

Sun Kissed Beauty

Located in Siolim, within the tropical region of Goa, the Sun House designed by SAV Architecture+Design Architects is a poetic architectural piece created to bring warmth to the heart and peace to the soul

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To create the Sun House, architect Amita was inspired by the fiery nature of the sun. The fluid form of the house is shaped to preserve all the older existing trees, with emphasis on bold sweeping strokes and large overhangs that reflect within the interior spaces. Working within a tightly constrained site, the architect focused on creating an inward looking house, that draws the elements of nature towards itself. The exposed brick wall forms the central spine of the house changing its course as it moves to the double height fluid living space creating a dynamic and sweeping effect. Amita says, "We wanted the curved living space to be a sunken one with its lines flowing to the pool outside creating a poetic visual bridge with water and the amphitheatre-like seating. The double height doors of the living slide and fold to completely open the interiors to the outside, wherein one feels that the living spaces are a part of the pool. She further states, "We used a simple, minimal and locally available material palette that





allowed them to stay true to the architectural experiences while focusing on the craftsmanship and details as well as nature and the connection to the outdoors. Exposed concrete roof and floors lend a seamlessness to the interiors while also keeping the house cool in the tropical weather of Goa. Most of the glazing faces the north to bring soft light within the interiors. The overhands and sloping roofscapes not only respond to the heavy monsoon that Goa experiences, but also its varying slopes and angles generate unique spatial moments across the entire house.”

The entrance of the house is designed with a brick lined wall over a linear water body with large sun screens on the south wall to create both a reflective and performative mood as soon as one enters the house. The floating teak open riser stairs with its bass rods create layers of texture and materiality that flow through the entire house. With its Goan-Portuguese inspired traditional cement tiled flooring, local granite counters, a modern kitchen, and bright fresh furniture, the open plan dining and kitchen is designed to be a fun, fresh and light space that beautifully blends the local and international feel. Shaped around an internal courtyard on both sides, the kitchen and dining areas receive a lot of light, natural ventilation and a constant connection with the outdoors.

On the first level the stairs end with an open plan mezzanine space that looks onto the double height sunken living. The unique lights were designed by the architect’s firm to be specific to this space, and were inspired from the architectural lines of the house. All the bedrooms open up through fluid sweeping white corridors that provide an element



of surprise on entering. Each bedroom has its unique connection to the outdoors, while the main master room has a large private terrace that looks onto a louvered courtyard on one side and the pool on the other. Fitted timber joinery as well as hints of bold colour in textiles and art provide a contrasting warmth and a chic feel to the minimal and meditative architectural palettes. One of the most important spaces in the house are all the bath spaces as they are designed to create a strong connection to the fiery nature of materials with raw stone tiles and top lit skylights that contrast with the fluid spatial lines of the spaces.

The bar and poker room spaces around the pool side offer a mix of chic interiors with crafted furniture along with a strong connection to the tropical plants outside, both near the pool as well as the inner courtyards they look onto. The landscape around the pool although not large, takes its cues from the dramatic lines of the house to create spaces that flow in and out seamlessly, giving a dynamic, experiential and picturesque quality to the entire house. [THE](#)



HOME PROFILE

The Owners: Private residence

The Home: 4 BHK

Location: Siolim, Goa

Decor: Customised and crafted

