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Anjali Mangalgi

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Anjali Mangalgi, Principal Architect, Grounded

Anjali Mangalgi is the founder and principal architect at Grounded, an award-winning architecture and development firm that she founded in 2010. After graduating with a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi in 2002, Anjali moved to USA to do a Master in City Planning from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). In 2005, she joined New York based architecture firm HOK, where she worked on urban planning projects before returning to university to complete a Masters in Real Estate Development at Columbia University in 2008.

In America, Anjali missed the hands-on practice of design that was directly influenced by the earth and soil- a practice that had left a deep impression on her during her architectural internship in Auroville where she built using earth, straw and other sustainable techniques.

The idea of bringing forth this tactile experience together with the broader knowledge on planning, policy and business that she had gained in the US, led Anjali to set up Grounded, her own practice in Goa in 2010.

Grounded integrates sound architectural and sustainability practices with an economically viable business model of development. Engaging with each project from the stage of identifying and purchasing the land to guiding the design of the built environment, the firm plays the role of both architect and builder, allowing for a more considered and comprehensive approach towards the design and development process.

Anjali finds it stimulating to think of design along with the added constraints of project economics and budgeting, the challenges of efficient project management and quality control and finally the realities of the maintenance of buildings post client occupancy.

The firm's work is rooted in the tenets of sustainable architecture, with Anjali and her team approaching each new project through the lens of sustainability and long-term environmental impact. With an emphasis on designing for the tropics and with offices in Singapore and Goa, Grounded brings global insights and international best practices to every project.

As one of the few Indian female principal architects under the age of 40, leading her own architectural practice, Anjali is conscious of the need to give back to the industry by way of mentorship opportunities. Anjali has won several design awards, has been a TEDx speaker and has been published in the Wall Street Journal, Dwell magazine and Elle Décor India along with several online publications.

She is an amateur potter, a wannabe gardener and on the personal front, as a mother of two girls. She is keen to talk about the challenges and pressures faced by new mothers who choose to return to the workplace soon after giving birth.

She currently resides in Singapore with her family, but divides time between Singapore, Goa and New York for work.

- 2019 Awarded WADe Asia Award for 'Excellence in Residential Architecture'
- 2019 Completed Founder's Apartment, Singapore
- 2019 Conducted a workshop on Clay Tile Making for the Singapore Design Week
- 2019 Awarded ID Honours Award for 'Top 10 Homes in India'
- 2018 Published 'Founder's Apartment' at Beautiful Homes Digital
- 2018 Curated & Designed an exhibition on 'Homelessness in India for the Singapore Design Week, presented at the National Design Center in Singapore
- 2017 Participant at a residency workshop on 'Japanese Gardens' at the Kyoto University of Art & Design, Japan
- 2017 Completed Navovado, a private residence in Goa
- 2016 Published 'Nivim' and 'Founder's Apartment' in Dwell US Edition
- 2016 Published 'Nivim' in Elle Décor india Edition
- 2014 Speaker at Columbia University, New York
- 2014 Awarded Archidesign Award for 'Best Residence Award'
- 2013 Published in 'House of Day' section in Wall Street Journal
- 2013 Awarded Green Homes Gold Certification for Nivim by IGBC
- 2013 Completed Nivim, a private residence in Goa
- 2013 Speaker at TEDx at BITs Pilani Goa
- 2010 Founded Grounded in Goa
- 2008 Worked as a Development Analyst at Forest City Enterprises, New York
- 2008 Finalist, GW Vornado Real Estate Development Competition
- 2008 Awarded Master in Real Estate Development from Columbia University, USA
- 2006 Third Place Award, US Green Building Council Sustainable Design Competition
- 2005-08 Worked as a Planner at HOK, New York
- 2005 Published MIT-Beijing Summer Workshop in 'World Architecture'
- 2005 Awarded Master in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
- 2002 Awarded B.Arch from School of Planning and Architecture, N. Delhi
- 2001 Published research on Water Management in Medieval Delhi in Hindustan Times Newspaper

