

**Project:** Pistohiekka Resort Sauna-Restaurant

**Team:** Studio Puisto

**Size:** 715 m<sup>2</sup>

**Location:** Puumala, FINLAND



**Feature:**

**Project** - Nestled harmoniously along the shores of Lake Saimaa in Finland, the newly opened Pistohiekka Resort masterfully combines nature and design through the vision of Studio Puisto. Centered around a curved courtyard opening to the tranquil waters, the resort comprising a restaurant and sauna spirals guests on a fluid journey that embraces the delicate scenery.

Blending darkened exteriors with light-filled wooden interiors, the architecture seamlessly transitions inside and out for an immersive experience with vistas at every turn. The curved inner spaces create an intimate yet airy dining environment while playing with perspective to lake views beyond. Careful siting amongst existing trees brings the feeling of floating amongst the rocks and water for a transportive escape.

Studio Puisto's design focuses on showcasing the breathtaking location through considered placement that heightens the senses. Between meals sourced from the pristine landscape and moments for reflection in the sauna, Pistohiekka Resort provides a connection to the rich nature of Finland's treasured Saimaa through contemporary spaces honoring tradition. An exemplary sustainable tourism project and innovative for its wood construction, Pistohiekka Resort points the way forward for development amidst natural splendor.

**Design Team** - Grounded in the ideology of harmonious coexistence between humans and nature, Studio Puisto creates unique architectural experiences through the pursuit of sustainability, functionality and aesthetics. Its design philosophy stems from the Finnish word "Puisto", meaning "park", symbolizing a return to nature and rebuilding the harmonious interaction between humans and the environment.

With craftsmanship and humanistic care, Studio Puisto's practice revolves around igniting memories with space and enriching life experiences. They value close cooperation with clients, regarding customers as an extension of the design team. Continuously exploring greater possibilities in sustainable architectural design, the spaces created by Studio Puisto contain cross-temporal qualities.