Bait Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Ain, UAE

Bait Mohammed Bin Khalifa House Project is a cultural restoration project to preserve and rehabilitate a major building in the context of the UAE's recent history, as it is a tangible evidence of the 'Transition Period', the crucial period between the pre-oil and post-oil eras. The House is also an important landmark as it was located at the gates of Al Ain city, and it was the first visible house for people accessing Al Ain from Abu Dhabi. Furthermore, because it was built near a falaj, it represents a link between traditional pre-oil settlements (near the water sources) and the modern era (when the location of dwellings no longer depends on the availability of water).

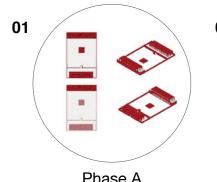


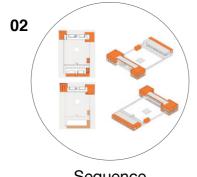


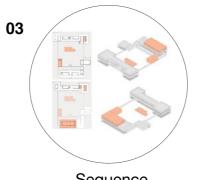


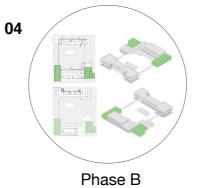


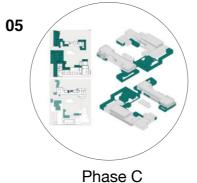


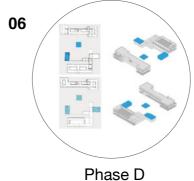


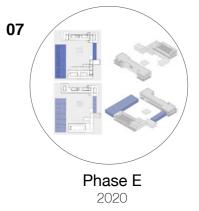


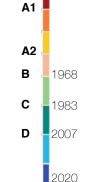














Sequence

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1968

Minimal work to hold an element in its current

Adding or replacing material to return an existing

element to its earlier state, or to enable it to per-

Replacement of an element beyond repair/ no

performance to address an inherent defect

longer usable, either like-for-like or with improved

state and prevent further deterioration

1983

Conserve

Repair

Window

New

Intervention

Provide Handrail

Damaged

Oval Base Relief



2007











4. Reinstate

1. Conserve

2. Repair

3. Replace

form its intended function

Putting back a missing element as accurately as records allow and without conjecture

A new element necessary to enable continued

use of the building, or because records are insuf-

ficient to allow reinstatement of a missing element











Bait Mohammed Bin Khalifa

Existing Preserved Elements

Block A & B Existing Elevation

5. New Intervention

Principles

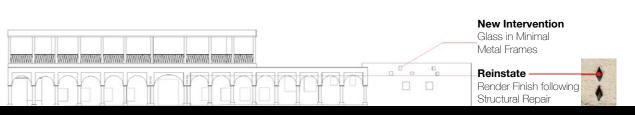
Conservation Approach











Proposed Elevation