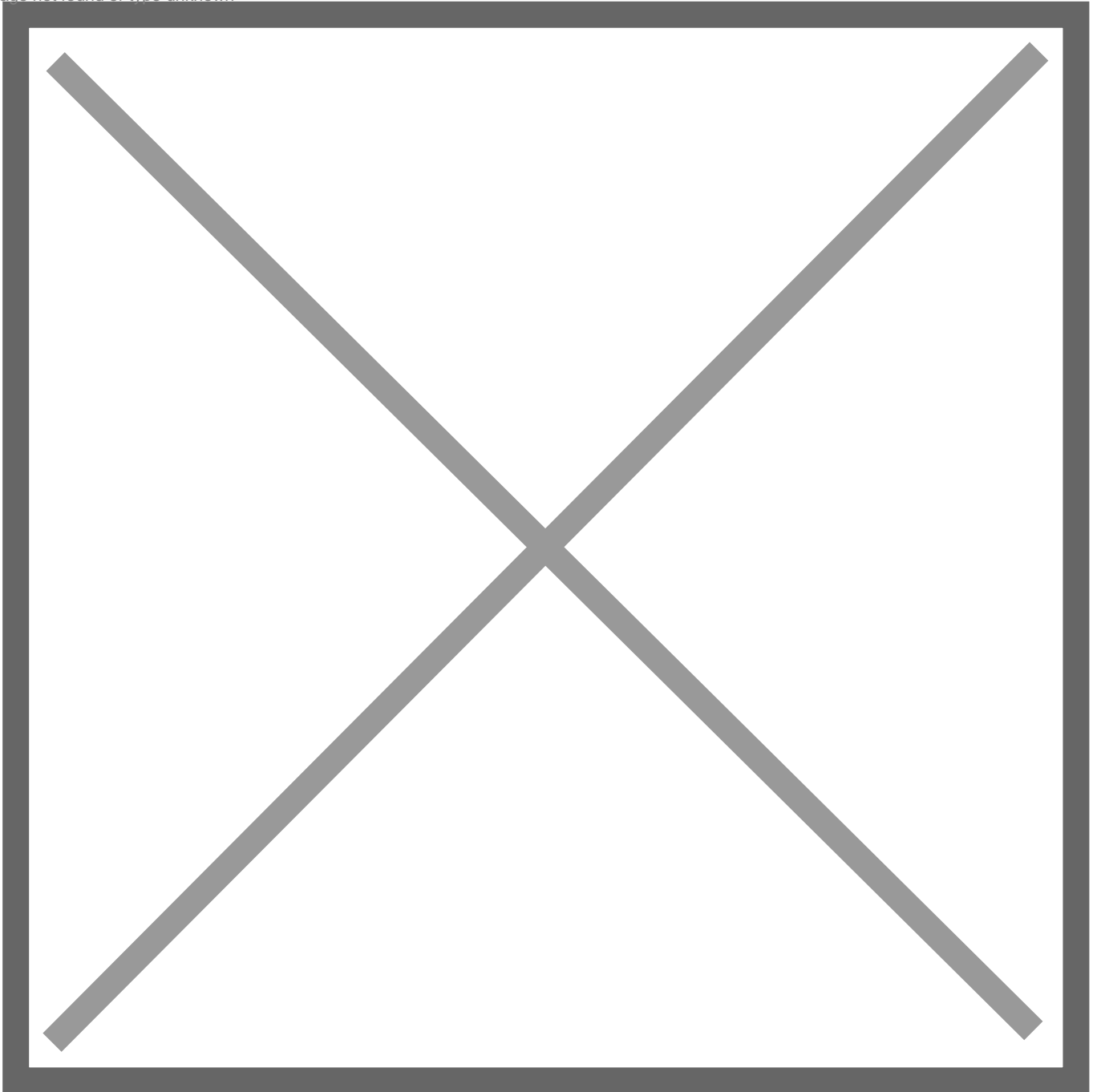


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**EXIT vasaros rezidencija, naktinis klubas
[Exit Summer Residence, Night Club] and
Terasa Vasara [Summer Terrace]**

Lithuania

S. Neries 30
Klaipėda 00136 Palanga

Commission

1964

Completion

1967

Original name

Vasaros Restoranas [Summer Restaurant]

Other denominations

Exit vasaros rezidencija, naktinis klubas, Karaliaus dvaras ir partneriai [Exit Summer residence, night club, Royal Manor and Partners]

Original use

Culture/leisure/tourism/cafeteria and restaurant

Current use

Culture/leisure/tourism/cafeteria and night club

Architects

Aleksandras Eigirdas

Concrete by reinforcement

Reinforced concrete

Construction method

Cast-in-place concrete, in-situ concrete

Architectural concrete

Architectural concrete

Structural types

One-dimensional/ [mushroom] column

Description

The restaurant, with its outdoor cafe, was a very popular place among summer tourists in the resort town of Palanga, located in a beautiful enclave on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Mushroom- or umbrella-shaped structures – i.e., a single central pillar which spreads out at the top to form the roof of a space, usually circular in plan – are clearly associated with reinforced concrete technologies. The Vasara restaurant is an obvious example of this typology, but it was exceptional both for its size and for its slender shape: the pillar expanded to create the roof in a continuous curved section, without any interruption between pillar and ceiling. An intermediate floor, supported by conventional concrete pillars, added stability where the pillar was most slender. The view of the structure-roof from the outside was ensured by the use of a glazed circular façade, and the effect at night was spectacular due to the large number of lights embedded in the concrete, simulating a starry sky.

Links

