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Hitesh is an eco-Landscape Architect, Environmental Planner, eco-Architect, and has over 34 years' experience, having worked and consulted in 65 countries on six continents. He is probably the only design professional in the world to be inducted as a FELLOW in three different continents - Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), England; American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), and Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK), Kenya - and in two different professions - Landscape Architecture and Architecture. Hitesh's firm HM Design, is currently working on environmentally and socially friendly projects in Liberia, Galapagos, Timor Leste, Mexico and Dominica.

For the past twenty years, Hitesh has worked on climate-positive projects in over 20 countries and in 2015, he was the recipient of United Nations (UNEP/GFHS) "*Outstanding Achievement Award*" for his work with alleviating poverty and protecting sensitive ecosystems. In July 2006, National Geographic Adventure magazine identified Hitesh as one of five Sustainable Tourism Pioneers in the world mainly because of his Master Planning work to protect endangered habitat and alleviate human poverty.

Hitesh is a well-sought speaker and has presented at over 198 Conferences / Seminars / Public lectures / Webinars in thirty-six countries across all six continents. Most recently, he was a keynote panel speaker (topic: Climate emergency) at the Annual USA Landscape Architect's Conference (2019). Additionally, Hitesh is considered by his peers as one of the world's leading authorities, practitioners and researchers on sustainable tourism/ecotourism physical planning and both the landscape architectural and architectural aspects of ecolodges. He is an author of three books, including "*Authentic Ecolodges*" by world renowned publisher - Harper Collins. He has been featured / interviewed / mentioned in over 196 international magazines, newspapers, books, newsletters and blogs.

Hitesh is an Adjunct Professor in four universities around the world (USA, Madagascar, Costa Rica and Philippines), a Professional Photographer and a Hall of Fame Cricket Player from Kenya.

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