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1. KUDADOO MALDIVES

Project Overview

Opened in December 2018, Kudadoo Maldives Private Island is an exclusive private island comprising just 15 expansive Ocean Residences. Lars Petre, the owner of Hurawalhi, as well as other 9 other resorts in the Maldives, conceived the idea for a Robinson Crusoe-style, barefoot luxury island experience, after offering a similar experience at his other resorts and noticing how popular this was.

The resort was designed by New York based architect Yuji Yamasaki. His Japanese influenced design is defined by the flow of both light and air in both The Retreat (the resort's central building) and the 15 Ocean Residences. The exterior roofs of the residences and The Retreat are made of cedar shingles with the internal roofs are made of coconut leaves in the traditional Maldivian way. The bespoke residences have sliding doors – to reflect the Japanese design – both inside and out, again encouraging airflow. All furniture has been custom-designed for Kudadoo by Yuji.

Project Details

1. **Type of Business:** Luxury eco-resort on a privately owned island
2. **Open Date:** 01/12/2018
3. **Concept:** 'Robinson Crusoe experience' where guests can imagine they are on a deserted island.
4. **Location:** Lhaviyani Atoll, The Maldives
5. **Number of rooms:** 15 Ocean Residences, ranging in size between 300 and 380 sqm.
6. **Room Rate:** All-inclusive-luxury Ocean Residence starting at \$3,800 per night.
7. **Hotel Group:** Hurawalhi, owned by Lars Petre; www.hurawalhi.com
8. **Architect & Interior Designer:** Yuji Yamazaki, owner of New York-based Yuji Yamazaki Architecture PLLC; www.yyany.com
9. **Website:** www.kudadoo.com

Location map



A 2-hectare previously deserted natural island, approximately 400m in circumference, Kudadoo is located just over 1 km (2 minutes by speedboat) from Hurawalhi Island Resort in Lhaviyani Atoll in the Indian Ocean.



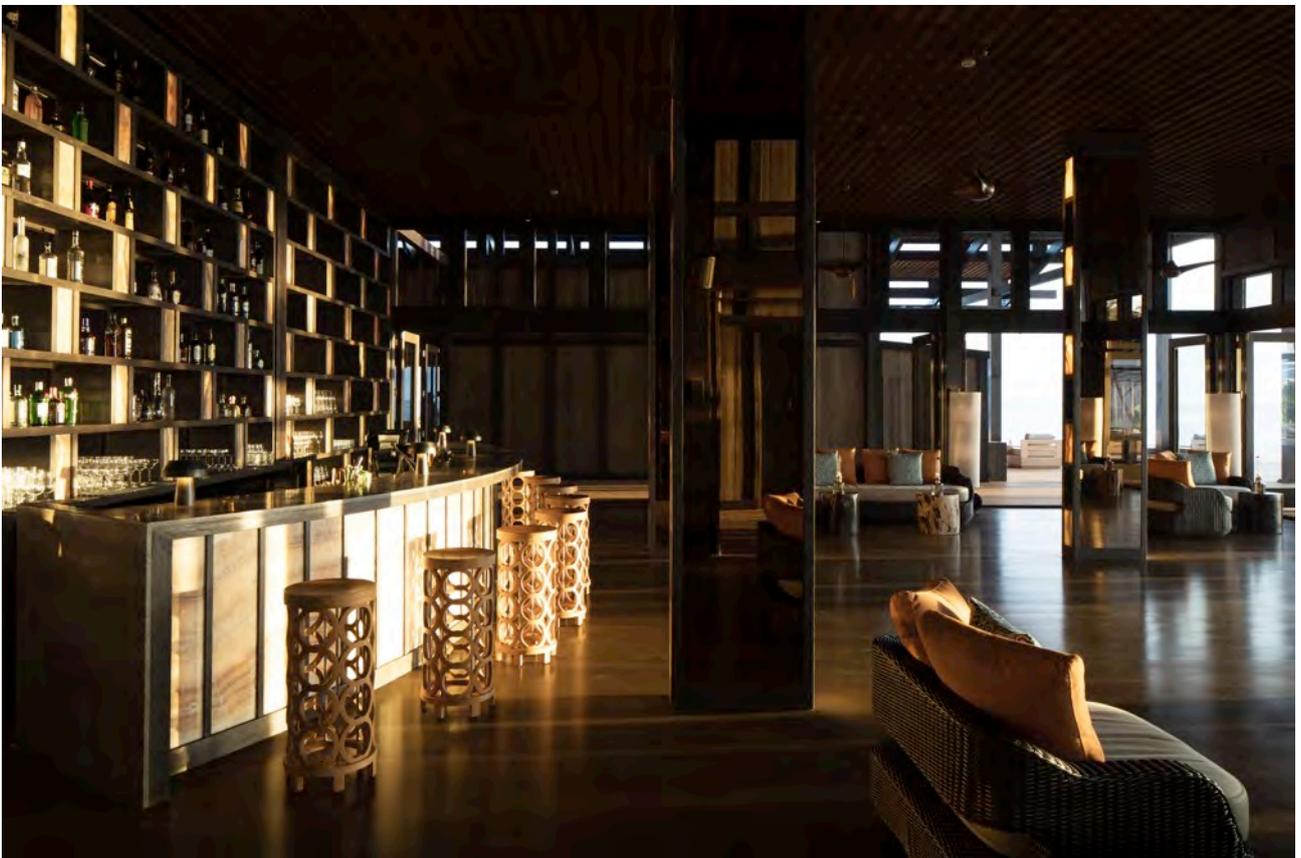
The Kudadoo's over water villas connected by a ring is a microcosm of the geography of the Maldives.



