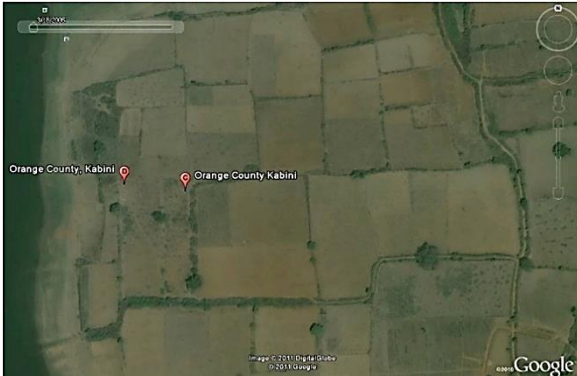


Evolve Back Kabini, Nagarhole

Sensitive Architecture Set Within Verdant, Restored Landscape



The original plot of denuded farmland.



Buildings occupy approx. 12% of the site and blend into the restored landscape.



Resort buildings and guest huts are built in the style of the local Kadu Kuruba tribe using local labour and materials.

The design and construction of Evolve Back Kabini, part of Orange County Resorts & Hotels, is rooted in the parent company's policy of conserving natural and cultural heritage whilst providing a high standard of accommodation for guests. Buildings occupy only about 12% of the sixteen acre plot adjacent to the river Kabini which runs through Nagarhole National Park. The rest has been transformed by planting indigenous trees and shrubs and creating a waterbody benefitting wildlife and harvesting rains to recharge ground water.



Trees provide shade and natural cooling.

Resort buildings and the 37 guest huts are built to reflect the architecture of the local Kadu Kuruba tribe. Trees planted around buildings provide natural cooling. The use of local thatch renewed each year enables buildings to blend into the landscape. Interiors are designed to exploit natural ventilation and light to minimise energy use. Rustic furniture has been created out of waste wood.



Natural light and air are maximised.

The infrastructure includes recycling facilities, solar power for hot water, cluster based monitoring for electricity, a 100 KLD sewage treatment plant enabling water to be reused for irrigation, and a swimming pool filtration unit for water recycling. Off-site wind farms run by the Resort's parent company, put back more energy than their resorts consume. (See Water, Energy and Waste profiles for more information).



Harnessing solar power.



Cluster based monitoring to identify energy saving.



Sewage treatment plant facilitates water recycling for irrigation.



Swimming pool water filtration unit enabling water recycling.