Sustainability is demonstrated in the use of recyclable and reusable natural materials, thermo-syphonic natural cooling, large overhangs, sunhoods and covered verandahs and balconies, local gene pool landscaping and building forms and colours that "belong" to the island site.

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## KINGFISHER BAY RESORT AND VILLAGE



## PROJECT DETAILS

CLIENT	Tourism Leisure Corporation
LOCATION	Fraser Island, QLD
COMPLETION	1992 - current
PROJECT TEAM	Tim Guymer, Ralph Bailey, Mark French
PHOTOGRAPHY	Kingfisher Bay Resort

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Kingfisher Bay Resort and Village is a unique holiday destination located on Fraser Island, a World Heritage National Park. The Resort is positioned in a natural amphitheatre overlooking the Great Sandy Strait and is designed to minimise any impact on the natural environment.

The main Hotel is constructed of hardwood and steel with corrugated steel roofing and clad with hardwood weatherboards. The two-storey building features 152 rooms that are arranged into two arc-shaped wings, accessed by suspended corridors between rainforest gardens. The forms of the buildings reinforce the location with curved roof shapes mirroring the vegetated, rolling sand dunes. This is reiterated in the freeform swimming pools representing the suspended sand lakes found on the Island.

A shopping village, art photography gallery, day spa, beach bar and restaurant, as well as tennis courts and various private villas and residences, surround the Hotel. Staff accommodation, maintenance buildings and a nursery that supplies the restaurant are located over the ridge. In keeping with the Resort's sustainability premise, the main Hotel utilises thermosyphonic natural air cooling to deal with the tropical environment. Water is sourced from the site, and the sewerage treatment system treats grey and black water from the Resort and Village.