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## MANGALAS, VADODARA

Nested on the outskirts of Baroda, 'Mangalas', a 3000 sq-ft farmhouse sits in harmony in a 1,00,000 sq-ft plot. Surrounded by a beautiful rural landscape, the structure is a simple and single storied with sloping roof and exposed brickwork.

The interiors have been inspired from the rural setting it dwells in. The house conceptualized by Dipen Gada & Associates is one with a rustic feel. Keeping with their decision to make optimum use of natural materials, one can see abundant use of Kota and Jaisalmer stone as well as teak wood furnishings.

Inside the house lies the mindfully decorated living room accessorized with soft furnishings and accents that provide a contemporary touch. Adjacent to the living room is the central courtyard which acts as a transition space between the more private bedroom areas, the living and dining areas.

Terracotta tiles have been used in the flooring and the blue china mosaic border highlights the terracotta as well as Jaisalmer used in this area. The kitchen area also follows the rustic theme with its antique looking tiles and teak wood cabinets complementing the exposed brick walls. 'Mangalas' farmhouse is a perfect representation of Indian aesthetics blended with contemporary designs.

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