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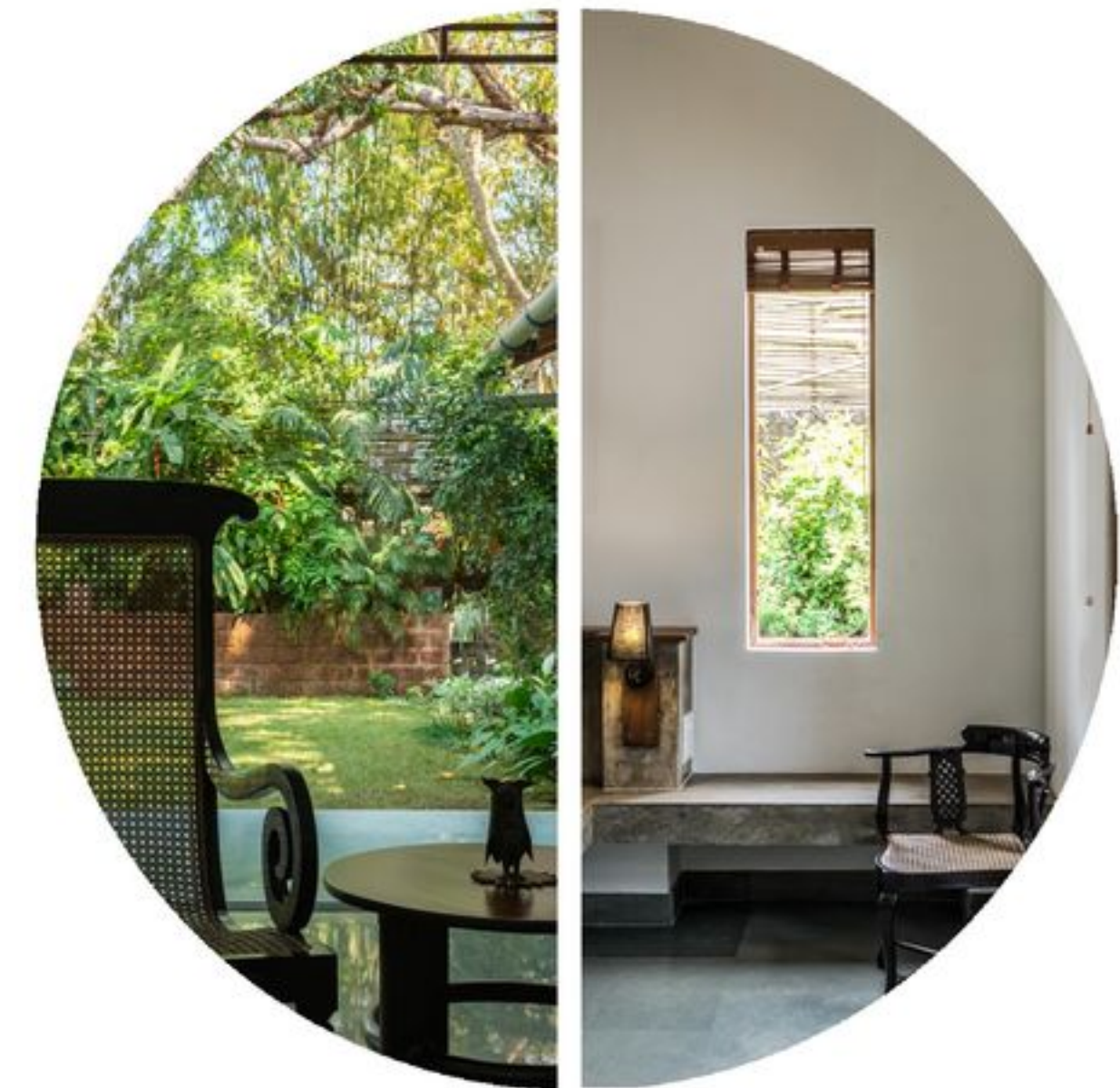
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At Grounded, we build buildings rooted in sound architectural principles to reconnect with nature and celebrate the simple joys of life. Fresh air, natural light, fertile soil, love and laughter: the essentials of well being that are too often lost in the chaos of modern living.

We build luxurious hideaways in precious locations, enabling our clients to live their best lives and make lasting memories with family and friends. We help our clients reconnect with nature, by designing indoor and outdoor living spaces that flow seamlessly together.

