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# Interweaving Greens

**Project:** Park View Spa, Gurgaon

**Architects:** Design Forum International, New Delhi

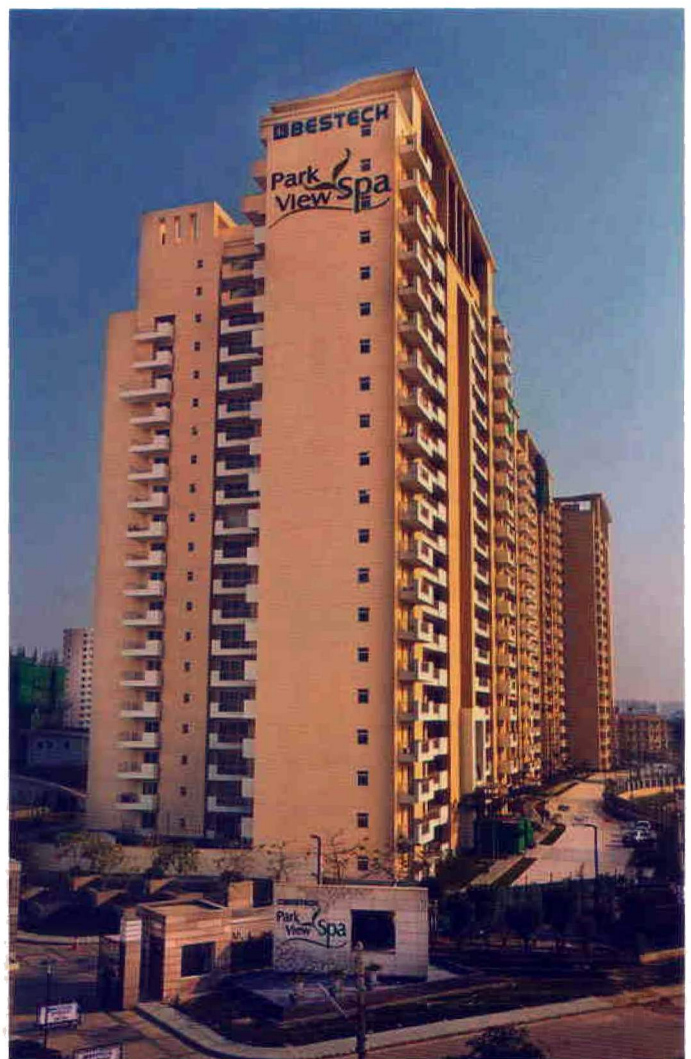


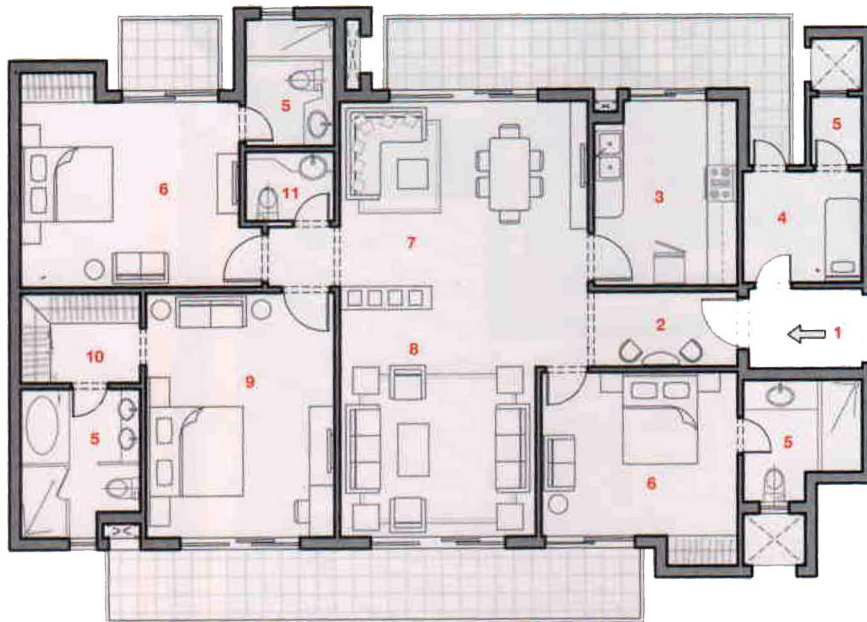


The underlying thought to the design is to have open spaces around buildings than the other way round, like it so often happens. The master planning focused on the aspect of greens interweaving around the built-form, meandering in shape and treatment but present nevertheless so that the user never feels out of touch with the nature. The resultant green spaces have thereafter been moulded and adapted to suit the various uses that a large condominium project needs and demands.

Very often in the pursuit of combining open spaces one tends to concentrate the built-forms; it was a special and conscious effort to not allow that 'wall' effect to happen, not only because it is over-bearing and mammoth but it also adversely affects the growth of vegetation in the enclosed open spaces. The clusters are designed to facilitate adequate sun and cross ventilation to the apartments, which themselves are mostly three side open, allowing expansive views of the greens within the site as well as predominantly low-rise neighbourhood of Malibu Towne and Sector 47 that these towers fall adjacent to.

