



Kumarakom Resort, Kerala

The design brief called for a luxury eco-resort in Kumarakom, Kerala. As a boutique project, in close proximity to the Arabian Sea, the objective was to offer an indulgent retreat experience, of life amidst the backwaters. Physical and Visual Engagement with the natural setting laid the foundation for the development of the globally unique design set amidst a serene landscape.

The 40-acre site on the man-made Puthenkayal island lies facing the Vembanad lake backwaters (approx. 270m of frontage). 4.2m wide water channels run through the site with alternate strips of land and water. High flood levels within the site, to touch the earth lightly and the intent to retain the unique character of the striated water and land channels, helped to determine the stilted nature of the built up structures and connecting pathways, in order to provide safety from the uncertain high flood level of the site.

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