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### **Berlins expert of mobile architecture presents worldwide first complete non-residue boutique hotel in the Scottish Highlands**

**In cooperation with international designers Zendome GmbH developed a new hotel concept. The „ecopod“ in the Scottish Highlands connects for the first time aesthetics with ecologically minded travel experience, design with architecture, tradition with future and nature with comfort.**

The prototype from the product line Zendome temporary living has just been opened as "ecopod" at the wild western coast of Scotland by Jim Mulligan and Nicola Meekin. In the fantastic landscape between Oban, the "gate to the isles" and Fort William with a breathtaking view to Loch Linnhe and Stalker Castle this boutique hotel represents a new way of travel experience. Amidst wild rhododendron the stylish hemispheres with their geodesic structures offer an exclusive repose within spectacular scenery.

This has been enabled with the ecologically conscientious approach of this boutique hotel: With its 75 square meters of exclusive living space an irreversible impact upon nature has been avoided. Thus the guests of the ecopod can combine all the comfort of exclusive accommodation with the good feeling of experiencing environmentally friendly tourism. The reduction of the CO<sup>2</sup> waste to a minimum is part of the principles that form this new offer.

Besides the stylish design of the domes Milligan and Meekin underline the fact that the whole construction of their boutique hotel is completely non-residue. They were searching worldwide until they finally decided to use the geodesic domes of the Berlin company Zendome. „With our ecopod we offer a unique venue for couples who look for the extraordinary vacation and want to enjoy design with good conscience“, says Nicola Meekin. „We utilized the possibility of designing the membrane, used the geodesic structure and thus integrated the design harmonically into the nature.“ The design has been developed by the London-based designers anonymous.

For the set-up of the ecopod they only used local FSC wood. Water is supplied from a small forest ditch that is led to the ecopod and back to the ditch again. Heating is done by high-efficiency wood pellet biomass stoves. A tankless instantaneous hot water supply ensures maximum efficiency with no wastage. The ecopod is the first accommodation that uses the Biorock Sewage Treatment System without electricity or moving parts. All appliances in the ecopod – from the 37" LED TV set to the design kitchen – have been carefully selected so that power usage is kept to an absolute minimum. Thus a comfort holiday experience is assured even under eco-friendly conditions.

The mobile architecture from geodesic structures provides an exclusive space atmosphere representing pure relaxation. Up to the tiniest detail they are equipped



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with exclusive interior, from the luxury biological cotton bedclothes up to the carefully selected design furniture from the 50's to the 70's. The mobile kitchen designed by the Stadtnomaden from Stuttgart invites you to celebrate local food. From smoked salmon of Salar's smoker in South Uist to the „Mull Cheddar“-cheese everything you can cook and try with your own kitchen facilities.

Still it's worth going on a trip to one of the award-winning restaurants in the region. Active travelers and sports people can engage themselves in outdoor activities like climbing, canoeing, horse riding, sailing, gliding, whale watching, biking or golf.

So who wants to experience soft tourism with design ambience and a new space adventure in a geodesic cupola structure will have to come to Scotland!

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