

# Tel Aviv Port Public Space Regeneration

By Mayslits Kassif Architects



Situated on one of Israel's most breathtaking waterfronts, the Tel Aviv Port was plagued with neglect since 1965, when its primary use as an operational docking port was abandoned. The recently completed public space development project by Mayslits Kassif Architects managed to restore this unique part of the city, and turn it into a prominent, vivacious urban landmark.

The architects viewed the project as a unique opportunity to construct a public space which challenges the common contrast between private and public development, and suggests a new agenda of hospitality for collective open spaces.

The design introduces an extensive undulating, non-hierarchical surface, that acts both as a reflection of the mythological dunes on which the port was built, and as an open invitation to free interpretations and unstructured activities. Various public, political and social initiatives are now drawn to this unique urban platform, indicating the project's success in reinventing the port as a vibrant public sphere.

More information can be viewed at the recently published online article:

<http://www.dezeen.com/2008/11/17/tel-aviv-port-by-mayslits-kassif-architects/>



Areal View 2003





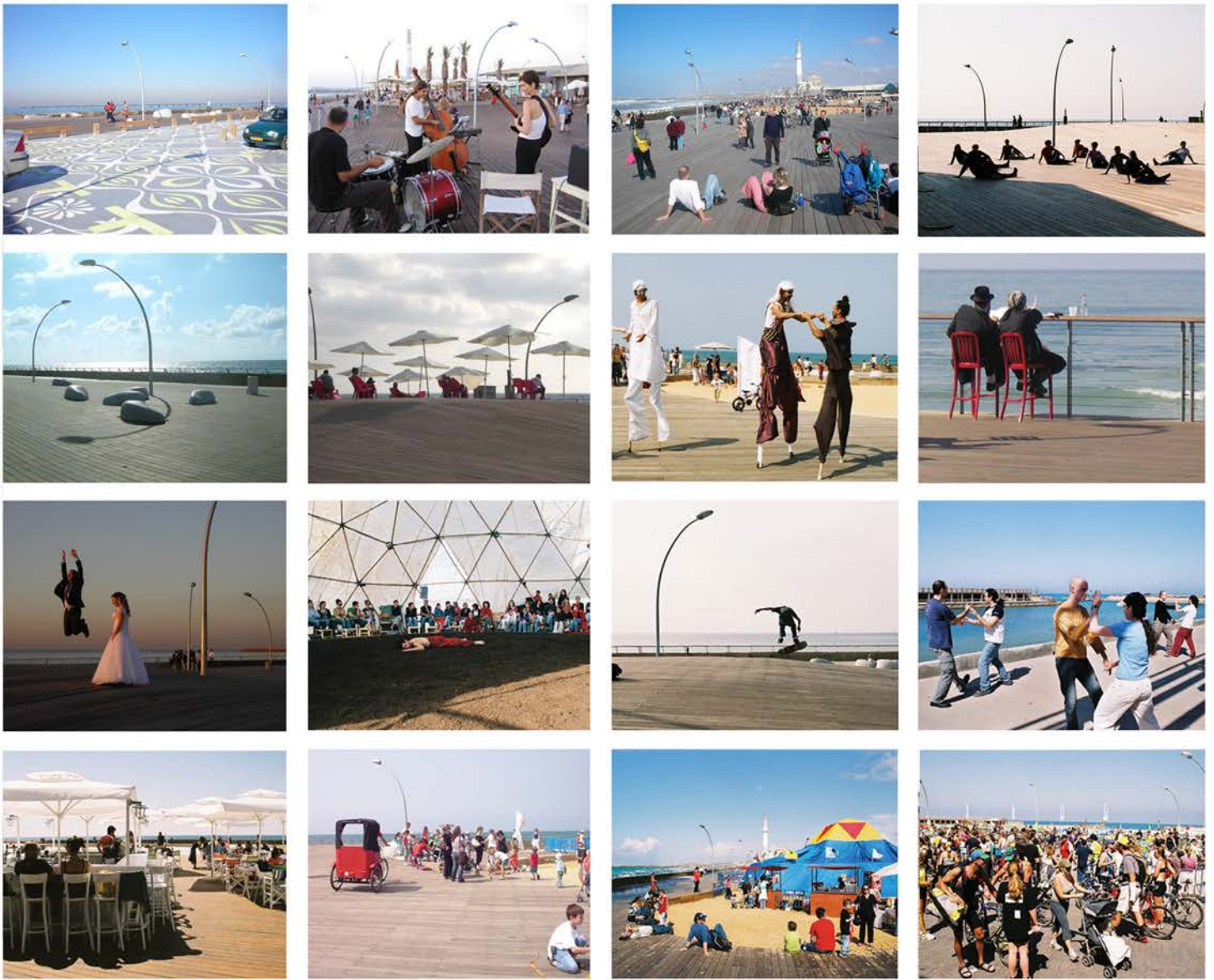
The undulating surface as a receptive and flexible environment, offering a variety of ways to experience space



The *Parking Park* as a multipurpose surface



The GRC elements designed for a variety of sitting positions



The port as a vibrant Public Sphere

**Tel Aviv Port /  
Public Space Regeneration**

**Location:** Tel Aviv, Israel

**Program:** Design and Strategy for Tel Aviv Port's public spaces

**Architects:** Mayslits Kassif Architects

**Client:** Marine Trust Ltd

**Awards:** 2003 - First Prize in a public competition, in collaboration with Galila Yavin

2007 Israeli Design Award for the best Urban Architectural Project in Israel

2008 Rechter Award by the Israeli Ministry of Culture

**Status:** Complete - 2008

**Budget:** 4,000,000 E

**Site Area:** 55,000 sqm

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