



# Romi Khosla Design Studio

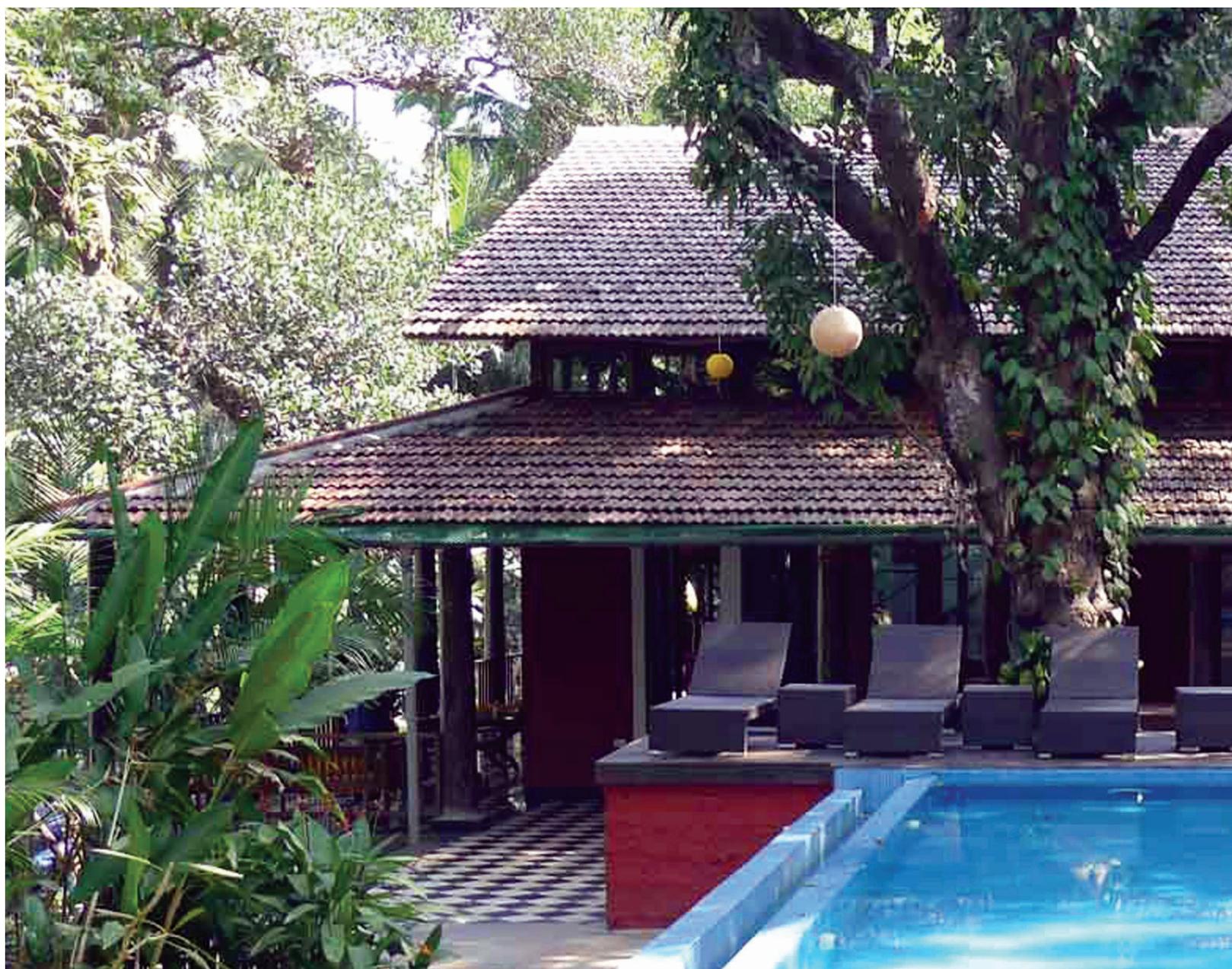
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**Project:** River Farm

**Location:** Goa, India

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**There** appears to be a variety of experiences available for the people within the commercial vacation space. With the growing facility of standard 5 star hotels to secluded boutique hideaways, people now find it easy to opt for it rather than buying a property in a secluded location. Vacation homes tend to be following similar patterns, where most prefer to buy in gated communities surrounded by familiarity while a few venture out to articulate their desires.

Vacation homes must begin to break away at temporal and spatial concepts of daily living. They need to be slower and allow for collective and solitary spaces simultaneously.





**'River Farm'** house has been designed as a family holiday retreat in a quiet vicinity of Goa. The house sits on a 3.5-acre plot on the banks of Chapora River in Northern Goa. This site is a 100-year-old fruit orchard which was previously owned by a renowned Goan family. Present day building is a reconfigured old Goan house with contemporary spaces integrated into the old residential form. The house explores new relationships with the surrounding waters and landscapes.

We prefer to use materials that are locally available and ideally work with local know-how to construct. For example, stones and mud bricks have been used to design our projects in Himachal, whereas laterite bricks are selected for designing in Goa. The construction of this house building

adopts old Goan technologies and materials.

The house exhibits a mix of contemporary design and a contrasting material palette of wood and black and white tiles that reminds one of the old classic styled houses usually seen in India earlier. One of the noticeable and challenging feature of River Farm house is its wooden truss. Spanning across 14 meters, the truss holds the 6000 sq.ft. house under one roof without any intermediate support.

Clients are a little more relaxed about their needs when on vacation and thus there is greater freedom to explore materials and formal varieties. Like any other standalone residential project, most of the factors remain same for conceptually planning a vacation home. 🌟

