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Location: Sri Lanka
Program: Residential

Villa Vista



Located on a hilltop site facing the ocean, the floor, walls and ceiling of this building frame three different views. The first is the view of the ocean seen from the jungle in the valley, framed perpendicularly by the external corridor from the existing house to this house and the roof. The next is the horizontal scenery of the ocean from the hilltop framed by the large roof and the floor. The last is the view of the cliff which glows red during sunset; this is viewed through a square frame composed of 4m solid wood in the main bedroom. The large roof is first covered by light cement boards for water proofing and covered by woven coconut leaves, which is often used for property fences not only to block the strong daylight but also to blend the building into the local context. The ceiling is composed of teak, 80mm wide and 3mm thick woven in a large wickerwork pattern.