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# Kanakia's Aroha apartment complex by Pentaspace captures divine heritage through architecture

Designed by Pentaspace Design Studio, Kanakia's Aroha in Borivali, Mumbai is an ode to the divine culture of Buddhism reflected along the walls, floors and ceilings.

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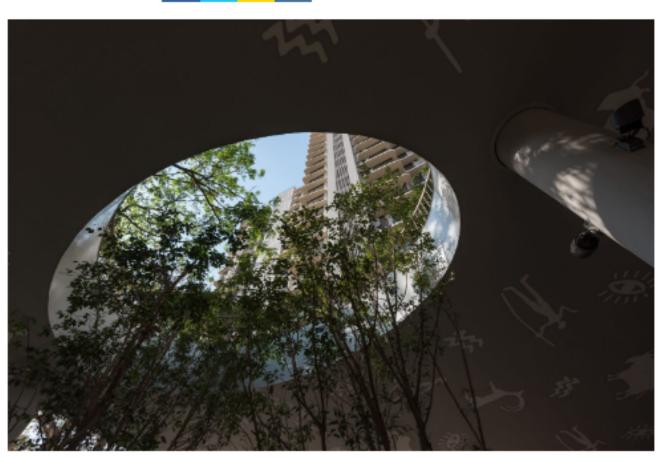
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This project derived inspiration and integrated the architecture and design of Aroha with beautiful aspects of Buddhism to create cognizance about the adjacent Buddhist Caves, Kanheri Caves, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



## Divine dwelling

The divine figurines of Buddha placed strategically in the entranceway and elaborate fresco paintings on the ceilings are meant to draw an association with the Buddhist culture. These fresco paintings create an instant association of the residents/visitors to the cave dweller.

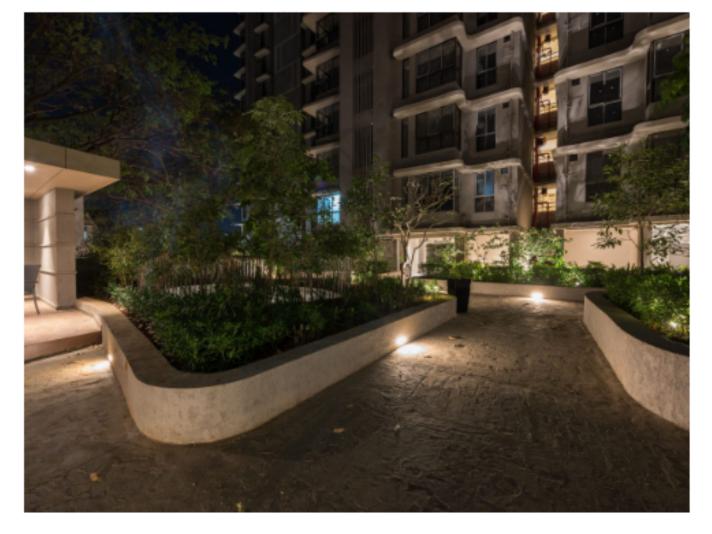






## **Etching stories**

A long drop off canopy with cutouts lets the sunlight penetrate through the entire space creating a natural environment. The caves always narrate a story, which have been carried into our lobbies. Recounting the story of Buddha which is carved out in walls. Natural stones are used for wall cladding and flooring which are in tune with the language carried all over the project.







# Modern day cave

The flooring on the podium level / landscape area is of stamp concrete to resemble and feel like cave floor bed. Aroha has been designed in a way to create a micro environment for its inhabitants amidst the concrete jungle by amalgamating the cave architecture features into modern architecture to inculcate a sense of awareness & curiosity of the heritage grandeur present in the vicinity.





This apartment complex tactfully captures the Buddhist culture and cave life embodied in details and textures.

### Fact file:

Name of the project: Aroha

Location: Borivali, Mumbai

Area: 3,00,000 sq ft

Design firm: Pentaspace Design Studio

Photography credits: Sagar Karnik

### About the design studio:

What started as a blueprint to redefine the realm of architecture in 2007, is now a thriving portfolio of over a 20 million sq. ft. at varying stages, across the Indian Real Estate market, spanning luxury and affordable housing, hospitality, retail, industrial, and commercial projects. What makes **Pentaspace** a meritable industry trailblazer is its commitment to customisation based on a comprehensive introspection of the client's functional and aesthetic aspirations, requirements and budgets. At Pentaspace, precision, professionalism, attention to detail, exceptional customer service and expert project management skills run through every service.

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