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Landscape goes behind the scenes with Milan based architectural firm, RRC STUDIO Architects, to learn about their luxury resort project in Myanmar





Villa's private terrace with glass swimming pool

Located in the Southern most part of the Pyin Sa island, in Myanmar, RRC has developed a luxury resort consisting of three main structures that host the main hospitality activities: the hotel, the restaurant, and the gym & spa. These are connected by light weight, wooden corridors that run over the water, extending from one point of the beach to the other. Along them, other functions develop, such as a fishing and diving center, a boat clubhouse, and a seaplane and ship base to manage the arrivals from air and sea. Smaller corridors branch out to access each of the floating villas, providing privacy, unique views, and a sense of total integration in the environment.

The resort is surrounded by a tropical jungle of vegetation and unexplored lands characteristic of Myanmar and its islands. The structures are placed in the context with care to reduce any negative impact on the natural environment. The materials used (bamboo, wood and textiles) come from local manufacturing and the light and permeable structures blend in the lanscape, free to



At night, the villas resemble floating lanterns



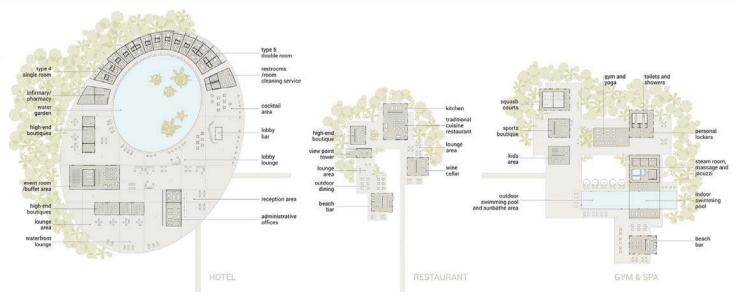
be covered by vegetation and fused with the natural elements. Inspired by the floating lanterns of the Asian tradition, the villas are quietly floating over the sea, lighting up at night, like shining lanterns in the tropical landscape.

The main hotel building can be accesed directly from the arrivals area (seaplane and ships base). Its structure consists of an oval-shaped roof surrounding a central water garden. The roof provides filtered light to the open space below it, and the central garden completes the giant lobby with a touch of local vegetation and the peaceful presence of water.

The main features in this building are the reception, the lobby bar, the event room and several high-end boutiques, as well as administrative facilities and service areas, and finally the different lounge areas, distributed along the open covered space.

Behind the water garden are guest rooms, type 5 and 6 (single and double rooms respectively). All of these rooms face the front façade of the sunny water garden and enjoy at the back side the rich vegetation of the island, most of them through quiet terraces placed almost in the middle of the jungle.





- Restaurant and Sport facilities





The restaurant structure, as well as one of the sports area, consists of a permeable roof to host the different functions under it. The dining area accomodates a restaurant serving local cuisine, a beach bar, a wine cellar and a view point tower 25 meters above sea level. This provides guests with a fantastic view of the resort.

The sports area, in the far end of the wooden corridor coming from the main building, hosts recreational functions complementary to the hospitality activity, such as a gym, a spa and sauna room, locker rooms and showers, a kids area, a squash court, a beach bar, and a great swimming pool - indoors and outdoors-, surrounded by lounge and sunbathing areas.

The floating villas are divided into four types. The first and second are 160 m^2 , with a main entrance from land or from sea, a bedroom/living space and a bathroom/wellness area. Both villas have outdoor lounge spaces in the shape of a green garden in

type two or a swimming pool in type one. Type three is 250m² and has a separate living space, as well as a garden and a swimming pool with bigger dimensions, and a mezzanine in the first floor, for extra relaxation and privacy. Number four is the biggest of the villas. They are spacious with a large second room in the

first floor, along with an internal balcony. The swimming pool glazed walls add an exciting feature to the lounge area. Finally the sunset dining area right in the middle of the sea, completes the floating experience.





PROJECT: RRC STUDIO Architects LOCATION: Pyin Sa island, Myanmar

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BUILT-UP AREA: 16.000 sqm - 172.000 sqft

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