

# HOTELSCAPES

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**Manav Thadani**

**“We do get more things right than wrong and that’s what keeps us going”**

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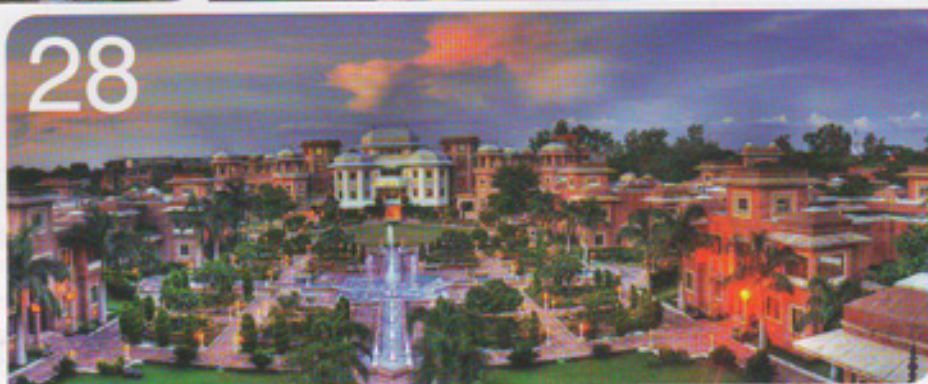
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PORCELAIN STONWARE IS A TYPE OF CERAMIC THAT IS OBTAINED VIA THE MANUFACTURING OF CLAY, SAND AND OTHER NATURAL MATERIALS. THANKS TO A FIRING AT HIGH TEMPERATURES THE FINAL RESULT IS A RESISTANT AND DURABLE PRODUCT.



**Ruchika Grover**  
Director,  
Odyssey

Dimensional stone surfaces in the form of engraved or lattice panels are used extensively in hospitality and high end residential projects. These are primarily used in the public areas.

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would suit a modern decor, whereas most of the Crosta Collection and the Breathing Surfaces collection would go well in a Traditional Indian, Fusion decor. Our latest collection, Ishi Kiri, plays on Dimensionality of Stone when interspersed with light. The panels from Ishi Kiri can be back-lit and front-lit, producing a remarkably different effect each time.”

Harsh Bhutani, MD, ED & P Group, India JV Partner to A49 says “more and more designers are seeking out eco-friendly materials for their environmentally savvy clients, manufacturers have stepped up and given the design world many beautiful options to pick from.” He gives a huge variety to us to choose from. Some of the options that he gives are – Flagstone: Natural rock material quarried, sawn and split specifically for flooring or paving; Slate: natural rock material with pronounced metamorphic cleavage allowing it to be split into thin sheets – principally for roofing but also for decorative cladding and monumental use; stone slate: natural rock material that is thinly bedded and can easily split into thin slabs, specifically for roofing purposes; Rockery stone: natural stone cobbles and boulders of varied lithological composition used in landscaping and gardening; High quality Porcelain Italian tiles: Porcelain stoneware is a type of ceramic that is obtained via the manufacturing of clay, sand and other natural materials. Thanks to a firing at high temperatures the final result is

a resistant and durable product. They are available in elegant and unique collections, colours and combinations specifically studied to astonish and dress today’s Design spaces. Porcelain stoneware wall and floor tiles have high value residential and commercial spaces. Porcelain products are very compact, hard and non-porous; Timber: It is one of the few natural building materials and has lot of advantages. Generally, timber is not toxic, does not leak chemical vapour into the building and is safe to handle and touch. It also means that as timber ages, it does so naturally and doesn’t break down into environmentally damaging materials. The embodied energy in timber is very low, the lowest of almost all common building materials; Cork: It is relatively new to the flooring world. It is usually seen on walls, but it is great material for floors. Cork is harvested from the oak tree commonly found in the forests of the Mediterranean. It has anti-microbial properties that reduce allergens in the home, is fire retardant and easy to maintain. Cork, like wood can be finished in a variety of paints and stains to suit any colour scheme or design style; Bamboo: Bamboo flooring is another wood like option that is gaining popularity. It is durable, easy to maintain and easy to install. Bamboo is sustainable and made from natural vegetation. Bamboo, which usually is very light, is available in many hues that will work in any setting or decor. Its varied grains and wide array of colours give it an edge over traditional flooring.