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Can Gio Restaurant is designed like a pair of bird wings spreading across the Can Gio Mangrove Forest located in the South of Ho Chi Minh City (the natural space has been classified as one of the International Biosphere Reserves by UNESCO in 2000).

The wings forming a V shape frame up the view to the far horizon where the sun rises.
A natural mineral stone platform leveling up the base emphasizes this clear angle of view towards the mangrove horizon and the view to the appealing circular green lake in the front.
The project is located in a touristic and populated area.
The project designed as an opened public space, protected from the typical sunlight and heavy rains of the region by two V-shaped roofs. These large roofs function as a picture frame capturing all the beautiful surrounding landscape.

This sophisticated design adapts perfectly to the program desired by the Investor. The purpose is to create a welcoming area to receive visitors and a multi-functional space to organize various kinds of events: Conference and seminar meetings, temporary restaurant equipped with professional kitchen facilities, events functions for large groups and seasonal exhibitions.

The main facilities of the venue are:
-Two dining rooms equipped with air conditioning.
-A large kitchen with storage and chilled room.
-Sanitary areas.
This model complements to the tourist planning which usually consisted of just hotels, resorts equipped with swimming pool, townhouses and villas, to offer an opportunity to go relaxing out of HCM city on the weekends.

The project must be able to cope with:
- The strong sun that whitens everything around
- Heavy rains and thunderstorms coming from the East Sea
- The dry wind

The color of the project is inspired from typical local sand color and mangrove trees roots. the project combines COLORBOND® steel with a LYSAGHT® roofing solution

The project uses also light gray color similar to the silt which highlights the saturated green vegetation of the mangrove.





Project Name: **Can Gio Pavilions**
Project Owner Name: **La Maison de can Gio**
Architect Name: **DE-SO Asia**
City & Country: **HCMC Vietnam**

BlueScope Product: **LYSAGHT® LOCKED SEAM® roofing system**
Colour: **grey COLORBOND ® steel**

DE-SO Asia is a Franco-Vietnamese architecture, landscape, and urban planning practice headquartered in Ho Chi Minh City, founded in 2016 by Olivier Souquet, who had earlier co-founded DE-SO Architecture in Paris in 1995.
The studio operates with around 25 staff in Ho Chi Minh City alongside sister offices in Paris and Avignon, giving it both deep local knowledge of Vietnam and international design experience. Its design philosophy centers on harmonizing built form with local geography, climate, and culture, favoring tropical-climate-responsive design, natural materials, and light as core design tools.
DE-SO Asia works for both private investors and public authorities across Southeast Asia, with recognitions including Vietnam Urban Planning Awards and several international competition wins.

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