

# CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF DESIGN

**J**aquar Group, one of the leading complete bathroom and lighting solutions companies, has launched Design Confab, a unique platform that brings together leading architects, builders and designers to celebrate the spirit of design.

The topic for the first Jaquar Group Design Confab was 'Best Practices for Smart, High-performance Indian Buildings'. In recognition of the excellence and effective best practices in this domain, the group invited some of the leading creative and structural minds from Maharashtra, to share their thoughts, ideation process and vision.

The interactive session in Pune saw deliberations from leading architects like Dikshu Kukreja (MD and principal architect, C P Kukreja Associates), followed by a panel discussion with leading architects and designers from across India sharing their design philosophy. Among them were Pratap Jadhav (Pratap Jadhav & Associates), Prashant Sutaria (Prashant Sutaria Architecture), Sanjay Patil (Environ Planners) and Ketan Jawdekar (Studio K7). The session was moderated by Kalhan Matoo (Planet3 Studios).

The highlight of the event was a presen-



(Left to right) Kalhan Mattoo, Ash Parekh, Manish Kumar, Ketan Jawdekar, Kalpak Bhandari, Pratap Jadhav, Sanjay Patil, Prashant Sutaria and Dev Malhotra

tation on the group's net zero building by architect Sudhir from GNA (Architects Gayathri Shetty and Namith Varma). The group also took the opportunity to announce the LEED Platinum Certified rating from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) received for its head-

quarters. This is the highest level of green building certification awarded to a building. USGBC is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. It is a first of its kind, environment friendly office in India.



Rajesh Mehra (extreme right) receiving the LEED Platinum certificate



Dikshu Kukreja (left) with Parvez Amin (right)