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### Simple elegance

A conscious attempt has been made to make the Crosswinds project look simple and elegant so as not to dominate the landscape and the openness. The project, which is currently under construction, was nominated for the 2007 Architectural Review Design Awards at Cityscape Dubai 2007, under the 'Residential Future' category.

"The brief given to us by the clients, Kavuri Hills Developers & Navall Girri, required addressing two important issues. The first was to preserve the natural slope of the site and the boulders and the second was to evolve a simple yet sophisticated design that respects the site and the view beyond," said Vivek Vijay Shanker of Transient Design, the project architects.

The site is located at the highest point of Banjara Hills in Hyderabad and offers

panoramic views of the city. Banjara Hills is an upscale residential area and has a very rocky topography. The Crosswinds site has several rocks and boulders spread across an extent of 43,000 square feet. Some of the boulders that are on the peripheral areas have been retained as design elements that complement the landscape and the buildings.

The design intends to establish a strong dialogue with the dynamic landscape by allowing views of the open spaces and the valley from all the levels of the built form.

The buildings are seen as vertical extrusions of the landscape rather than mere insertions. The natural contours have not been altered and the architectural design of the apartment blocks and the parking levels negotiate

the contours to create dramatic spatial scenarios at various areas of the site. Fifteen apartments are divided into three blocks across three floors. The balconies and terraces allow ample light and ventilation to each apartment.

One of the highlights of the design is the structural supports that rise up to almost four floors on the south. These supports are inclined concrete columns that rise up to the first level of the apartment. A portion of the clubhouse is a glass box that is suspended from a slab at almost 40 feet height and is connected by a ramp to the adjacent pool.

Pre-cast concrete panels and aluminum cladding are used for the façade to give a modern look to the structure. The project is expected to be completed by 2008.

