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## **HITESH MEHTA FASLA FRIBA FAAK Associate AIA** **Ecoresorts Bio - Dec 2021**

Hitesh is an eco-Architect, eco-Landscape Architect, Interior Architect, Protected Area Planner, and is a multi-International award winning planner and designer with Awards in Landscape Architecture, Planning, Architecture, Urban Design, Creative Writing and Interior Design. He is considered by his peers as the world's leading authority, practitioner and researcher on sustainable tourism/ecotourism physical planning and both the landscape architectural and architectural aspects of ecoresorts. Hitesh is probably the only design professional in the world to be inducted as a FELLOW in three different continents - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), England and Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK), Kenya - and in two different professions - Landscape Architecture and Architecture.

Hitesh has over 34 years' experience, having worked and consulted in 65 countries on six continents. Hitesh has for many years, led teams in the design and development of some of the most iconic eco-friendly resorts including: The Crosswaters Ecoresort and Spa in China is one of the most highly awarded international hospitality projects; Nihi Resort in Indonesia was identified as the Top Hotel in the world by Travel and Leisure for two consecutive years (2016 and 2017) and Hitesh's office has been for the past few years, been working on the first Six Senses Resort and Spa (Galapagos) in South America. As the designated Landscape Architect and Sustainable Tourism Physical Planner, Hitesh has provided Master and Site Plans to help create destinations that are low-impact and are a win-win-win-win - financially, environmentally, socially and spiritually.

Hitesh is an author of three books, including award winning "Authentic Ecolodges" by world renowned publisher - Harper Collins. 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. He has been featured / interviewed / mentioned in over 195 international magazines, newspapers, books, newsletters and blogs.

Hitesh is one of the founding members of the Global Ecotourism Network and was the longest serving Board member of The International Ecotourism Society. Mr. Mehta is also an Adjunct Professor (at FIU), a Professional Photographer and a Hall of Fame Cricket Player from Kenya.

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