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Harmony in Pyramids

Project: Aarya Club, Rajkot, Gujarat
Architects: Ishwar Gehi Architect, Rajkot and Surat



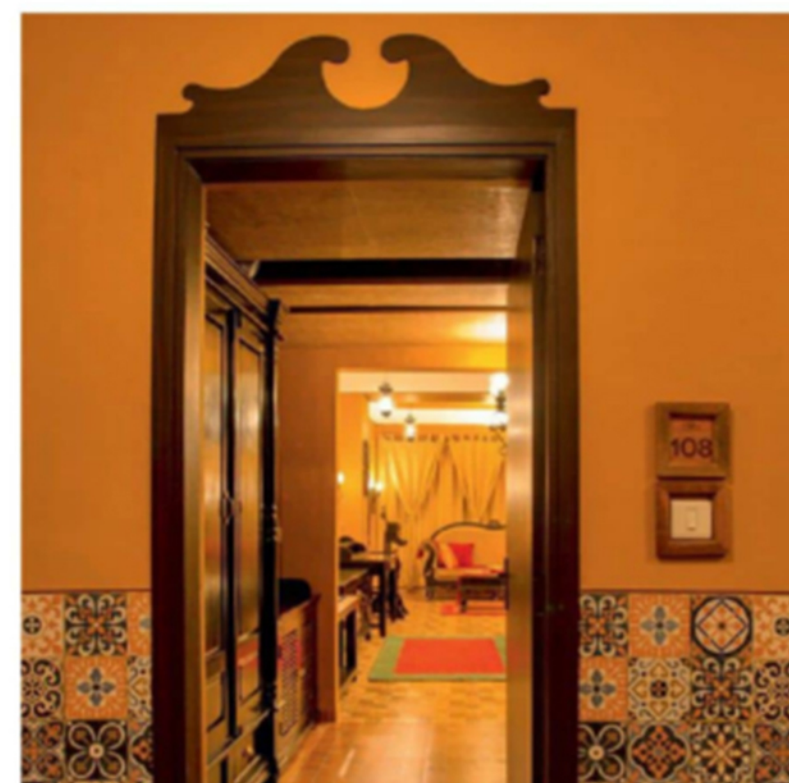
Ishwar Gehi



I have always felt that spaces, when created have emotions knitted into them, which are powerful representations of designer's thought process. This is what makes architecture an art — an art, inside which we carry out most of our daily activities.

I like to believe, that the project embraces my, such emotions that have evolved spiritually

and psychologically as a result of my journey through the villages of western and northern India, in search of immemorial Hindustani ideas of living and existing in harmony with self and soul. Be it Egyptians in the Middle East, Hindus in South Asia, or even Mayans in South America, a pyramid, universally, has been a symbol of harmonious integration of an individual with



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GROUND FLOOR PLAN

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| 1. RECEPTION (PYRAMID) | 10. AMENITY |
| 2. CORRIDOR | 11. SWIMMING POOL |
| 3. CAFETERIA | 12. CHILDREN'S SWIMMING POOL |
| 4. GAME ZONE | 13. DECK AREA |
| 5. THEATRE | 14. PARTY LAWN AREA |
| 6. RESTAURANT | 15. TOILETS |
| 7. POOL SIDE RESTAURANT | 16. LIFT |
| 8. DOUBLE-HEIGHTED BANQUET HALL | 17. STAIRCASE |
| 9. KITCHEN | 18. ADMIN AREA |
| | 19. SERVICE AREA |



MEZANINE FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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| 1. GYMNASIUM | 6. ARYA RAJ SUITE |
| 2. MALE SPA | 7. AMENITY |
| 3. FEMALE SPA | 8. LIFT |
| 4. CORRIDOR | 9. STAIRCASE |
| 5. ARYA MAHARAJA SUITE | |

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| 1. CONFERENCE HALL | 6. ROOFTOP RESTAURANT |
| 2. RESTAURANT | 7. KIDS POOL |
| 3. TOILETS | 8. TERRACE GARDEN |
| 4. SUITE ROOMS | 9. LIFT |
| 5. PASSAGE | 10. STAIRCASE |



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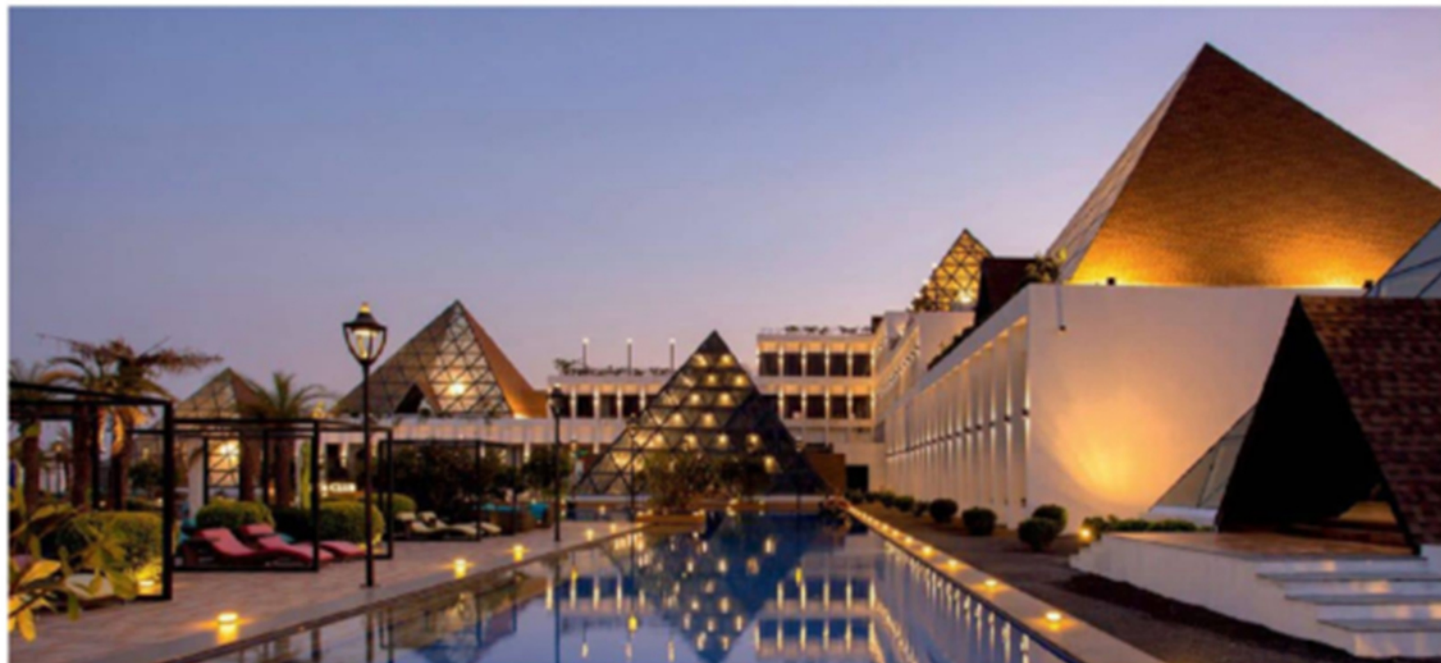


