

Year: 2021

Location: Japan

Program: Public Bath / Spa

Shonai Hotel Suiden Terrasse Spa



In contrast to the linear hotel common wing and the guestroom wings, two circular spa buildings have been placed as if floating above the rice fields. The first-phase building features a domed roof made of horizontally laid laminated timber, forming hexagons and triangles. Upper and lower chords are stacked and connected by wooden posts to create a Vierendeel truss structure. On the perimeter is a men's bath, while a more private women's bath is located at the center. The second-phase building encloses a broad water surface with wooden walls, creating an open-air bath and sauna where the water level nearly matches that of the reflecting pond.