GOAN HERITAGE RESORT, GOA

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Design brief and aim
To restore an erstwhile Portuguese villa into a resort.

How this was accomplished
Almost a hundred years old, this property is located in Anjuna on the centrally situated Goan tourist circuit, by the coast. The firm reimagined the space with a contemporary hospitality theme while retaining the old-world appeal, as the challenge remained to restore the cultural element without eliminating the existing features. The existing color palette, geometric tiling patterns, floral motifs and dado elements are retained and reconstructed. Following the concept

of socio-cultural sustainability, floor tiles and construction materials were sourced locally and motifs were created by native craftspeople and the renovation done by local Goan workers.

The resort is situated around an *aangan* (central courtyard) as in regional houses, which maximizes daylight and ventilation. Major structural elements such as the stucco walls, stained glass windows, balcony railings, arches and doorways are preserved and revitalized. The structure now has a reception area, restaurant, an in-house bakery and a Goan bar as well as washrooms, kitchens and other back-of-the-house services.
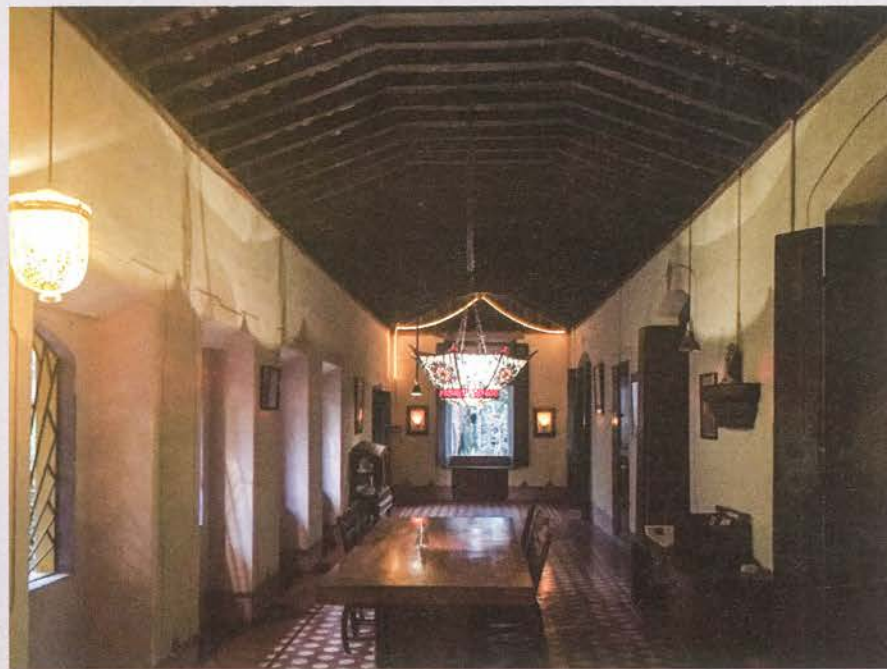

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The existing backyard features a pool area and banquet space, and the wooden and wrought iron furniture maintains the villa's material palette. The Goan bar inside the property retains its original ceiling with wooden rafters, which channels the classic Portuguese style. From here, the guests proceed to the guest rooms and private suites. From a modern perspective, the firm reconstructed the private spaces by reinterpreting the regional flavor through contextual materials.

Two rooms on the first floor are restored and redesigned as heritage guestrooms that allow visitors to enjoy the authentic Goan villa experience. Additional accommodation and recreational activities are incorporated in the newly-constructed guest black and clubhouse at the boundary of the main villa.

BEFORE