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Beach Resort & Spa

— SIHANOUKVILLE —

AT SUNSET, IT'S YOU, YOUR PLATE & THE OCEAN

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Among fragrant trees cascading down to the shore, the new **Sunset Restaurant** at **Dara Independence Beach Resort & Spa** opens up like an elegant fan to the aquamarine vista on **Sihanoukville Bay**. From each and every table, the ocean is here, the folding picture-windows letting its balmy breeze in. From the naturally canopied roof terrace, you can enjoy stunning 180° views over the ocean.

While the gentle waves are lapping at the stilted structure, the main beach is only a few meters away. Soon, a new swimming pool set among the rocks will be available nearby. Upward the hill stands the iconic silhouette of the **Independence Hotel**, symbol of the **vibrant optimism of Cambodia's Golden Age** – inaugurated in 1967 by late King Norodom Sihanouk, it has been thoroughly renovated and expanded since.

Relaxed luxury is the motto of this resolutely modern building, with **subtle hints to the "New Khmer" architectural aesthetics from the 1960s**. "We are here literally at the meeting point of tropical forest and unspoiled ocean", explains Yvon Chalm, the main architect for this project; "the notion of mixing vegetal and aquatic elements in the overall feeling of the



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Indoor and outdoor areas at Sunset



Vistas over Independence Beach and the Gulf

place, and including in the frescoes that enliven the structure, came to us naturally. And the curvaceous front not only embraces the shoreline but is a discreet reminder of the Rotunda uphill, that lovely rounded frame part of the original design for Independence Hotel”.

The Sunset Chef has devised a **menu list adapted to the different moments of a day and evening by the sea**, from light snacks to invigorating meals, always with an eye on the ocean and its delightful bounties...and how he could not?

With the few green dots of Cambodian islands in the background, the Gulf and its silky swell are here to be admired and inhaled. **At Sunset, “by the sea” means more than sitting near to it.** It is a signature – a place conceived by and for the sea.



The spiral staircase to the roof terrace



Seafood at its freshest

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FACTS & FIGURES

- 578 sq m, including a spectacular 74 sq m tree-shaded roof terrace
- Air-conditioned or naturally ventilated indoor area (80 seats)
- Outdoor seating for 60 guests and up
- VIP Room for 10 guests and up
- International and Khmer cuisines, with an accent on the freshest seafood
- Lunch and dinner set menus, a-la-carte options, catering for special events
- Open daily from 8 am to 11 pm
- Concept and completion:
 - > [ACYC Architecture Agency](#),
 - > Juliette Méhaye & Lucille Giralte (interior design) for:



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