

Project: The Landing House

Team: Industry of All Nations

Size: 850 ft²

Location: Joshua Tree, USA



Feature:

Project - Nestled into the rugged Mojave Desert landscape on the edge of California's Joshua Tree National Park, The Landing House is a modern wood pavilion that masterfully blends sustainability and design. Created by Industry of All Nations, this desert retreat exemplifies eco-sensitive architecture through its modest horizontal form, integration with the natural terrain, and extensive use of regional materials.

Upon approach along a winding 400-yard road, the home's low-slung profile surprises the eye, concealed until the last moment by the iconic Joshua trees and boulders native to the site. Two illuminated volumes connected by a central breezeway divide the house into dual wings that frame a plunge pool courtyard beyond. Floor-to-ceiling glazing blurs indoor/outdoor boundaries and complements the predominantly cedar interior finishes, echoing the surrounding desert hues.

Thoughtful details abound, from the round window puncturing one bedroom to the yoga nook tucked discreetly behind a rock outcropping. And the project's sensitivity to environmental impact even extends to its very foundations – built directly upon the desert caliche to eliminate digging and disturbance. As the designers put it, "the landscape architecture is delivered courtesy of Mother Nature," a prime exemplar of humble, sustainable architecture in harmony with the land.

Design Team - In April 2010, Industry of All Nations became a design and development office founded with a commitment to rethink methods of production for consumer goods. IOAN takes manufacturing back to the regions where products and materials originate, bringing unique local businesses to an international market. IOAN introduces everyday

goods that are developed horizontally in collaboration with local communities around the world, creating novel products through traditional and innovative industrial processes. IOAN also searches the world for iconic products that are brought to the public with an identity unaltered - superb anonymous designs in a latent state waiting to be discovered. IOAN is determined to combine environmental and social awareness while promoting fair trade and open borders for all nations.