

## STRICK THE BALANCE IN THE BLEND OF FUNCTION AND AESTHETICS

JOALI Maldives



Located on the Muravandhoo Island, JOALI Maldives opened in 2018 as the country's first "art-immersive" luxury hotel. Following its "the joy of living" philosophy, JOALI Maldives offers modern-day creature comforts, exceptional accommodations and top notch service. From the inspirational power of art to the life-changing gifts of nature, JOALI Maldives focuses on sustainable glamour.

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Murovandhoo, Raa Atoll, Maldives

#### Architect:

Atölye4n, Autoban

#### Completion: 2021

#### Products:

AQUAPANEL® Cement Board Outdoor  
AQUAPANEL® Accessories

#### Type of building:

Resort Hotel

#### Application area:

100,000 m<sup>2</sup> façade

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Designed by the Istanbul-based firm Atölye4n, this hotel consists of 73 private beaches and overwater villas ranging from one-to-four bedrooms, 4 restaurants & a bar, communal spaces and personalized spa & fitness facilities. Each villa has a private infinity pool, butler service, artisanal amenities, curated in-villa libraries and handpicked art. As one of the first "art resorts" in Maldives, the property has interactive and experiential artistic pieces that incorporate the surrounding nature. The design process relies on major points from the very beginning until the end.

Autoban, a multidisciplinary design studio based in Istanbul, realized the interior design and certain architectural elements of JOALI Maldives. The firm took the multi-layered design approach by building a delicate balance in the blend of function and aesthetics, which creates a nice flow between the spaces. Through this approach, JOALI gives a new meaning to the island life through an unlimited and dynamic experience, with an integral and a unique understanding between interior & exterior spaces, and architecture.

Regarding Maldives' tropical climate, a building material solution had to be found for the jointless planned façade that accommodate the hot-humid outdoor conditions. AQUAPANEL® Cement Board Outdoor was ultimately chosen as the ideal solution for the outdoor walls of the property. With its 100% water-resistance as well as mould-and-mildew resistance, it provides all-round protection in areas exposed to the beach and water. As part of the system solution, joint filler and joint tape were applied for the required jointless appearance.

Made of aggregated Portland Cement, AQUAPANEL® Cement Board Outdoor is inorganic and water-and-mould resistant. As the lightweight cement board, it provides a solid dry substrate that can withstand both condensation and direct contact with water. The board's unique structure allows it to be bent without any pre-treatment, which offers more design freedom, with a bending radius of up to three metres (full board) and one metre (300 mm strips).

During the construction, technical supports were provided by Knauf Aquapanel's technical team to ensure that AQUAPANEL® Cement Board Outdoor and accessories were installed according to the correct procedures. Thanks to the exceptional performance of the AQUAPANEL® Cement Board Technology, JOALI Maldives blends ancient wisdom with modern science and allows travelers to experience the joy of living through an incredible collection of artworks that unfold across the island.

