

HBA DESIGNS ARANYA PAVILLION, SIGNATURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT BY PIRAMAL REALTY

Botanical Beauty in Mumbai Sites Within A Lush 60-Acre of Botanical Garden



LONDON (May 14, 2018) – In collaboration with a team of world-renowned consultants, [Hirsch Bedner Associates \(HBA\)](#), has completed Aranya Pavillion in Mumbai. The world-class experience center located at Piramal Aranya is the Signature Residential Development by Piramal Realty – the real estate arm of India’s leading diversified global conglomerate, Piramal Group. Located in the affluent and culturally diverse district of Byculla, the neighborhood was once home to the prestigious Byculla Club and the city’s booming textile industry. The Aranya Pavillion is flanked by the lush 60 acre of botanical gardens on one side and the glittering Mumbai Harbour on the other. The experience on offer is that of unparalleled premium living for the aspirational elite, embodied in a residential tower that is soon to redefine the south Mumbai skyline. The verdant surroundings of Byculla have inspired and formed the Pavillion’s design and are expressed through materiality, patterning and palette.

Constantina Tsoutsikou, Creative Director at HBA London and leader of the Aranya design team says, *“The name ‘Aranya’ means ‘forest’ and everywhere around Mumbai, especially inside the Botanical Gardens, you see vast tropical trees, whose sinewy roots grow out of the ground to form intricately woven mats that line the forest floor. I was struck by the profound beauty of this wilderness and wanted to bring it into Aranya’s design, creating luxurious homes in which residents could set down their own roots. Polished stone contrasting with rough, textured timbers prevail, creating a dynamic dialogue between refinement and natural beauty.”*

Aranya Pavillion

Positioned within the bounds of an old mill, whose ruins are enveloped by nature, the experience centre is a sleek and polished structure with a striking contemporary form. The Pavillion is strategy in physical form, created to welcome, enchant and woo potential purchasers. Visitors are taken on a carefully orchestrated journey from the bright and welcoming reception through to the ground floor Experience Centre with its building models, interactive digital displays, Immersion Room, Design Studio, array of comfortable hospitality areas and Viewing Terrace. Upstairs, a resplendent 3-Bed show apartment embodies the vision of Piramal Aranya and gives visitors a true feel of the craftsmanship and the attention to detail taken by the HBA London team.

The reception lobby has a fresh, crisp feel with light stone floors and opulent book-matched green onyx feature walls complementing walls clad in understated teak. From here, visitors are guided towards the Model Hall where 3D representations of the towers and their apartments are on show, alongside plans, high-definition displays and mood videos. State-of-the-art audio-visual equipment ensures a fully immersive experience within the fabric-lined walls of a soundproofed room.

Throughout the hall, mirrors on the structural columns play with the landscape beyond the glazed façade of The Pavillion and cleverly disrupt the barrier between the outside and interior worlds.

The bar in the Café Lounge encompasses two handpicked East Indian walnut tree trunks that extend three metres in length. Live-edged timber forms the countertop whilst the bar front is clad with white marble. The wall behind the counter holds an original painting 'Village' by the much-celebrated Indian artist, Syed Haider Raza that adds a vibrant energy to the space. Organic forms are present in light fixtures, accessories and earthenware throughout the Café Lounge, creating an area that is residential in feel and resonates with its surroundings.

Artwork throughout the Aranya Pavillion has been carefully chosen from Piramal Museum of Art to enable the display of the museum's collection of artworks in this space. Each artwork has been curated carefully to create a complete journey from Modern to Contemporary Indian Art. This extensive collection of artworks includes many treasures from India's greatest artists. A specially commissioned installation by the renowned New Delhi contemporary duo, Jiten Thukral and Sumir Tagra, graces a wall by the staircase leading up to the show apartment. Commissioned by the Piramal Museum of Art and Piramal Realty, the pieces have been inspired by 26 varieties of the 286 plant species found in the Botanical Garden. Painted with insightful precision, the canvases portray the interaction between nature and man where the two exist together harmoniously.

The Apartment

The show apartment further inspires its visitors with what might be and reminds them of the special beauty of the unique location. This begins at the entrance door, where sections of differing grained veneer conjure up the delicate veined filigree of a leaf, an effect that is echoed throughout the space in feature walls, shelving and headboards.

The front door opens onto a wide corridor lined with large pieces of artwork. Flooring in the living areas is of white Volakas marble with golden veining, overlaid by large statement rugs which help to differentiate the rooms while maintaining a sense of continuity. A study creates a sophisticated home office with its burnt sienna and navy-blue palette, accentuated by a bright red Modernist painting by Shiavax Chavda.

The kitchen is beautifully appointed with quartz countertops, fluted glass, burnished brass cabinets, and rich wood drawers. The living room is open-plan and contemporary. A feature wall with hand-painted de Gournay silk panels depicts birds high on the tree canopy. There are textured white sofas, comfortable contemporary armchairs and crafted side tables and lamps, all sourced from India. The dining room continues several of the design features seen elsewhere, such as geometric veneer panelling, while also providing an impressive social space, which opens onto a private terrace. From here, visitors can relax in comfort and gaze out over the botanical garden. Piramal Aranya's residential tower can be seen rising out of the greenery from this vantage point so that, as visitors sit on the deck, basking in the sunlight and surrounded by the forest, they can truly imagine themselves in their new home.

The apartment offers a Master Bedroom, a Deputy Master Bedroom and a third double bedroom, each with its own en-suite bathroom. The bedrooms are chic yet homely, with their own distinct colour palettes, inspired by the works from Piramal Museum of Art that grace their walls.



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