



Hemmingways Hotel

Client: Hemmingways Resort Year of Completion: 2002
Architect/Designer: Architen Landrell

In the African paradise of Kenya an escape from the hot midday sun is essential, so owners of the Hemmingways Hotel in Watamu approached Architen Landrell to design and manufacture a Hyperbolic Tensile Canopy to give shading at the poolside bar.

The design and engineering was carried out entirely by Architen Landrell taking into account the extreme weathers that Kenya can experience. Not only blistering sun but also a powerful monsoon season plague the country and had to be integrated into the design of the poolside canopy. PVC coated polyester was chosen as a reasonably priced material, within the clients budget, and as a tough material capable of surviving the African weather.

The hyperbolic shape was chosen to provide maximum shade and a sense of enclosed space without actually creating a room. The pool and its beautiful surroundings can be viewed from the bar, so parents can watch their children and holiday makers can enjoy the sunset over the Kenyan skyline.

Not all aspects of this canopy were quite so idyllic, however. Architen Landrell had to be careful to design the canopy to be installed by local labour without the assistance of any plant such as crane.

Location:
Watamu, Kenya

Category:
Exterior

Market Sector:
Private

Scope Of Works:
Design
Engineering
Manufacture
Project Management
Install
Steelwork

Fabric Type:
PVC - Fabric

Design Style:
Hypar

Function:
Weather Protection
Solar shading