Observation Point Varna Beach

Description

One issue considered problematic in this area is the lack of access between the street and the beach. Hence, the project was aimed at connecting Alley 1 and the sea by means of a Square space situated at this particular location.

Acting as an urban pause, the space creates a natural connection between key sites in the Sea Garden (Rock Garden and Wish Bridge) and the sea. The space functions as a breakthrough not only visually but also by means of ensuring pedestrian access to the beach.

The transition is marked by a pergola bridging the adjacent buildings and visually framing the view of the sea. Stylistically reminiscent of 1960s' modernism, it makes direct reference to the surrounding architecture, initially designed and recently renovated in the spirit of this style, the most emblematic of which being the adjacent Lighthouse Restaurant standing out with its external spiral staircase.

Consists of two zones, a series of descending terraces with seating space and a ramp gradually declining towards the beach. The ramp, covered in wood with distinctive diagonal rosettes, signifies movement and shapes a connected walking area framing the entirety of the space. Starting at the level of the Alley, the walking area descends towards the point of contact between square space and beach turning north at its lower end. It protrudes into an alley running parallel to the sea alongside Lighthouse Restaurant and the front line of adjacent buildings, eventually to rejoin the main Alley 1 by merging into its footway. Seating space is static, characterized by an even white cement surface and 3-step diagonalation between each level. Shaped as several circular seating sections part of the ramp, they mark the walking direction along the alley. The area's landscaping includes climbers and creepers planted along the wall starting from the south and is meant to evoke the silhouette of the Sea Garden.