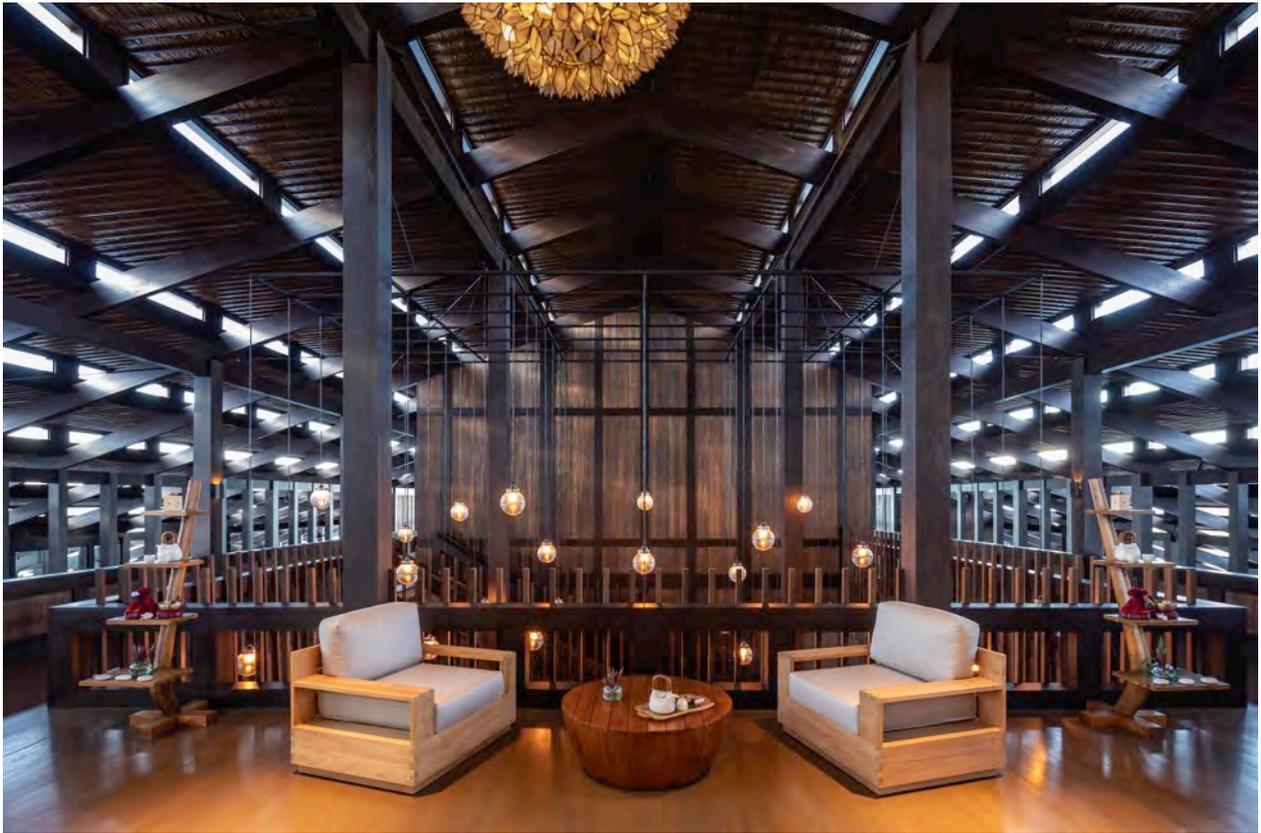
A solar panel system spanning 1643 m² – which can be found on the roof of the central hub building known as The Retreat – was designed by Swedish company Solarwork. The full solar installation cost around \$2 million. Total annual production is 575MWh, estimating that Kudadoo will reduce their carbon footprint by 400,000 tons per year.



