

**Project:** Orchid Pavilion

**Team:** Centro de Colaboración Arquitectónica

**Size:** 40 m<sup>2</sup>

**Location:** Puerto Escondido, MEXICO



**Feature:**

**Project** - Tucked into the lush landscape between the sea and mountains near Puerto Escondido, Mexico, the newly unveiled Orchid Pavilion provides a serene sanctuary for preserving native orchid species. Designed by Mexico City-based CCA Centro de Colaboración Arquitectónica for Casa Wabi Foundation, the graceful wooden structure embraces simplicity and local craftsmanship. CCA's design focuses on creating the ideal growing conditions for orchids from the Oaxacan coast, with humidity, shade, and ventilation integrated into the pavilion's form and details. Twelve custom pyramid-shaped ceramic vessels nestled in the frame collect and slowly release water to irrigate the orchids below without the need for manual watering. Local wood warms the interiors, while slatted screens allow breezes and dappled light to permeate.

The meditative experience continues for visitors, who descend to the ground level to observe the diverse orchids up-close. CCA aimed to provide a space for relaxation and contemplation amidst the noise of daily life - evoking a sense of ikigai, the Japanese concept of finding joy and purpose in being. As Casa Wabi's latest addition, the understated yet poetic Orchid Pavilion continues the Foundation's ethos of fostering social development through art and architecture. Its focus on traditional techniques and materials also ties back to the Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi, finding beauty in imperfection and simplicity. The pavilion joins a growing ensemble of well-crafted structures on the grounds, united by their elegant interpretation of contextual design.

**Design Team** - Founded in Mexico City in 2008, Centro de Colaboración Arquitectónica (CCA) has rapidly emerged as a leading young practice pushing boundaries through research-driven work. Led by Bernardo Quinzaños, a graduate of Universidad

Iberoamericana, CCA operates as an interdisciplinary studio focused on social impact. Their diverse projects range from wineries to schools, unified by an experimental approach and collaborative process.

CCA has garnered honors including the Architectural League of New York's Emerging Voices award in 2019. Other accolades recognize their angular timber Community Center, brutalist concrete Children's Club, and sensitive hillside Casa Moulat. Partners Quinzaños and Santiago Vélez, who joined in 2016, lead a dynamic team tackling projects across Mexico. CCA continues shaping contemporary Mexican architecture through inventive spaces encouraging community.