

AQUARIUM BAY HOTEL

GROUNDING ON RICH ALBANIAN HERITAGE

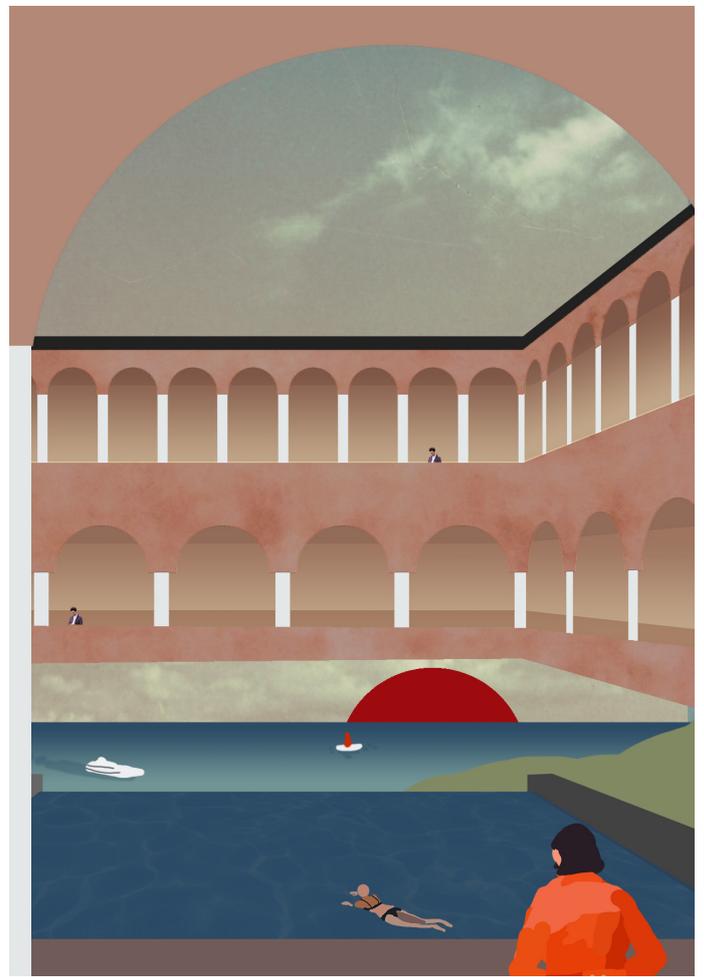
private commission Aquarium Bay Hotel **location** Aquarium Bay, Albania **size** 19185 m²
client private **services** building design **status** idea **team** Martin Sobota, Anamarija
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Aquarium Bay Hotel is designed based on the concept of sustainable tourism. The hotel comprises four separate pavilions, offering different experiences to their guests. Each pavilion has a distinct architectural language and shelters an inner courtyard with a specific and unique character.

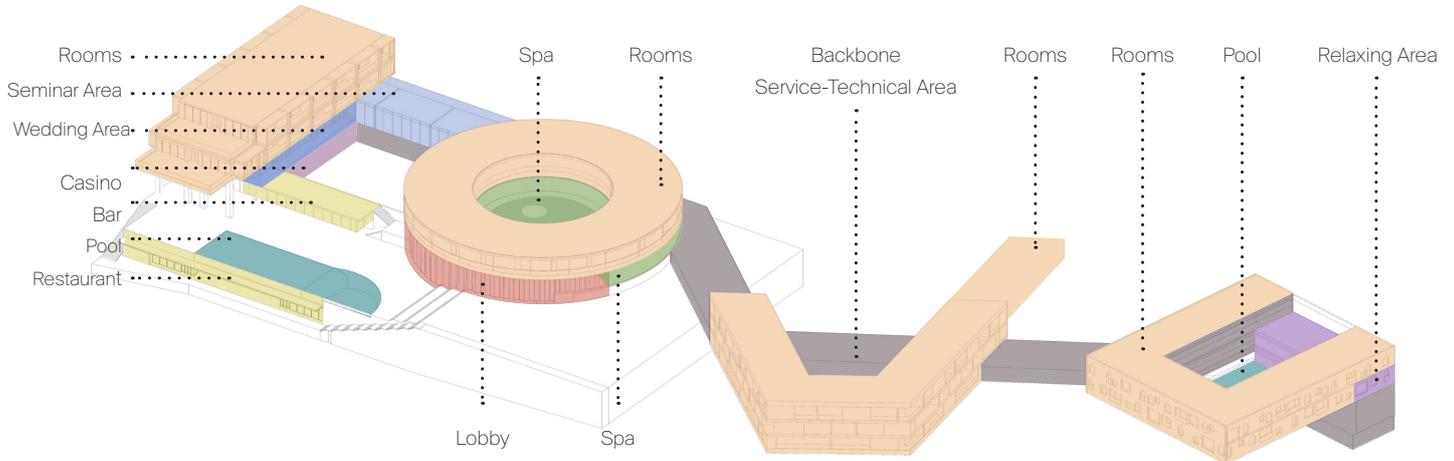
The four buildings contrast with their surroundings, as a way to accentuate and respect the outstanding local landscape. This landscape of rolling seaside hilltops covered in Mediterranean scrub, as well as the remote location, are considered two of the strongest, unique, 'assets' of the hotel.

The approach to the hotel - by car, boat and helicopter but also by foot and bicycle - is carefully orchestrated, as it forms the start of the customers' journey. Internal circulation is organized by a series of footpaths, - a seaside path, a forest path and a main 'barefoot' path - making for a sensory experience.

The central lobby pavilion provides direct access to the spa, restaurants, conference rooms and casino. Additionally, atmospheric facilities like the plunge pool, the bonfire area, the botanical garden and the rock pool add to the guest experience. The most remote volume houses a small restaurant and bar that allows this building to be operated independent from the others, thus maximizing the privacy of its guests.



swimming with the Adriatic Sea ahead



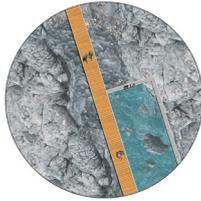
functional organization



front view



masterplan



barefoot paths



sensational view on the Aquarium Bay



defining a new swimming experience - the rock pool