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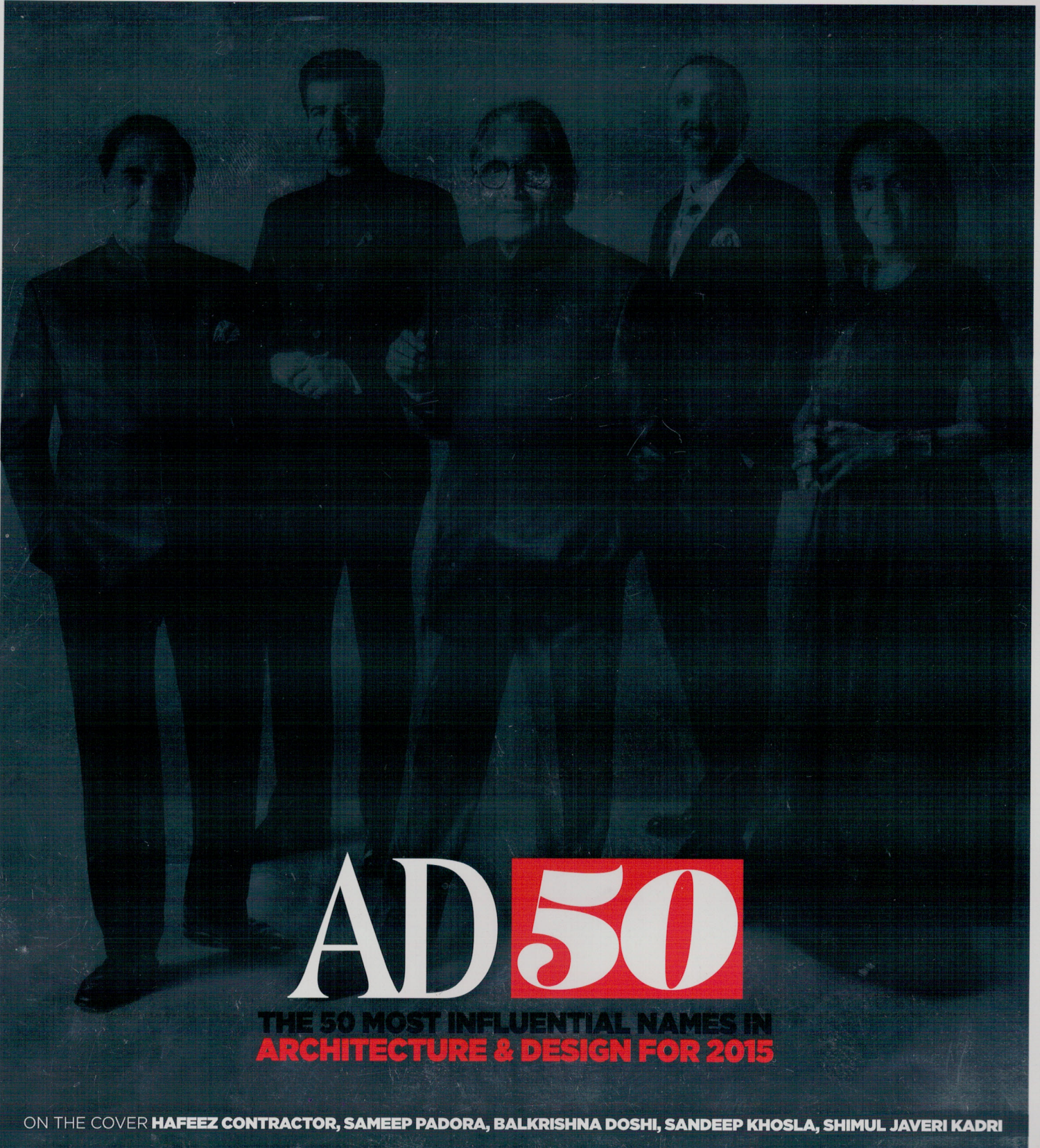
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ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HOMES IN THE WORLD



# AD 50

THE 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL NAMES IN  
**ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN FOR 2015**

ON THE COVER **HAFEEZ CONTRACTOR, SAMEEP PADORA, BALKRISHNA DOSHI, SANDEEP KHOSLA, SHIMUL JAVERI KADRI**

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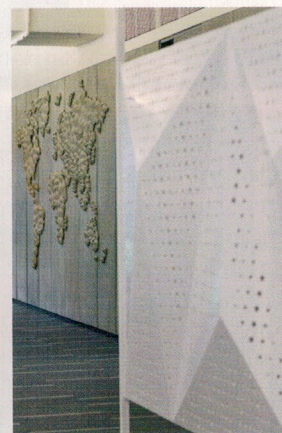
## EXPERIMENTERS

### LAB

LOCATION: **Mumbai**

PRINCIPAL: **Shonan Purie Trehan**

The name is rather revealing—LAB, which stands for “Language. Architecture. Body.” It inspires visions of structures that have passed through every known scientific permutation and revealed themselves as technologically sound. This is a firm that combines the fluid unpredictability of art and the rigour of science. Only such a firm can produce an award-winning Roti Kapda Makaan retail store that put a new spin on reusing old discards, as well as the office of a metal and mineral trading company, Trafigura India Private Limited (*pictured*) in BKC, Mumbai. Contradictions seem inherent in the aesthetic, with the brief for a minimalist office offset by bespoke functional objects and contrasting materials against a grey palette, and furniture inspired by the client’s work. [labwerk.in](http://labwerk.in)



### M:OFA STUDIO

LOCATION: **New Delhi**

PRINCIPALS: **Manish and Tanushree Gulati**

A firm that provides sustainable architecture and urban design solutions, M:OFA Studio (Manifestation of Fluid Architecture) was established in 2007, a new incarnation of Studio GSA (2002-2006). With a name that has fluidity at its core, M:OFA treats architecture as ever-changing and mutable. It’s the kind of aesthetic that has made the ongoing campus for the National Institute of Fashion Technology (*pictured*) in Kangra win awards. With nature playing a fitting supervisor and arbiter, the campus has been planned to fit around the surrounding greenery. Manifesting its diversity in making even corporate spaces adhere to a fluid theory, the design for the office of IPL team Delhi Daredevils defies any preconceived notion of what corporate headquarters should look like. The highlight is undoubtedly the think-tank lounge: imagined, quite literally, as a swirl of energy, with an installation of recycled wood panels. At M:OFA, design bends to the will of its creative team. [mofastudio.com](http://mofastudio.com)

