

Project: Riva Vista Riverfront Resort

Team: IDIN Architects

Size: 5530 m²

Location: Chiang Rai, THAILAND



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Project - Nestled on the banks of the Kok River in Chiang Rai, Thailand, the Riva Vista Riverfront Resort masterfully blends modern and traditional elements. Designed by IDIN Architects, the 61-key hotel artfully captures the essence of Lanna architecture while incorporating contemporary techniques and aesthetics.

Divided across two plots separated by a road, the resort places its all-day dining and main suites in a riverside building to capitalize on the captivating water views. An elongated single corridor guarantees every room overlooks the river, while a gap in the middle preserves sightlines to a giant raintree and connects guests to the riverfront promenade.

The second building on the inland plot wraps around the main pool in an L-shape, with private pool access compensating for the lack of river frontage. This structure combines the lobby, seminar facilities, gym and spa around an internal courtyard that can host private events.

Echoing the concept of fusing modern and vernacular, contrast pervades the architecture inside and out. Crisp white forms juxtapose solid and open volumes, while interiors integrate traditional Northern Thai elements like wooden platforms, hanging storage and decorative shelving. Custom furnishings exhibit traditional joinery, allowing Lanna influences to permeate the contemporary design.

With its creative hybrid of old and new, the Riva Vista Riverfront Resort delivers a unique resort experience steeped in the rich culture of Northern Thailand.

Design Team - Established in The Hague in 1976, Atelier PRO architects has spent over four decades pioneering context-driven and socially-conscious designs grounded in genius loci principles. Currently led by directors Hans Kalkhoven and Dorte Kristensen, the 45-person firm creates surprising yet functional public architecture, from schools and theaters to renovated office spaces like the sustainability-minded EDGE Stadium.

Seeking to uplift communities by improving their environments, Atelier PRO's civic-minded portfolio concentrates on social infrastructure. They reimagine existing buildings guided by a deep appreciation of historic built fabric, balancing preservation with creative revitalization. Atelier PRO stays future-focused as well - pursuing innovation in healthy urban living and sustainable design. Their visionary thinking and entrepreneurial spirit have earned pioneering sustainability certifications, advancing new strategies for educational facilities, and vibrant workplaces that foster human flourishing.