



Primal property

Desires quenched. Twenty-eight cutting-edge hilltop residences emerging amid giant granite boulders on an untouched island in the Seychelles. Each one unique, organically sculpted for space and privacy. Out of this world. Yours to own. Renowned architect Richard Hywel Evans sheds his light on Zil Pasyon, the new destination by global leaders in luxury travel, Per Aquum.

How would you describe your approach to Zil Pasyon?

Richard Hywel Evans (RHE): With a question: why must everything be just another formulaic box? We formed RHE Architecture & Design to do something different, and it's worked. We've delivered over fifty architectural projects worldwide, and won over fifteen major design awards. Our secret? Being bold.

Sum up your vision for Zil Pasyon...

RHE: A whole new resort standard in terms of vision, design, experience and sustainability, crafted from indigenous materials that melt into a landscape of staggering beauty.

What was your main challenge in creating its blueprint?

RHE: We want to create a new 'stealth' architecture that remains unseen from the surrounding islands, camouflaged by the site's natural materials. Each of the buildings is life-changing to experience but minimal in environmental impact.

How does your concept match the Per Aquum vision?

RHE: We have an instinctive affinity with Per Aquum, whose philosophy is 'Naturally Modern'. We both believe in maximising each site's potential by pioneering, not following.

How has Félicité Island inspired you?

RHE: Félicité's unique in being a black granite island with distinctively rounded, Jurassic, 'whale-back' forms and riotous green vegetation in between. Clearly, all this had to be kept and not tainted by white villas.

What else has inspired your work there?

RHE: We draw inspiration from all modern culture. There are nods to aircraft, yachts, furniture, literature, art and music - Félicité's got the lot!

Water and light seem central to your design...

RHE: In the Seychelles, the clarity of light and the water's natural transparency and colour are the stuff of dreams. We've expressed this throughout - for example, using the swimming pool as a roof light in the villas.

If you had to describe Zil Pasyon in five words...

RHE: Spectacular. Unique. Natural. Beautiful. Dynamic. But words are too weak.

Describe the resort's future atmosphere...

RHE: There are experiences and spaces for every mood - relaxed, energetic, fashionable, laid-back, sexy, dream-like... It's a cocktail of

everything that works at Per Aquum's Huvafen Fushi, plus some fresh thinking.

What can a Zil Pasyon resident experience?

RHE: Everything! Personal appetite is the only limitation.

If Zil Pasyon were a car, what marque would it be? A person? A furniture brand?

RHE: A car? The Maserati Gran Turismo 2007. Total luxury from design firm Pininfarina and an enigmatic, classic, Grand Prix-winning marque that makes the hairs stand up on your neck. And it has to be a hybrid! A person? Jade Jagger - beautiful, cool, vibrant, connected, natural, multi-faceted, designer/DJ. A furniture brand? Minotti - design-driven, flexible, craftsman-made, elegant, unique.

What will the interior decoration be like?

RHE: We'll be designing everything to ensure an undiluted vision. The spaces will be elegant, chic, surprising and comfortable, and utilise the world's best brands: B&O, Kohle, Moroso, Minotti, Sub Zero, Apple... All it takes to create the 'favourite place'.

Luxury in its raw state



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Zil Pasyon - Per Aquum's most exclusive destination yet - is Seychellois Creole for Island of Passion.

Designed as an experience to lust after. Poised to indulge every desire. Nestling on a small segment of unspoilt Félicité, one of the inner Seychelles islands, commanding panoramic views of the aquamarine Indian Ocean, this upscale private island resort knows no limits. A gathering place for those in the know. Dramatically approached by helicopter, down to the private helipad.

Wild, unblemished splendour all around. Jungle canopies fringing Jurassic cliffs. Dazzling beaches caressing smooth granite shoulders and boulder archways. Secluded bays. High in the sky, emerging from the rawness of a primal eco-system, only 28 Bond-style residences. Pupil-wrenching form factor. Absolute privacy. The ultimate fusion of open-plan living and humble landscape-driven design. Sophisticated, lusciously understated lifestyle. So much sexier. If Zil Pasyon were a metal? Silver-white palladium, not blingy gold. A food? Sashimi, provocatively raw but immensely refined.

Epicurean addresses for intimate celebrations, including the world's first-ever natural granite wine cave. A limited number of beachfront villas for non-resident guests. An avant-garde lifestyle mix like nothing else out there. Passion beyond fashion.

Thoughts

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