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Timber Residence Goa, India

Sahil Barua, CEO of the Indian logistics and supply chain company Delhivery, desired a beach house in the Goan village of Vagator. With a strong appreciation for design, he was open-minded to the inventive ideas presented by Delhi-based practice Architecture Discipline. The two-story post-and-beam residence was “an opportunity to challenge convention and expand the boundaries of sustainable construction in India,” says principal architect Akshat Bhatt. “Mass timber is a material almost unheard of in Indian residential architecture. The intent was to create a refined, future-forward home that responds to both climate and people.” Raised on stilts and supported by concrete retaining walls, it’s perched on a slope showcasing 11 glulam portal frames—a durable and more eco-friendly alternative to concrete and steel. They were prefabricated in Gurugram and assembled onsite in Goa in just 30 days, minimizing waste in the process. “We wanted the timber to do more than just hold up the house; it had to shape it,” says Bhatt. “Left exposed, without cladding or finishes, it defined the spatial and visual language of the [minimalist] interiors.” For the façade, Bhatt opted for timber charred using the Yakisugi technique, so that it will “weather and evolve over time while contrasting with the kitchen and dining volume projecting outward.”



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