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Dhruva Paknikar is a prolific designer and a global entrepreneur. Having corporate presence in India, Europe, South East Asia, Middle east & The United States, Dhruva is the Founder, Chairman of Dominix Group, a Global Design Conglomerate and MD of 'Dominix Global Design Private Limited', a Design corporation practicing in Industrial Design, Brand Strategy & Digital Transformation. His clientele consists of big names like Lamborghini, Johnson&Johnson, Mercedes-Benz, Reliance, L&T, Calvin Klein, Mitsubishi, Siemens, Rolex etc. Amongst the brands, Dhruva's portfolio has 'Ace Space Real Estate, Dominix Digital LLC USA, Siyon Services Pvt. Ltd. and his signature luxury design brand "Dhruva Paknikar".

Studied at institutions like Jnana Prabodhini, MIT, Strate Ecole de Design (Paris), Dhruva has previously worked with designers like Emmanuel Cairo, Philippe LoPresti, Claus Peter Speidel & Jaques Dolle. Dhruva is the only Indian designer to work with one of the most influential designers of all time- Karim Rashid at his studio in New York, where he worked with more than 30 clients including Alessi (Italy), Pepsi (USA), Arlight (Turkey), Umbra (Canada), Shiffa (Dubai), Ecojun (Japan), Temptations Cancun (Mexico) etc.

Till date, Dhruva has designed more than 500 brands and products selling gloriously in the international markets. Many of his works hold international awards including France Furniture Awards, Q Award (London), IAF Award, Best of Best AKDF Award (South Korea) etc. He holds 'Design Icon Award' as the India's best young lifestyle designer. Dhruva is also an honorary for the ET 30 Under 30 India, holds the 'Indian Achievers Award' by the Govt. of India and is the finalist of Lexus International Design Awards 2023.

Published in local as well as international media several times, Dhruva has been interviewed by Creme Magazine, Face Magazine, Young Designers column at the Brunel University (UK), Hindustan Times, E-Sakaal, Beginup, Success Magazine to name a few. He has talked as a speaker at various international institutions and universities in India, France & United Kingdom. He was recently interviewed by the World Talent Economy Forum (Malaysia). His TEDx talk on "The Impact of Design" at the Flame University impacted thousands, globally. He also talked at the G20 India Forum (Ministry of Corporate Affairs) ICSI Pune.

Dhruva is a design mentor at Encubay- Greenhouse Capital Africa, Midas Institutes, MIT School of Business, ATAL tinkering labs, VIT, Spacers, Venture Centre and JKKN (Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir). He has guided more than 200 startups in the domains of Design, Design Thinking and Design Driven Strategies. Dhruva has been a Juror for 3 consecutive years at Association of Designers of India - PDF, Midas Bazaar, PitchTech - Flame University, GradJury at MIT Institute of Design amongst several other institutions.

In 2020, Dhruva was appointed on the Industrial Advisory Board of one of the best Universities in India- Vishwakarma University- making him the youngest board advisor in the University history. He also sits on the Advisory Board at MIT World Peace University.

Giving back to the society, Dhruva founded and serves as the principal designer at the world's first Specially Abled centric NGO- 'Able Labs' which creates bespoke solutions for the specially abled people!

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