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Isola di Albarella Villa

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Isola di Albarella, Rovigo, Italy

The villa sits on the private island of Albarella, off the north-east coast of Italy in the Adriatic. Water and sky were the project's two driving elements, with the ground acting as a subtle interface line. Continuity between the house, the garden and the greater landscape is achieved through broad windows that intersect the floors, extending uninterrupted to the swimming pool, which unites the private space with the broad horizon of the lagoon.

The subdivision of the villa into three simple, distinct but interconnected volumes, all faced in a copper mantle with supple lines, harmonises with the prospects onto the water and the direction of the prevailing winds. In the interior, the bathrooms are finished in blue and green glass mosaics featuring stylised motifs, evoking the flora and fauna of the lagoon. These provide the colour accent to the house, which otherwise features wood, natural metal and white tones.

Given that the primary view from the house is over the water and sandbanks, a curved, panelled wooden roof was designed to integrate harmoniously into the landscape and helps to reduce the volumetric appearance of the building. It recalls the natural sand dunes of the Adriatic coast and a boat anchored on the lagoon shore.

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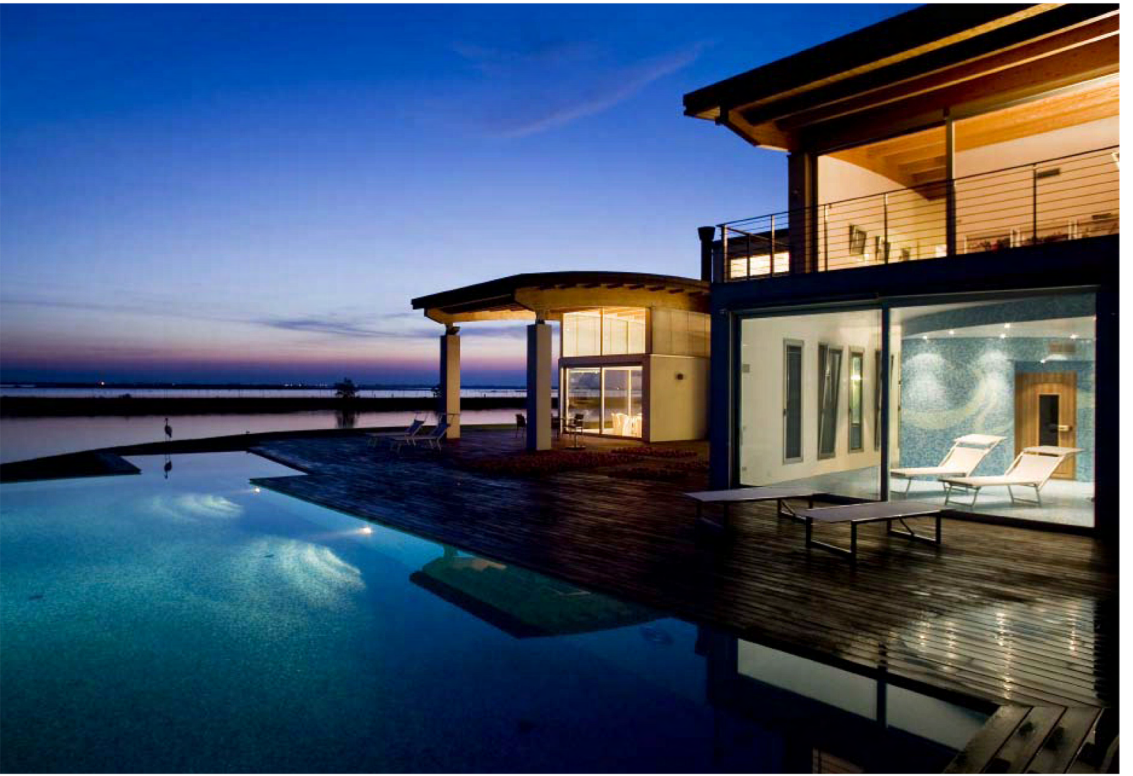





1 Entry
2 Living room
3 Dining area
4 Kitchen
5 Pantry
6 Bedroom
7 Ensuite
8 Spa/shower
9 Powder room
10 Deck
11 Pool

Ground floor

