

Project

Africa Lake



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Date
1998

Client
Africa Lake Developments Ltd.

Project Type
Mixed Use / Masterplanning

Location
Accra, Ghana

Cost/ Value
£97m

Design Partners
Skidmore Owings&Merrill (SOM)

Structural Engineers
YRM Engineers

Services Engineers
Allott & Lomax

Cost Consultants
WT Partnership

Status
Masterplan / Scheme Design



01. Remodelled lagoon in shape of Africa with Apartments, Hotel and Sports Centre



02. Shaded parking for residents



03. Apartment crescents facing fountain



04. Hotel and Sports and Leisure Centre

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Timothy Associates headed a team of international consultants which obtained DTI funding for this masterplanning project near Labadi Beach, Accra, Ghana.

The Africa Lake site originally derived its name from an element of the adjacent Trade Fair's masterplan which proposed the creation of a lake in the shape of the African continent. In adopting this idea the new Africa Lake masterplan tied itself back into the planning history of the site.

The scale of development and mix of uses were established from careful consideration of the physical characteristics of the existing site and the surrounding area, a detailed feasibility study and market analysis, and a comprehensive survey of the local ground conditions. Using these criteria, the goal of the design team was to create a masterplan for the site which offered both environmental and economic benefits.

The proposal included a 3 star hotel with 200 twin rooms arranged in four pods with restaurant, bar, administration, banquet and conference facilities, and 240 guest parking spaces, Sports and Leisure Club with a 25m six lane pool, aerobic studio, gymnasium, two squash courts, treatment rooms, sauna suites, changing facilities, snack bar and administration facilities.

Other elements of the scheme included 4 apartment buildings, each crescent providing 62 apartments, Children's Amusement Park, Restaurant/Night Club, Several retail units, and space for future commercial development



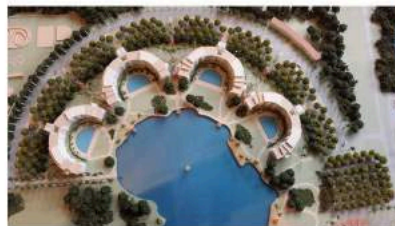
05. The Masterplan



06. Concept diagram



07. Zoning diagram



08. The apartments



09. The hotel



10. The project logo