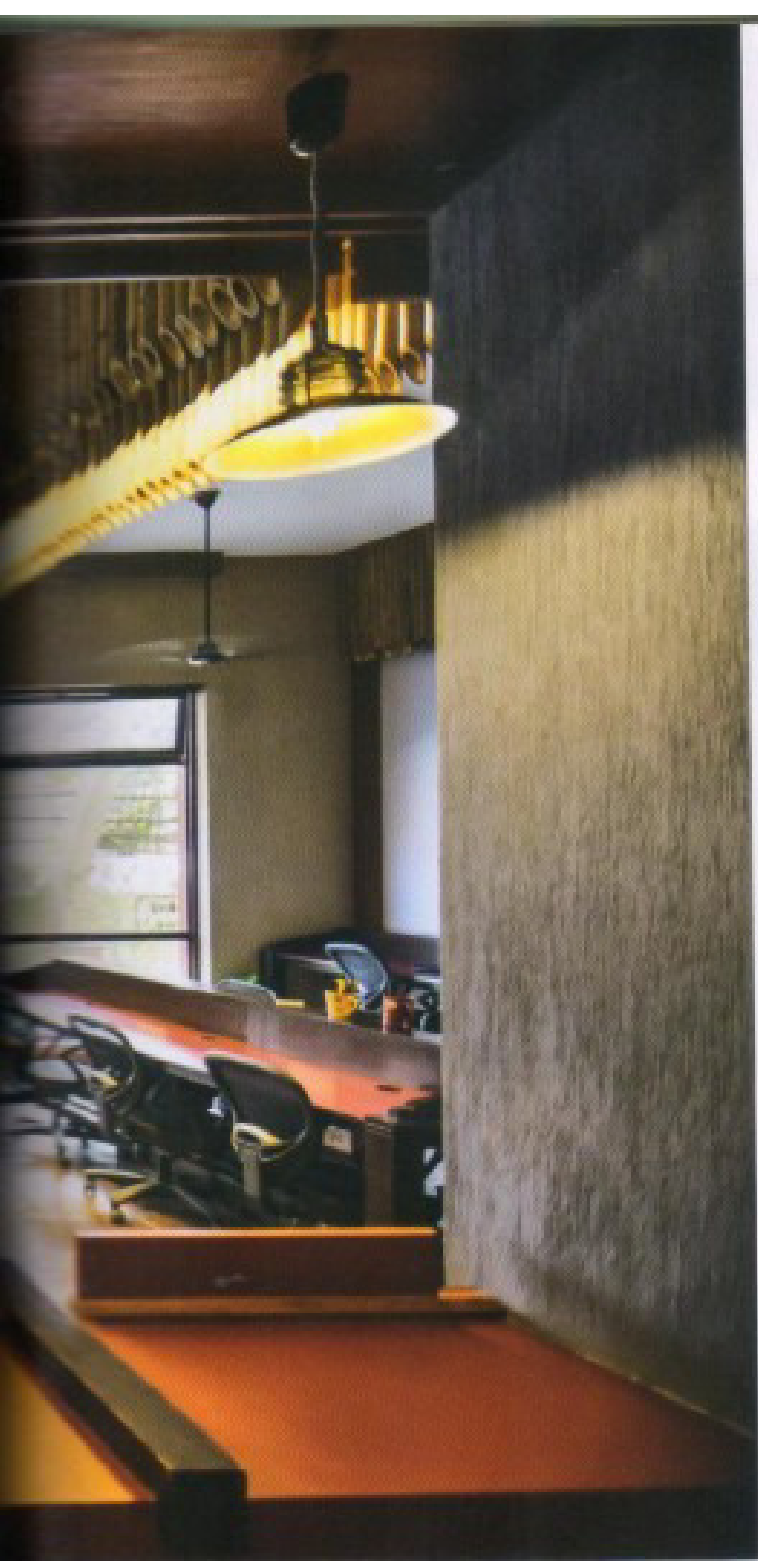




A Retrofit Revival



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Project: Unboxed Co-working, Noida
Architects: Chaukor Studio, Noida

The project is one-of-its-kind and its uniqueness is imbibed in its regenerative transformation from an old industrial unit to a dynamic co-working space.

An Eco-sensitive Approach to Retrofitting: Retaining most of the surfaces and reusing salvaged elements from the old building creates a resource-efficient and cost-

effective design process. An overlap of new layers to the existing patterns and form of the building gives the space its distinct character; a dynamic mix of the old and new.

Essence of Revival: The amalgamative approach used to create the project provides the spaces with the comfort of familiarity. So when the building's service lobby was



vision to create a space that showcases a sensitive identity of creation, the project is a fine example of an evolutionary design approach that integrates the past to the future use-case of the building. By retention of the existing elements and addition of newer ones, the retrofitting of the co-working space has led to a holistic design. This has phenomenally reduced the environmental impacts and project costs while providing a work space that is humane and aesthetically sensible. ✚

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Built-up area: 12,000sq ft

Cost of project: INR 75,00,000

Year of completion: 2015