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Profile: Graduating as an architect from the Pratt Institute, New York, Sandeep Khosla returned to India and worked as an associate with architect Charles Correa in Mumbai. Thereafter, he established Khosla Associates in Bangalore in 1995. The team at Khosla Associates has a distinct style of tropical residential architecture; using local materials and concepts, but reinterpreting them with an innovative and contemporary design sensibility. The firm's interest in global/local trends in fashion, lifestyle and design is reflected in their varied palette of interior projects ranging from corporate offices to lounge bars and restaurants and in the retail sphere by redefining the 'look' for major brands.

National Commendation

Category :
Hospitality

Ar. Sandeep Khosla
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Design Practice :
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Project Concept: In the second of these Pan-Asian restaurants to come up in Bangalore, India, the piece-de-resistance is a monumental 25' high head of a Balinese consort, adorned with rows of golden teardrops hanging from her neck. The larger-than-life imposing head, centered within the dining area has a soothing aura that emanates to the rest of the space, flanked on either side by two full-figured Balinese consorts dropping water from earthen vessels into a channel of water filled with pebbles, lotuses and water plants. The feeling in this 8000 sqft bar/restaurant is surreal - a fantasy woven around the designer's travels and inspirations from south-east Asia. There are strong Pan-Asian overtones and clever contemporary reinterpretations of traditional Japanese, Chinese and Balinese elements, creating a hybrid and exciting mix of elements within the space's lofty setting.