In modern times the average life span of a human being has increased substantially mainly due to the higher living standards. This change brings about new challenges for the area of assisted living and the functionality of relevant living space. Current birth rates are not in tune with the requirements of this aging population, leading to a long-term lack of financial provisions as well as lack of appropriate manpower. The change will have to come from the technological and infrastructural side. The current changes and redevelopments of the medical and welfare systems are putting additional spotlight on the service providers as well as the general infrastructure for the needy. There is great demand for “reengineering” - both from the customer/client as well from the financier (insurance companies, state pensions, etc.) point of view. Additionally, with coming of age, owning your own home plays a vital role in the quest of life. There is a strong tendency for the elderly to want to stay in the infrastructure and environment they know. Technological advancement in the assisted living industry is currently vastly outpacing architectural effort to create effective harmonised living environments. It is important to include these long-term requirements at an early stage of real estate development to overcome higher costs at later stages and possible lack of functionality. Developments in this
area started in the early 70's. These have constantly been adjusted and redeveloped.

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