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Project: Sun City Park Yokohama

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Designer: Perkins Eastman, in association with Hirsch Bedner Associates

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A mountain retreat comprising 480 apartments, 25 assisted living apartments, and 100 skilled nursing rooms, Sun City Park Yokohama is an oasis of five-star hotel-quality interiors. Located on hillside property, the goal was to create a design that drew upon the site's topography, including a surrounding forest, so that the facility fit seamlessly into its setting.

The 554,000-sq.-ft. facility is divided into two neighborhoods, both of which center on a garden with a rocky stream running through it. Doing so enabled the large project to maintain an intimate setting. While the West Village is the primary entrance to the entire facility and thus more open and inviting, the East Village is enclosed and private, featuring an entry scaled by enclosed building wings, an alley of trees, and a *porte-cochere*. The two villages are united by a bridge over the stream that provides views of the gardens on one side and of the Yokohama skyline on the other.

In each complex, the public spaces are anchored by different dining venues, ranging from formal to casual to bar settings. Other complex amenities include a 15-meter pool, saunas, exercise rooms, a juice bar, and lounge. In the Care Center, which serves the more dependent and frail residents, each wing consists of 16 to 18 rooms centered on a dining room and a shared great room/activities room to create neighborhoods for residents.

