

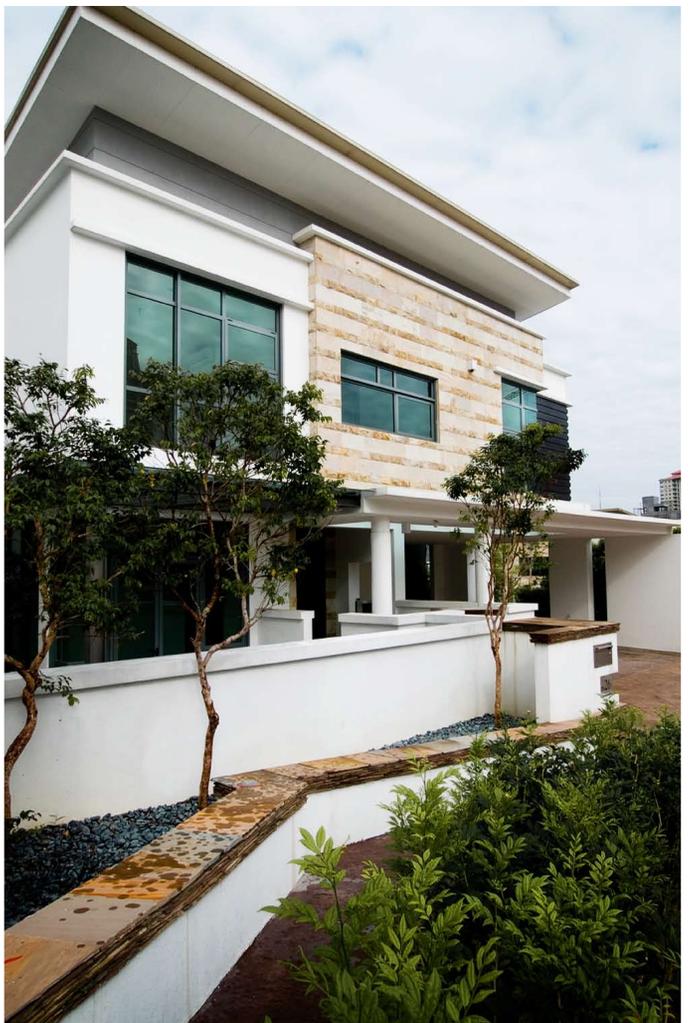
In the Vivaldi project the art of tropical living in high-rise buildings has been redefined in the layout of these units. The fine line between outdoor and indoor spaces, that is the essence of tropical architecture, has been further erased with the provision of lanai spaces that completely separate the living from the rest of the areas. Lanai spaces wrap around the living room promoting ventilation and drawing light into the house. Here the lanai functions more as a courtyard than a veranda and working in conjunction with voids and double volume spaces create a new sensation in high-rise tropical living. The open lanai which forms an extension of the private lift lobby creates a breezy lift lobby and landscaping and water features give rise to an effective use of space by redefining the 'coming home' feeling with a difference. The Eco-deck further provides more greenery to the residents ensuring that most of the greenery taken over by the development is replaced by the Eco-deck and roof gardens that cover almost all exposed reinforced concrete flat roofs.



The residence project responded to the natural terrain; six different designs were conceived to suit their localities. Four of the designs have entrances and living spaces at road level. Two other three storey variants position the living spaces one storey above entry level. The lowest level forms the utilitarian garage and stores. Themed throughout all types are entry courts providing a transition zone of 'expectations' before entering the bungalows. Flowing water elements and texture surfaces at play with direct and diffuse light are featured within the courts, arousing the senses. This embracing of sensory experience with materials and natural elements is reflected throughout the bungalows.



The outdoor space is conceived as an extension of the living spaces inside. The layout has been juxtaposed to allow the spatial flow of internal to external areas. Folding sliding doors form the boundaries between the internal spaces and deep verandahs. When the doors are fully open, external and internal spaces are merged as one. The layout induces cross-ventilation that constantly channels refreshing breezes to all corners of the room and this enticing picture is complete with plunge pools, water features and lush landscaping.



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