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Have you ever imagined a company, which is into property development, project management and construction, to have a swanky workspace dominated by a vibrant colour scheme? Defying all conventions, leading realty firm Rodium's office in Andheri is all this and more. In fact, the ambience of Rodium is such that it encourages its employees to not only work hard but also play harder while at work.



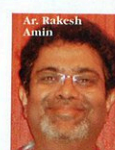
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Designed by Chheda & Amin Architects, the lively and swanky interiors of Rodium promises to leave you spellbound with its bold design elements.



Chheda & Amin Architects (CNA Architects) is an internationally recognized architectural, environment and interior design firm based in Mumbai and Moscow. The firm led by architects Deepak Chheda and Rakesh Amin focusses on high-quality architectural work, renovation and redevelopment of existing structures including all facets of interior designing. The firm aims to offer inventive architectural designs that address the requirements of new age contemporary life.

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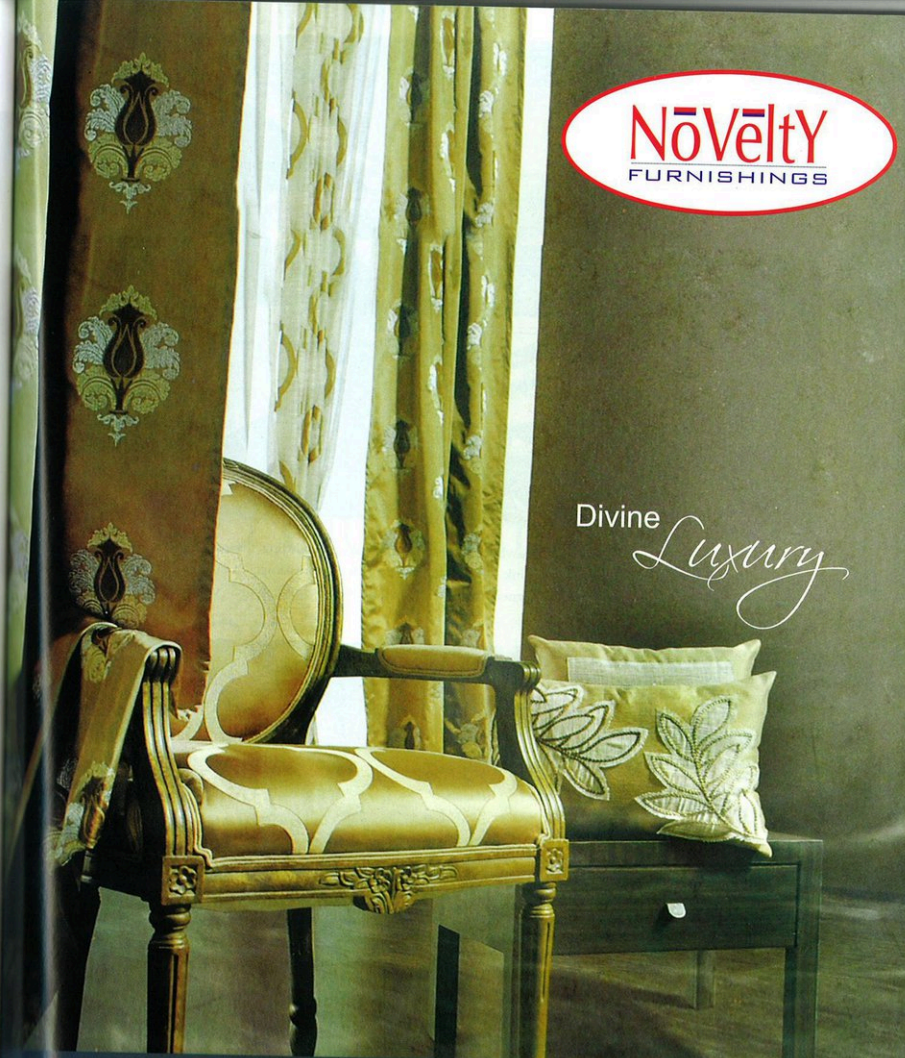
To begin with, Rodium wanted its ideology to reflect in its design for office space and abide by "ethics, transparency, reliability, professionalism and out-of-the-box thinking." Keeping this in mind, the firm roped in its consortium constituent Chheda & Amin Architects (CNA Architects) to design its 8,000 sq. ft. workspace.

Not surprising then that as one enters the office, the interiors force one to instantly perceive the excitement that energizes the facility comprising a reception area, terrace decks, directors' cabins, open plan area, presentation room, meeting room, conference room, data and accounts room, and file and printing room.

Being an architect and the client as well, CNA's Ar. Deepak Chheda and Ar. Rakesh Amin designed the Rodium office with the insight of an insider. Spread across two floors (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>), the fourth level witnesses the transformation of 12 functional glass cuboids into dynamic office environment without visual barriers. This area also accommodates reception, terrace deck, meeting room and the central presentation space. The extensive use of glass gives an illusion of space and also instills a sense of freedom and openness yet providing the necessary domain and acoustic barriers essential in a modern office.

The reception area leads to different zones of Marketing, Designing and Administration with formal and informal gathering spaces. One of the innovative elements in the waiting lounge is a personalized sketched canvas made by the team with their quotes on quality work and photographs.

The striking formal discussion-cum-presentation area aims to elevate the enjoyment of casual interaction. Adds Deepak, "The extraordinary feature of the creative and technical sections created by the architectural



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element in the form of symbolic black and white palms standing tall and holding the suspended red glass ceiling representing technology, paper and ink — the ultimate tools for expressions." A suspended red glass ceiling with circular cutouts has been designed to bind the whole office space which creates visual links between all the 12 cuboids.



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One of the exclusive and appealing areas is the semi-covered terrace which is used for parties, discussions or just lounging. It also has a 16-seater table made in steel and the tabletop finished with customized ceramic designer tiles using warm colours and highlighted with mood creating blue lights and a water body. The terrace is covered with a sliding semi-transparent polycarbonate roof and surrounded by screen of lush green architectural plants.

The next level (5<sup>th</sup> floor) is aptly utilized for conferences, lecture and art exhibitions. It extends to a landscaped terrace with a water body. This multifunctional space has been cleverly designed to adapt to various needs.

The lively interiors of Rodium not only reflect the work culture through its innovative design elements but also captivate ones attention through the effective design solution and play of colours ☺

#### FACTFILE:

**Project:** Rodium-Realty  
**Location:** X-Cube, Andheri (W), Mumbai  
**Area:** 8,000 sq. ft.  
**Design Firm:** CNA Architects  
**Principal Architects:** Deepak Chheda and Rakesh Amin  
**Associate Designers & Team:** Ar. Tushar Chouhan, Interior Designer Kalpita Chordia and Er. Anil Patil  
**Duration of Project:** Four months

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