to allow visitors to fully experience the spectacular view of the hills.
An evergreen terrace garden turns the spacious wooden deck into an expansive outdoor entertaining area with artful illumination and an open bar – a real hotspot.

The terrace lighting and landscape design bring out the best in this residential project.
Outdoor seating area for quick lunches, parties, informal meetings or just relaxing!

Earth was mounded up and a platform to sit on was added to create this unique outdoor space.
AWARDS
2012-2013

NATIONAL RUNNER UP
for Best Residential Space (Multi Dwelling)
@ IIID 2012 Awards, Pune

REGIONAL RUNNER UP
for Best Commercial Space (Small)
@ IIID 2012 Awards, Thane
The Bombay Greenway Project
WINNER
International Urban Planning & Urban Design competition
15 April 2013, Velo-City, Austria
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SEEA-FACING LUXURY PENTHOUSE,
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The brief called for the complete remodelling and combining two separate apartments on the top floor of a landmark building into a refined, 3500 sq ft contemporary penthouse suite for the favourable tropical climate and the cosmopolitan atmosphere of Bombay.

The shared vision of the client and the architect is seen in the minimal layouts integrated with landscape, lighting, reflecting earthy colours and natural features.

A limited palette of complementary materials ensures continuity in design and minimises maintainence, adding warmth and texture through light and shadow. The interiors are finely detailed with custom-made furniture. The flooring pattern enhances the flow of light and continues from the indoors to the outdoors: bleached wooden floor and teak wood deck.

The home fits within its tropical seaside context and encourages sustainable: redwood, bleached teak wood for garden areas and pergolas, natural stone for bathrooms, high efficiency mechanical systems, double weathered wood and natural fibre; automation with mood lighting, power saving and remote control, solar heaters and overgrown terraces gardens. Interior solar shades and large double-glazed sliding windows allow natural ventilation, uninterrupted views and access to landscaped areas, while cutting down on solar radiation and air-conditioning load.

The design approach took advantage of the sea view and the views from all rooms of the house, including the master bedroom. Previous corner rooms are turned into optimal, unobstructed, large living spaces for Bombay standards.

The living, dining and kitchen areas merge into one big single, connecting views of the Arabian Sea on the West and the sea on the East.

The open kitchen which is a brushed SS island platform is complemented by a bar with seating for traditional Indian family meals. A bar top forms the dining table and seating.

A lower level was converted into two converted wood and tiled inlay entrance and a double-height lobby area. The sliding windows visually and physically connecting the upper and lower volumes that were previously disconnected.

The master bedroom suite includes a private sea-facing terrace, a lavish walk-in wardrobe and an open plan spa bathroom - a fusion of private spaces that retain their clarity while blending with the landscape.

The hi-tech glass walled media room with a large projector screen, AV and automation is a dynamic and versatile space. It overlooks the ocean as well as a spacious wooden deck with a walk-on glass skylight. This luxurious garden terrace serves as an expansive outdoor entertaining area with artistic illumination and an open bar.

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