



## DIPEN GADA & ASSOCIATES

PRINCIPAL: **DIPEN GADA**

LOCATION: **VADODARA**

A civil engineer by education, Dipen Gada set up his practice in 1993, and the first-ever project he worked on came through family, followed by a house remodelling. A decade later, Gada got the opportunity to work on a residential tower in Mumbai, and showcase his understanding of spatial configurations. An architect who learnt by studying magazines and attending seminars hosted by IIID (Institute of Indian Interior Designers), Gada has also served as chairperson of the Institute's Vadodara chapter. His design sensibility advocates a global aesthetic rooted in the local vernacular.

Gada's recent project, Nirant is a riverside residential retreat, which combines rigorous minimalism with an enduring dialogue between built and natural spaces. The single-storey structure planned on curving land has been oriented to maximize light and air. A large blank wall facing the south-west protects the house from summer heat. The minimalist pristine interiors are contrasted by local touches, such as the use of Indian Pattern Stone (IPS) in vibrant shades. The sculptures in relaxed poses serve as a whimsical reminder of the client's brief—to create a house meant for relaxing.

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