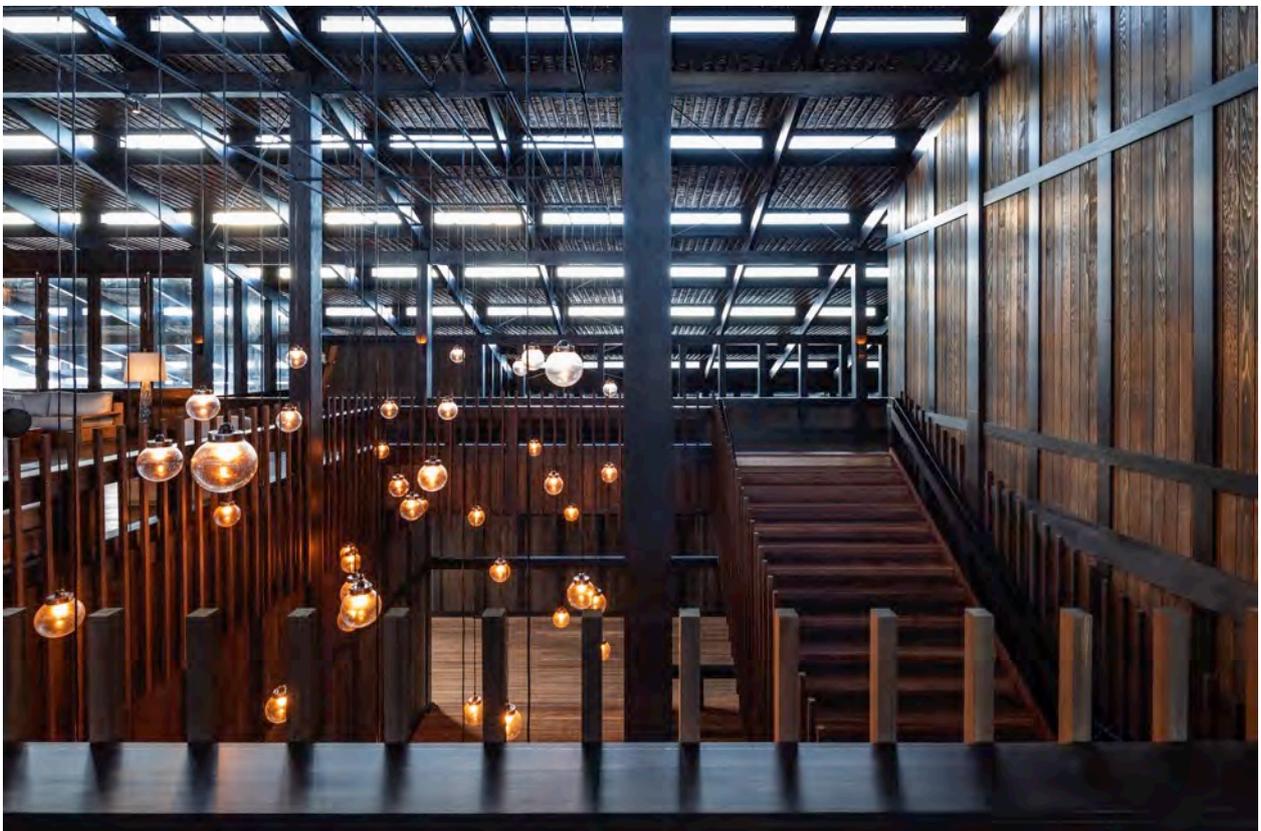
Reception area of the spa.



The bar at The Retreat



Kudadoo's central hub – The Retreat – is inspired by traditional Japanese architecture, with a gently sloped roof drawing graceful curves that conceals on-the-ground activities, as well as revealing stunning views from its upper level.





In describing the concept of the landscaping, the designer describes taking his inspiration from what was there before. “The island had beautiful beaches, littoral plantings, coconut groves and interior forests. We kept this basic plant structure, and also kept the native plant palette such as Sea Lettuce, Iron Wood, Coconut Palm, Beach Hibiscus and Screwpine. When you have a beautiful and unique site like this, you want to just preserve it.”





Residences offer some of the largest private sundecks in the Maldives, all with a 44 sqm terrace pool, and in-villa baths.



The furniture in all the residences are bespoke to Kudadoo and made from sustainable sources, such as the contemporary four-poster super-king sized beds which are made of sustainable teak.



The exterior roofs of the residences and the central Retreat are made of cedar shingles with the internal roofs made of coconut leaves in the traditional Maldivian way. Internal floors are made of Tasmanian Oak throughout. There are andesite natural stone bathroom sinks and baths in each residence as well as marble floors.

