

## ZRICKS

## Verandas, Gurgaon

Client: (SALCON)
Status: Built

**Size:** 11,00,000 sq ft | 9 acres

'Bungalows in the Sky': The brief commissioned a programme based on the adaptation of 'luxurious living' in the contemporary context. Re-inventing the traditional housing morphology, the intent was to create 'bungalows in the sky' with sufficient open space in the form of terraces for each apartment in order to craft a three-dimensional urban environment.

Reinterpreting the traditional Indian morphology of open 'Verandas': The design avoids crossviews, and provides openness to spaces for cross-ventilation. The long-established Indian morphology of open 'verandas' as a form of open space to bring in light and ventilation is exploited as a premise to create 'plots in the sky with dedicated open spaces'. Each block is stacked and elevated as horizontal layers to create a lively urban milieu above the ground. Considering the impure orientation of the site, each apartment unit is designed with a traditional veranda (solid balconies) on either side in order to provide for substantial shading and protection.

Passive Environmental Strategies: Two doubleaspect apartments are created per level with an attached open area on two sides to each apartment; a rarity intoday's developments, which in turn achieve complete shading to the glazing.

