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Snehal Shah believes in making architecture that is 'of its time', as a Gujarati proverb states. History confirms that buildings appropriate to their time, place and climate endure. In learning to build, his architecture adopted a variety of expressions - with the constant being the will to manipulate light and ventilation to best advantage. He studies vernacular techniques as well as learning from wider Indian exemplars and also Western architectural history. References from all these find their way into his buildings, along with his debt to the geometry of Louis Kahn and Mario Botta. In this book, Shah exhibits the work of 25 years in practice. He describes his concerns and development as an architect in parallel with the emergence of India onto the world stage as a mighty, populous, modern nation rich in contradictions.

Snehals interest in the monumental architecture of the past...astonishes. As an architect, he has researched medieval water architecture in western India, and his studies in that neglected field hitherto are producing remarkably insightful information. Professor M A Dhaky, scholar emeritus, American Institute of Indian Studies ...he has strategically located himself between the past and the future. ...Snehal has over the last 20 years embarked upon an ambitious

repertory of private and public buildings that testifies to a unique cosmopolitan sensibility and refined aesthetic. Dr George Michell, art and architecture historian

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