ASHIYA BAYCOURT CLUB HOTEL & SPA RESORT

ASHIYA BAYCOURT CLUB is a members’-only resort hotel overlooking Osaka Bay. The structure, which rests on an peninsula adjacent to the Ashiya Marina, is distinguished by a long white silhouette framed within the blueish hues of the sea and sky. Upper guestroom floors run along a north-south axis that is 260 meters long yet only 25 meters wide, a slim proportioning tailored to fit a narrow 440-meter waterside plot while offering expansive vistas of Osaka Bay to one side and the Rokko Range to the other. The scale is truly “out of the ordinary,” and so is the experience. Guestrooms are placed along the upper floors, with east and western corridors staggered along the building axis to impart a sense of dynamism. All areas of the Club overlook Marina, sheltered by the peninsula, and a second-story reception floor running along the axis provides similarly striking views through a series of gantry frames. Viewed from the outside, these same frames are illuminated from within by the lights of lounges and restaurants. The overall form is smooth, maintaining harmony with the marina into which it flows while still asserting a presence on -- and providing new value to -- the Ashiya waterfront.