their soul. The composition of these pyramids, at different elevations, carries certain regularity, allowing assigning a different programme to each pyramid space.

With most of the club constituting of entertainment, leisure related activities, almost all club areas are surrounded by massive corridors,

having majestic views of the monumental pyramids, again embracing principles of awe-inspiring ancient Indian superstructures, at the same time hinting at what the future may look like.

The club is laid out in an 'L' shape keeping in mind, the inclusiveness, when it comes to various community celebrations. All the areas of the club



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THIRD FLOOR PLAN

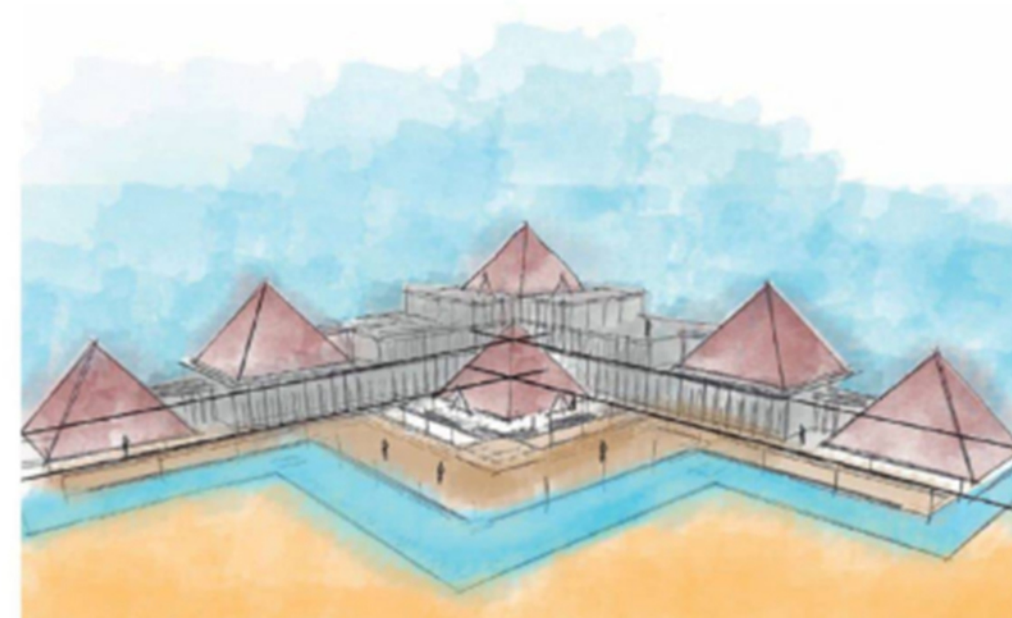
1. SUITE ROOM
2. TERRACE GARDEN
3. LIFT
4. STAIRCASE

are surrounded by 8ft-wide corridors, providing multiple access mounts to each area, maximizing flexibility in terms of the way, each area can be used.

The seven multi-level pyramid comprising glass and steel structure (dimensions: 60' x 60' x 42.5') are distributed throughout the club sitting at different heights, with ground floor pyramids comprising the reception, restaurant and pre-function areas. The high tech components required to erect these pyramids are entirely manufactured locally, in the city of Rajkot.

Building green and working with already existing infrastructure and principles of nature is no longer a proposition, but a sheer necessity in current times. A number of areas in the club including corridors and some pyramids are kept open in accordance with general directions of wind flow, which is why these spaces do not require A/C cooling systems. Same with game zones and cafeteria, which constitute of massive openings linking them with surrounding landscapes and large swimming pool.

The club comprises extensive open and recreational spaces, be it corridors, which are only partitioned by columns, or vast terraces, a number of which exist on every floor. The one



CONCEPTUAL DRAWING



pyramid on the top floor in the centre of building functions as an ultra-luxury honeymoon suite for that special couple. ✨

Factfile

Client: Aaryaraaj club and resorts LLP

Consultants: Manish Doshi (Structural); M'nesh Shah, Aqua Utility Designs and Management Pvt Ltd (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC); Ishwar Gehi architect (Interior, Landscape)

Contractors: Ravji Tank (Structural, CIV)

Built up area: 1,10,220sq ft

Cost of the project: Rs 25 crore

Year of completion: 2018