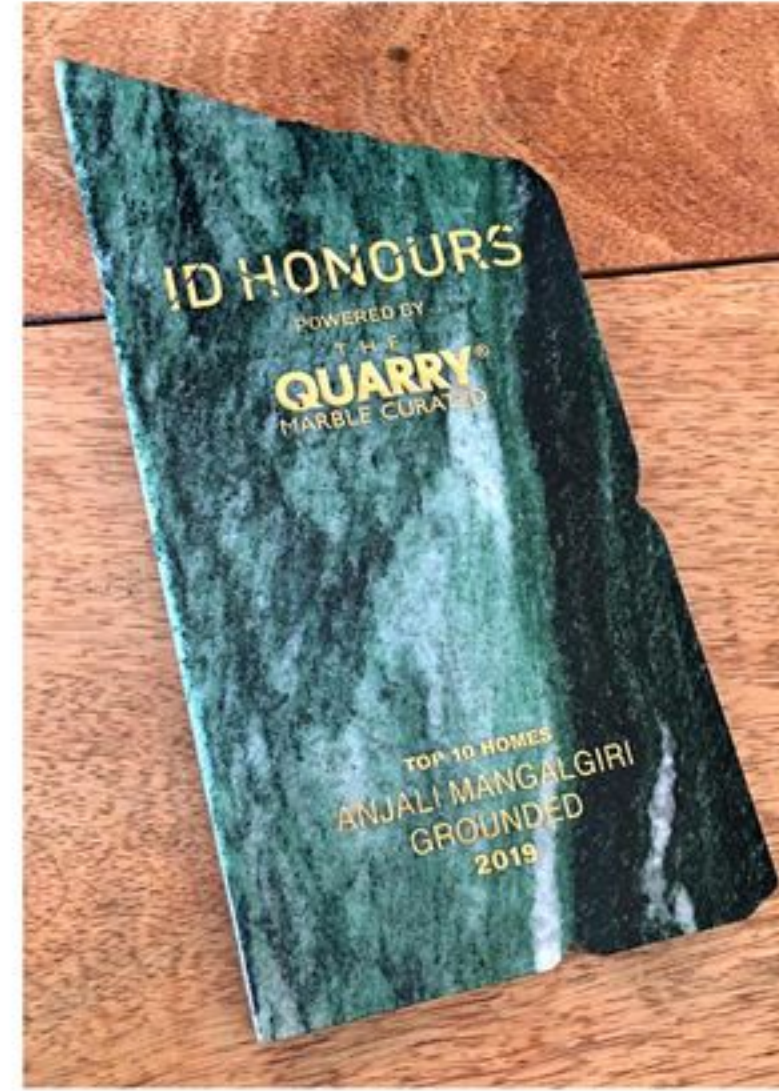
Guided by sustainable practices that protect the environment and optimises its abundant goodness, we build in harmony with nature while striving for architectural excellence. As a team of internationally trained architects and project managers from India, New York and Singapore, we are able to bring global insights and best practices to our buildings. Using the very best local materials, modern engineering, and expert craftsmanship, we are passionate about our work and build each home as if it were our own dream home.



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WADE AWARD 2019



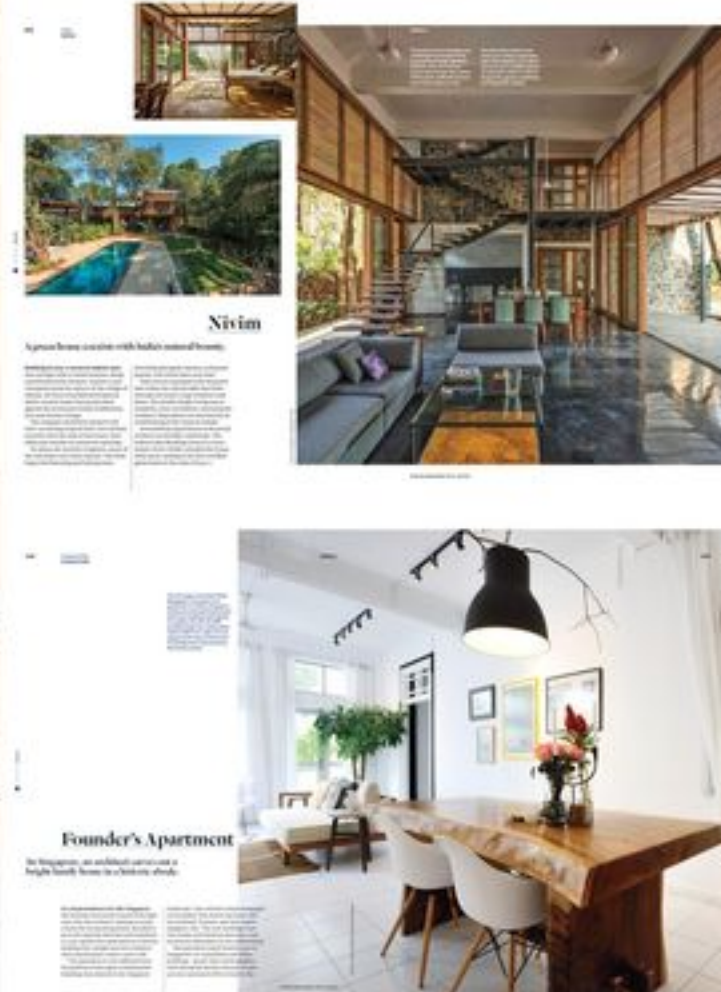
ID HONOURS AWARD 2019



CLAY TILEMAKING, SINGAPORE DESIGN WEEK 2019



NIVIM & FOUNDERS APARTMENT PUBLISHED IN DWELL US 2016



HOMELESSNESS IN INDIA, SINGAPORE DESIGN WEEK 2018



ARCHI DESIGN BEST RESIDENCE AWARD 2014



HOMELESSNESS IN INDIA, SINGAPORE DESIGN WEEK 2018



SPEAKER AT TEDX, BIT'S PILANI 2013



NIVIM PUBLISHED IN ELLE DECOR 2016



NIVIM PUBLISHED IN ELLE DECOR



NIVIM PUBLISHED IN WALLSTREET JOURNAL 2013