The units are linear, certainly on account of the need to keep them so to facilitate minimum obstruction to other apartments on the same floor, as much to allow for the public, semi-public and private spaces hierarchy to happen. Built in the Sector 47 of Gurgaon, the project epitomises luxury in residential spaces. The theme is contemporary, the treatment meticulous. Materials snugly fit with each other to





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3. KITCHEN
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5. TOILET
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7. DINING/FAMILY LOUNGE
8. DRAWING ROOM
9. MASTER BEDROOM
10. DRESS
11. POWDER ROOM

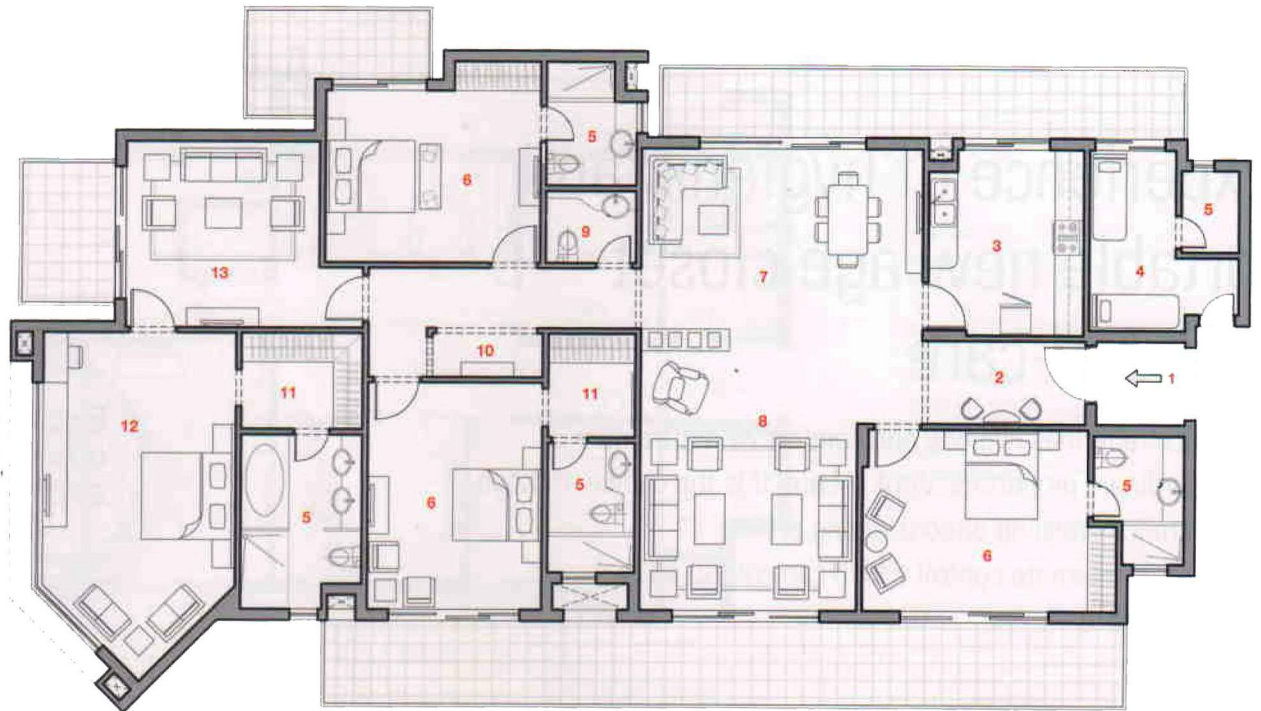
**3 BEDROOM PLAN**



1. ENTRANCE
2. VESTIBULE
3. KITCHEN
4. SERVANT ROOM
5. TOILET
6. BEDROOM
7. DINING/FAMILY LOUNGE
8. DRAWING ROOM
9. POWDER ROOM
10. PUJA
11. DRESS
12. MASTER BEDROOM

**4 BEDROOM PLAN**





**4 BEDROOM DELUXE PLAN**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. ENTRANCE             | 8. DRAWING ROOM         |
| 2. VESTIBULE            | 9. POWDER ROOM          |
| 3. KITCHEN              | 10. PUJA                |
| 4. SERVANT ROOM         | 11. DRESS               |
| 5. TOILET               | 12. MASTER BEDROOM      |
| 6. BEDROOM              | 13. FAMILY LOUNGE/SUITE |
| 7. DINING/FAMILY LOUNGE |                         |







create the ambience of unmitigated finesse and style. *Spa or Sanus Per Aquam* means 'health through water'. The intent was to create 'vertical habitats' in synergy with the elements of sun, air and water. Sunrise view, sunset view, flowing breeze through the cross ventilated habitats, treated water bodies and pool create habitats close to nature. The same is physically manifested in five simple promises: All homes are three-side open; sun facing (seeing either sunrise or sunset or both); green facing and pool facing; slim and linear with the living and dining room acting as a cross ventilating lung open on two opposite ends; with long wrap around balconies and a verandah for an enriching outdoor experience.

All central greens are sun facing. It has been achieved by ensuring there are no wall-like towers on the south side. Also, a great deal of emphasis has been laid on pedestrian safety by segregating vehicular and pedestrian movements. There is a sports corridor that houses all essential outdoor sports facilities like tennis, basket ball, volley ball, cricket practice

Two of the low-rise structures—the club and convenient shopping have been cleverly covered as earth sheltered green structures. Apart from the regular green building interventions that are mandatory as per the MOEF norms like STP, rainwater harvesting, solar lighting for common areas, dual flushing systems, etc; are incorporated. +

### Factfile

**Client:** Sunil Satija/Dharmendras Bhandari

**Design team:** Goonmeet Singh Chauhan (Principal Architect)

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**Built-up area:** 15.35 lakh sq ft