

# ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Architecture: Richard Priest, Peter Rankin

**Interior: Space Studio** 

Landscape: Peter Rankin, Drew Anderson, Sue Curtling

Lighting: Drew Anderson, Space Studio

### **CONCEPT**

The design generator for the project was the unquestionably stunning natural beauty and form of the island. The challenge was to introduce contemporary architecture and authentic Fijian interiors which complement, rather than compete with the island environment.

The buildings form a symbiotic relationship with the setting to become an integral part of the island system and beauty. The site is oriented to capture dazzling sunsets and is protected from the trade winds in an amphitheatre setting. The architecture treads lightly on the island but its impact is considerable.

### **RESORT VILLAS**

Stunning dark interiors use a rustic, grass cloth wallpaper to offer sun relief and keep temperatures down in resort villas where timber joins are wrapped with *magimagi* (fiber woven from coconut husk) to add a touch of Fijian tradition to the contemporary space. Outdoor bathrooms use local stone and vegetation to create a natural and lush setting for bathing, and stone pool tiles have been selected to mirror the brilliant blue of the ocean.

## RESIDENCES

The intent of the residence architecture is to match the Fijian vernacular in design of both the residences and the settlement itself. Construction of simple pavilions connected by covered walkways give emphasis to both outdoor spaces and the wider environs. Remaining appropriate to both the environment and the site, the development appears as any Fijian village would from the water. On arrival to the buildings and pavilions the aesthetic then becomes more refined.

Native hardwood, exquisite furnishing and open floor plans offer organically elegant interiors with spacious lounging areas. Exteriors are wrapped in expansive wooden decking and include private pools, firepits and intimate dining areas to provide secluded outdoor relaxation for all residents.

## THE RESORT

The design of the resort emulates traditional Fijian style, with simple, high-gabled thatched roofing and louvered timber windows and sliding doors that open to showcase the breathtaking sunset views, embracing true indoor-outdoor living.

Resort facilities showcase the island's natural beauty using the beach, marina and vegetation as backdrops for each of the three resort restaurants. A native prehistoric *baka* (banyan) tree provides a beautiful centerpiece for the resort, using its towering branches to create a dramatic entrance into the central area.

## SIX SENSES SPA FIJI

Six Senses Fiji Spa has been designed within the Wellness Village and they reflect a traditional Fijian village lay out. Surrounded by lush vegetation and finished with beautiful, locally-sourced stone walls the

Wellness Village experiences are designed around the beauty and natural health-giving properties of the islands flora and fauna.

Its design embodies the Six Senses philosophy that well-being is crucially linked to the calm and rejuvenating benefits of nature. Cascading water features flow down through the village and into the tropical greenbelt, nourishing the beautiful fig and *baka* (banyan) trees, providing a home for rare iguanas and offering healing visual and auditory experiences for guests.

Four treatment rooms resemble traditional village bures; their organic and earthy design combines a neutral color palette with grounding dark timber floors and wooden beams. A treetop yoga pavilion camouflage's itself on a nearby elevated level surrounded by treetops with stunning ocean views.

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