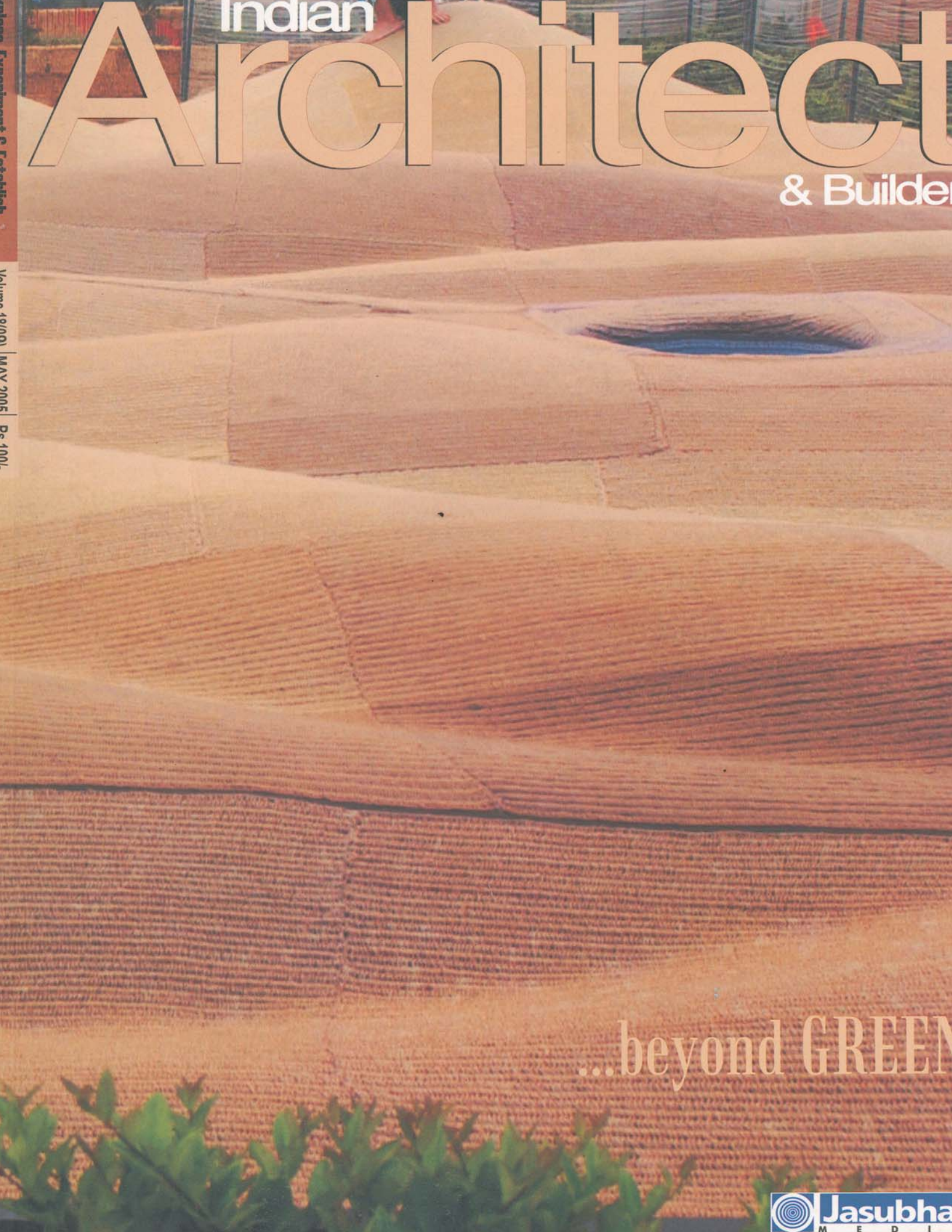


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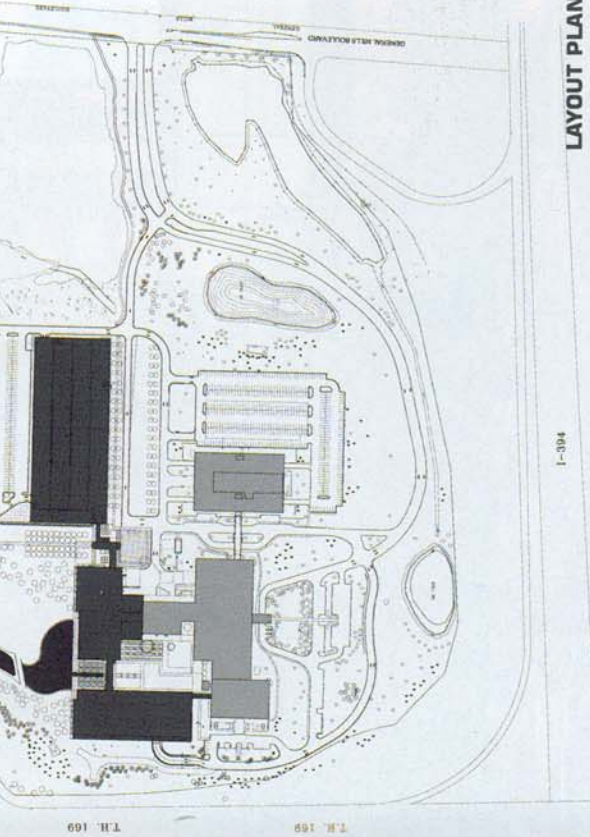
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8 -10. The Patent Garden during winter and summer

focusing the simplicity of the base form into a square horizontal plane, the landscape architect was able to offer counterpoints with the vertical forms of spiraling Corten steel wall, a specimen red maple, and deciduous and evergreen plantings. The Corten wall spirals up from grade to a height of 10 feet, representing the ever-increasing rate of innovation. This wall acts as an abstract gallery from which to display an array of patent buttons. Stainless steel buttons, each etched with the number of a currently held patent, are embedded in the wall according to decade. Individual brass buttons represent patents of distinction. This method of display was designed to help visitors visually measure the evolution of Medtronic's innovative ideas; it also offers employees a way to celebrate their accomplishments in a humble, quiet and beautiful manner.

The focal point of a single red maple tree brings a last surge of vitality to the space in the fall months. In the spring and summer, the green canopy provides cooling shade for the garden. A rectangular reflecting pool filled with smooth river stones moves across a portion of the lawn. This pool with additional borders of deciduous and evergreen plantings becomes a gateway into the hushed and powerful space of the garden. The simplicity and openness of the design allow for a multitude of uses and functionality. Individual contemplation and inspiration as well as large group gatherings can be accomplished within the space without losing the feelings of subtlety and Zen-like calm.

The Patent Garden's endearment reinforces the philosophy that thoughtful attention to the space will create place that will endure both in time and in space. It also allows insight into the unique factors involved in the creation of this garden. The garden positively affects the attitudes of the company employees by being able to virtually inhabit the space as they pass by. The garden is a meaningful and beautiful creation by the landscape architect and was interpreted and understood as an essential factor in bettering

FACTFILE

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| Project | : Patent Garden |
| Location | : Fridley, MN |
| Client | : Medtronic Corporation |
| Landscape Architects | : Oslund And Associates |
| Project Area | : 10,000 sq ft |
| Completion | : 2002 |