

Hospitality Design



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Where's the party tonight? This New year we take you to drink, dine and relax at 'The Ridgebar and lounge'. Treat yourself and discover a place you've never seen before!

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In May 2014, The Ridge, bar and lounge at the Malabar Hill club in South Mumbai got a completely new look, feel and identity. This bar is designed by one of the partners, Shivani Shah of the firm, The Design Houzz and is executed by Acmeview Interior Solutions Pvt Ltd.

The old bar was about 2,000 sq ft and had an English pub feel with an old world charm. The club committee wanted a new, plush, more contemporary look and a fresh feel to the bar. In the proposed layout, Shivani suggested to the club committee to annexe the adjoining private party room,

which was about 2,200 sq ft and make the bar much bigger with different styles of bar seating. The final product was a new huge 4,200 sq ft bar, with a long bar counter, restaurant style table seating, a long communal table with high bar stools, and a separate lounge area seating.

There are many design highlights of this bar, one of them is the bespoke, custom furniture. The 18 seater communal table was shaped with an organic raw wood feel to it and had been custom made on site from a single trunk of a Deodhar tree. Another interesting feature is the bespoke

hanging lights above the communal table, which have been made by cutting the bottom of old crystal whisky bottles and making them into lights, one cannot miss the feature wall made of frames of different shades of ionised distressed mirrors. The unusual use of travertine marble on the bar apron is a unique feature.

Within just 60 days, this bar was designed, isn't it mind blowing! The surprising element of this project is that this has been designed and controlled by automation with a software specially created for the bar. Just from the touch of an IPAD, one



can control the dimming of lights to create different moods, the AC's, the music, the blinds, TV's etc. There is a good use of indirect lighting to create a lounge- bar ambience.

Know the designers

TDH offers complete design solutions right from conceptualising, designing, execution and project management to styling, with each project maintaining its unique character and identity. Shivani's initiation to design happened at an early age. Hailing from a family of architects, interior design was a natural progression for her. An alumnus of the Rachana Sansad school of interior design, she began her solo career 9 years ago and has designed several residential and commercial projects since. "At TDH, we believe that the creation of new spaces is challenging yet rewarding and we strive for versatility without restricting ourselves to any particular style," adds Shivani.

Acmeview is well acclaimed interior solution firm with the finest credentials to execute



perfectly. Acmeview develops a fully bespoke execution strategy making sure that the designs are transformed into flawless reality. Acmeview is headed by young, energetic duo Ashok and Minaxi Patel. Ashok has been at the forefront of what Acmeview is today and has transitioned the company to a successful current avatar, whereas Minaxi is an award winner of her batch at P.V. Polytechnic interior designing college, is responsible for management and hands on dealing with clients and internal operations, facilitating team work within the company. "We ensure that the conceived designs are implemented to perfection. We work with utmost care to adhere to our pre agreed project timelines and schedules after understanding the client's or the designer's brief," comments the duo. 

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