



Qingdao, China

Pearl Hill

2012

site area | 640 acres / 259 hectares

total GBA | 17,874,178 sq ft / 1,661,169 sq m

client | Shandong Xiaozhushan Development Ltd.

ARCHITECTURE
PLANNING
LANDSCAPE

Selected as the winner of a prestigious international design competition, The Village at Pearl Hill is an extraordinary residential community in Qingdao City, China. Benefitting from panoramic vistas that include of mountain landscapes to the north and west, and Jiaozhouwan Bay to the south and east, DDG's design team was able to arrange architectural and site planning to maximize the south-facing exposures greatly preferred in Chinese homes, while still affording spectacular views. Within the project, small parks provide intimate settings for rest and relaxation. With an exclusive boutique hotel resort and spa from luxury hotel brand Banyan Tree, and a range of residential lifestyle options within 15 minutes from the city of Qingdao – now accessible via a new underground / undersea tunnel – The Village at Pearl Hill is destined to become the region's destination of choice for discerning area residents and visitors.



DDG's land planners capitalized on the mountainous terrain, by incorporating several levels of terraces on each home, extending interior living space to outdoor rooms.



Residential options offering townhouses, duplexes, single-family homes, and villas attract families of all sizes.



Rugged, natural building materials figure prominently in the plan, and most family residences feature slate roofs. Oversized windows and glass sunrooms were incorporated to maximize views of the natural surroundings and collect solar gain from southern facades.



Tree-lined paths that lead to a pond and a community pool thread through the community, and establish a sense of place.

possible, DDG used elevation changes to tuck parking spaces under residences, minimizing visual distractions from the woodland ambiance.