

Pankaj & Nidhi's 'Araquis' Fall-Winter 2025: A Mesmerising Ode to Desert Beauty

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Designer Duo Pankaj & Nidhi's 'Araquis' Captures the Soul of Desert Lands

Desert golds, sculpted forms, and fluid grace — these are the elements that define **Pankaj and Nidhi's latest fall-winter collection, *Araquis***. Known for their architectural precision and modern romanticism, the Delhi-based designer duo continue to craft stories through silhouettes that are as timeless as they are contemporary.

Their previous fall collection, *Loop*, paid homage to **Christopher Nolan's *Interstellar*** — a study in drama and structure. With *Araquis*, the designers turn their gaze toward the **barren yet breathtaking beauty of arid deserts**, transforming stillness and strength into couture.

? A Tribute to the Desert's Duality

"Our AW collection, *Araquis*, is inspired by the beauty of barren desert landscapes — its shifting dunes, stark beauty, and rare oases," says **Pankaj**. "We've created fluid and architectural silhouettes in sunlit golds, earthen browns, dawn blues, and lush greens, letting fabrics with movement and sheen capture that duality of the desert — barren yet serene."

For the duo, desert imagery becomes a metaphor for modern womanhood — elegant, untamed, and resilient.

? The Poetry of Movement

"The collection captures the whispering movement of zephyrs and the quiet awe of endless dunes," explains **Nidhi**. "We wanted to translate that balance of strength and fluidity into clothing that feels both powerful and poetic — much like the warrior princesses who might rule such lands."

From sculpted bodices to billowing skirts, every piece moves with grace yet holds its form, creating that delicate **balance between structure and ease** — a hallmark of Pankaj & Nidhi's design language.

? Palette of the Dunes

“Soft monochromes and pastels will always be a part of our identity,” says Nidhi. “For *Araquis*, we’ve moved into a dawn-to-dusk palette — blues, sandy beiges, chocolate and hazelnut browns, with a dazzle of patent gold.”

The palette mirrors the **changing hues of a desert sky** — from pale sunrise tones to twilight shimmer.

? **Bold Yet Effortlessly Wearable**

“In *Araquis*, structure and ease are in constant harmony,” adds Pankaj. “Sculpted shoulders are balanced by flowing forms. The silhouettes hold presence and form, yet never feel rigid.”

Their designs remain bold yet approachable — **couture that feels wearable**, designed for women who seek both artistry and comfort.

? **Evolving Festive Fashion**

“Occasion wear has shifted toward lighter, more versatile pieces that reflect individuality,” says Nidhi.

“Women today want elegance without restriction — fashion that is statement-making yet comfortable. It’s about a wardrobe that’s globally relevant and deeply personal.”

With *Araquis*, Pankaj & Nidhi capture that evolution — **a celebration of femininity that feels timeless, fluid, and free.**

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