

DRAWING ON THE SITE'S INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE AND THE SPECTACULAR SETTING, 'ISLANDS' AT SOUTH BEACH IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA WILL BE A LANDMARK OF DESIGN EXCELLENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.





'Islands', South Beach

Project Details

Client: Stockland
 Location: South Beach, WA
 Approx. Value: \$115m
 Floor Area: 18 000 m²
 Completed: December, 2009

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Awards

Design Competition Winner
 RAI (WA) Residential Architecture
 Commendation, Multiple Residential,
 2010
 UDIA (WA) Environmental Excellence
 Award, 2009

Merging mediterranean charm with modern Australian living, 'Islands' comprises 99 luxury residences, club facilities and discrete part basement parking. The project exemplifies innovative residential design, balancing opulence with a concern for ecology. Three key strategies inform the design:

The Staggered Edge

Four, five-storey plus mezzanine apartment buildings face west and towards the Indian Ocean. The staggered alignment of these buildings creates northern aspects and four entrance forecourts with individual character to the east, and four unique beach courtyards to the west. The gradual setback from the beach also provides unimpeded views of Fremantle Marina to the north west.

One Beach, Four Lifestyles

The distinct entrance courtyards and beach forecourts represent a sequence of four coastal 'habitats' accessible to all residents. The northernmost building

engages with the neighbouring park via a vibrant commercial strip. The lively courtyard contains swimming pools, sun decks and poolside club facilities. The southernmost building relates to the nearby dune habitat with a deep entrance courtyard and a subdued forecourt of plunge pools. The outdoor spaces provide a transition between the environments of urban park and natural reserve.

Unique Residences

With spacious loggias, flexible living arrangements and commanding views, the uppermost apartments comprise single or double storey penthouses.

At ground level, single and double storey beach houses feature private access from the street and car park, and direct access to the beach. Every residence features contemporary room arrangements and finely calibrated environmental controls.