

# A contemporary contrast to the art deco surrounding

Garware Club House, Mumbai, Shashi Prabhoo & Associates

Spanning a 12 acre land at the prime location of the city, this leisure house is a perfect combination of balance and harmony, placed beautifully in the background of globally known Wankhede Stadium.

The Garware Club House is one of the largest Sports Clubs in Mumbai located on a prime 12 acre land in South Mumbai, three quarters of which is occupied by the world renowned Wankhede Stadium. This six storey urban structure spans over almost 200,000 sq. ft of built up area and houses 6 restaurants, 64 residential rooms, a 6000 sq. ft health club and gymnasium, swimming pool, children's play area, consumer store, library, squash courts, one roof top tennis court, badminton courts, table tennis, billiards room, indoor games, and banqueting facilities for almost 1000 people.

The façade of the building is clad in blend of Aluminium Composite Panels, Exterior high pressure laminate, Glass and UPVC Louvres which are creatively designed to make the building look lighter and sleeker due to limited available foreground. The concentric rings fabricated in ACP are aesthetically set within UPVC louvred background. These louvres creatively hide the plumbing and ventilation services from the front of the building. An ornamental staircase winding within a glass enclosure on the lower corner of the main entrance beautifully balances the heavy

metal mass above and provides the necessary ventilation for the toilet shafts. Although the contemporary design stands out in complete contrast to the art deco buildings in the surrounding area, it places beautifully as a foreground to the modern mass of Wankhede Stadium, which was recently renovated as a part of the complex. The roof canopy not only hides the structural support for the guided rail system for façade maintenance but also acts as a wind barrier for the tennis court.

A large glass canopy covers the main entrance of the building which is designed to segregate the club members from their banquet users. From one side of this 50 feet wide reception, the lobby connects to the banquets that are located on its 2nd floor. Two high speed elevators and an open staircase, are dedicated for the use of these banquets, which when fully utilised, can accommodate either upto four separate functions of 180 people each or a single function for 900 people, facilitated through creative use of sliding folding partitions.

As one walks into the building, one appreciates an imposing double height atrium space which is adorned with a GRC mural. The petals of this mural envelope the entire wall which balances the attention from the shiny three brass clad elevators on one end



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of the building to the sunken cafeteria overlooking the swimming pool on the other side. Overlooking this area on the first floor is the multi-cuisine restaurant which was designed in a simple style focusing more on the dining experience than the clutter of interior detailing. A provision was also made for the children's room adjacent to this restaurant to facilitate parents to keep their children within safe protected boundaries while having their meal. The upper floors are occupied by the rest of the uses such as rooms, restaurants sports areas and health club. ▲

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Architectural firm	: Shashi Prabhoo & Associates
Project Name	: Garware Club House
Location	: Churchgate, Mumbai
Client	: Garware Club House
Design Team	: Amol Prabhoo, Atul Prabhoo, Atul Kawtikwar
Commencement	: 2006
Completion	: 2017
Area	: 200,000 sqft
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