

PROMONTORIO

THE LAKE RESORT HOTEL AND SPA
VILAMOURA, PORTUGAL
2005–1996

An interior design concept
with a window onto cultures
from 5 continents

Devised as a Roman bath,
the Spa is built in
massive travertine stone cladding

Opened in 2005, the 5-star Lake Resort Hotel & Spa is situated facing South at the mouth of the Vilamoura Marina in the Algarve. promontorio was invited to create an Interior Design concept, given that the exterior design had already been defined by watg, in a sort of neo-Mediterranean vernacular style.

Virtually bordering the Falésia beach, the Resort is surrounded by a large and luxurious landscaped area which includes a lake forming part of the National Wildlife Ecological Reserve and leading back into Portugal's largest Marina. Bordering this lake, there are three large outdoor pools; one heated, and one designed as an alternative beach complete with a sand-covered bottom. The outdoor facilities also include a floating restaurant, a large garden, a multi-purpose court and an open-air event area.

The Interior design concept is based on the idea of "The Traveller" as an umbrella-theme and as an open window into other cultures, particularly those which have been part of Portugal's history. At the same time it encourages us to appreciate world diversity. While the 14-metre dome-lobby is conceived as a sober neoclassical space echoing the spirit of the pre-ww2 grand-hotels, the rest of the spaces are broken down in a rich architectural mosaic of materials, colours and textures reflecting different sub-themes: from the Fusion to Mediterranean cuisine restaurants and bars, to the Jaipur Indian foyer tearoom. The bedrooms reflect the same philosophy as the hotel, — simplicity combined with luxury — with the bathrooms as harmonious extensions of the bedrooms, separated only by oak sliding doors.

Finally, *The Spa* is in line with the Traveller's original concept in that it aims "*to find a perfect balance through Five Continents and Five Senses*". The main segment is the "Blue Spa" which acts as reception and has generous heated jet pools, and five individual treatment rooms mainly for hydrotherapy. The exclusive "Green Spa" has five additional rooms to provide dedicated forms of body treatment, with special guest rooms specifically devoted to Spa clients, thus making it both convenient and private.



Location: Vilamoura (Algarve), Portugal

Developer: Blue & Green Hotels (Amorim Turismo, SGPS)

Brand: Marriott, Autograph Collection Hotels

Type: Beach resort

Positioning: Luxury 5-star hotel

Programme: Interior design for luxury beach hotel and spa resort with 186 guestrooms, 9 suites, 95 luxury apartments and 300-seat conference and business centre

Design areas: Interior architecture and interior design

Gross floor area: 24,000 sq. m (hotel) plus 18,000 sq. m (serviced apartments)

Art project: Hugo Canoilas, Gabriela Albergaria, Nuno Ribeiro

Investment: EUR 30m

Project: 1996 – 2005 (open to public)

Awards: *Best Property*, Mipim Awards 2006



