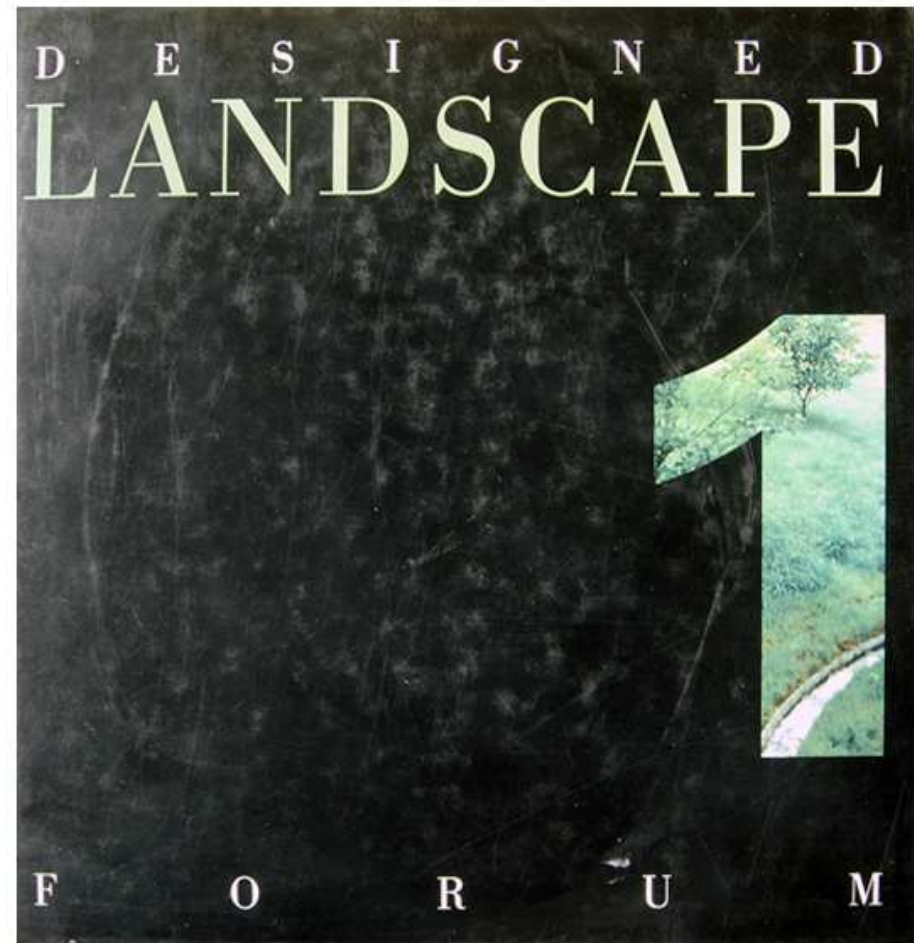


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German del Sol, Architect

The landscape for Hotel Explora is in the Torres del Paine National Park in Western Patagonia. The landscape design strives to show poetically the beauty of the place and open it up for walking without damaging the virgin quality of its fragile terrain. We wanted to relate the architecture to its rough natural surroundings so that what was merely a geographic extension becomes an inhabitable space. We also strove to emphasize the essential elements of the place, eschewing superfluous, overdesigned details. Our goal was to expose the place as a destination for exploration while retaining its mystery.

