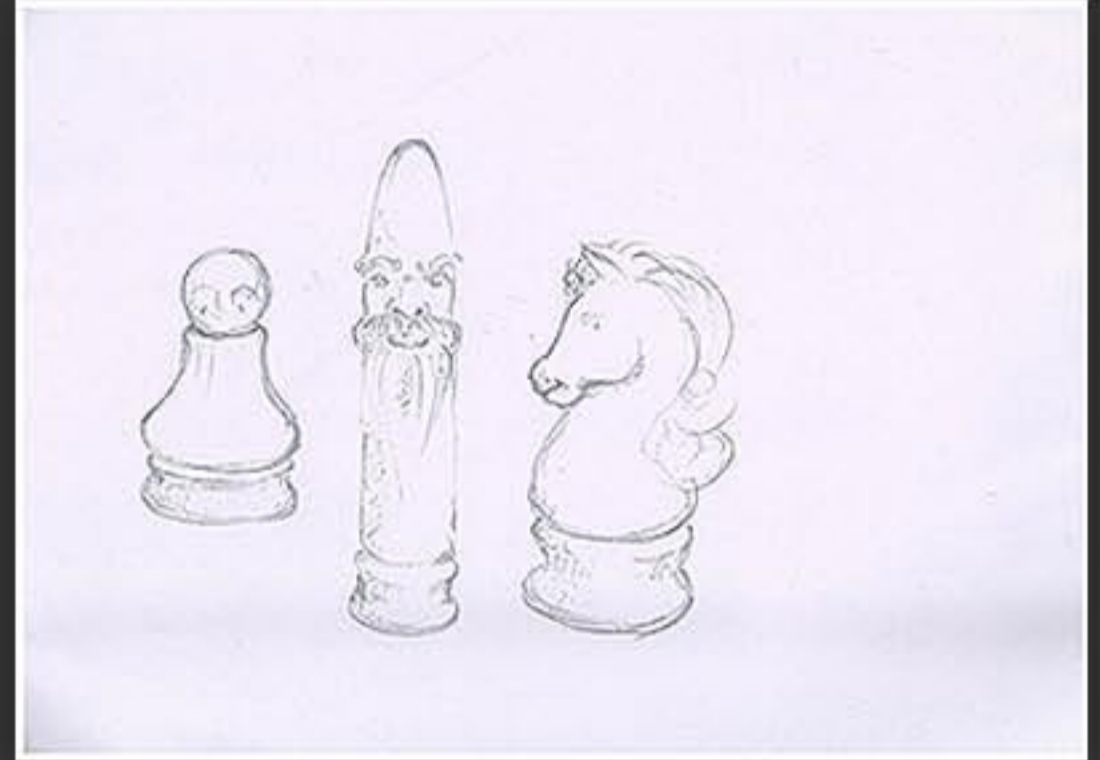
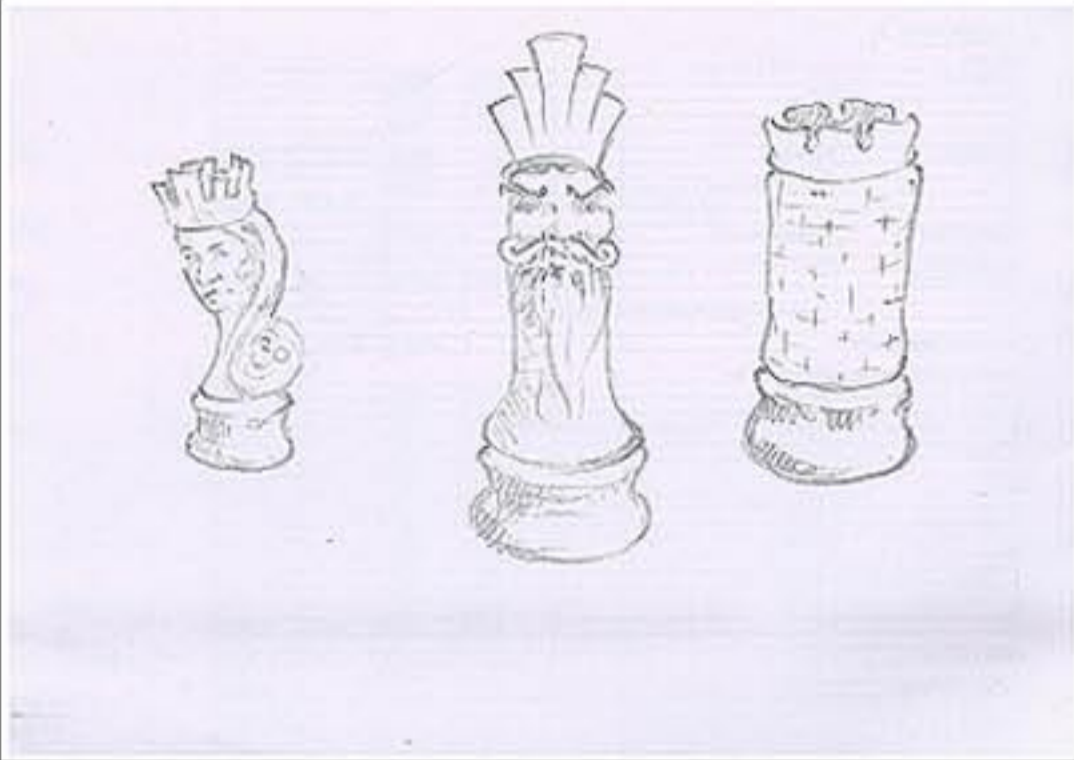


Chess with hands

BRIEF:

'Maya', the word originates from Sanskrit roots 'ma' meaning 'not' and 'ya' translated as an indicative article meaning 'that', hence it means 'that which is not'. This is usually quoted as 'illusion' centered on the fact that we do not experience the environment itself but rather a projection of it, created by us! We were, thus, briefed to craft something that signifies all this and yet has dual meanings as per individual comprehension.

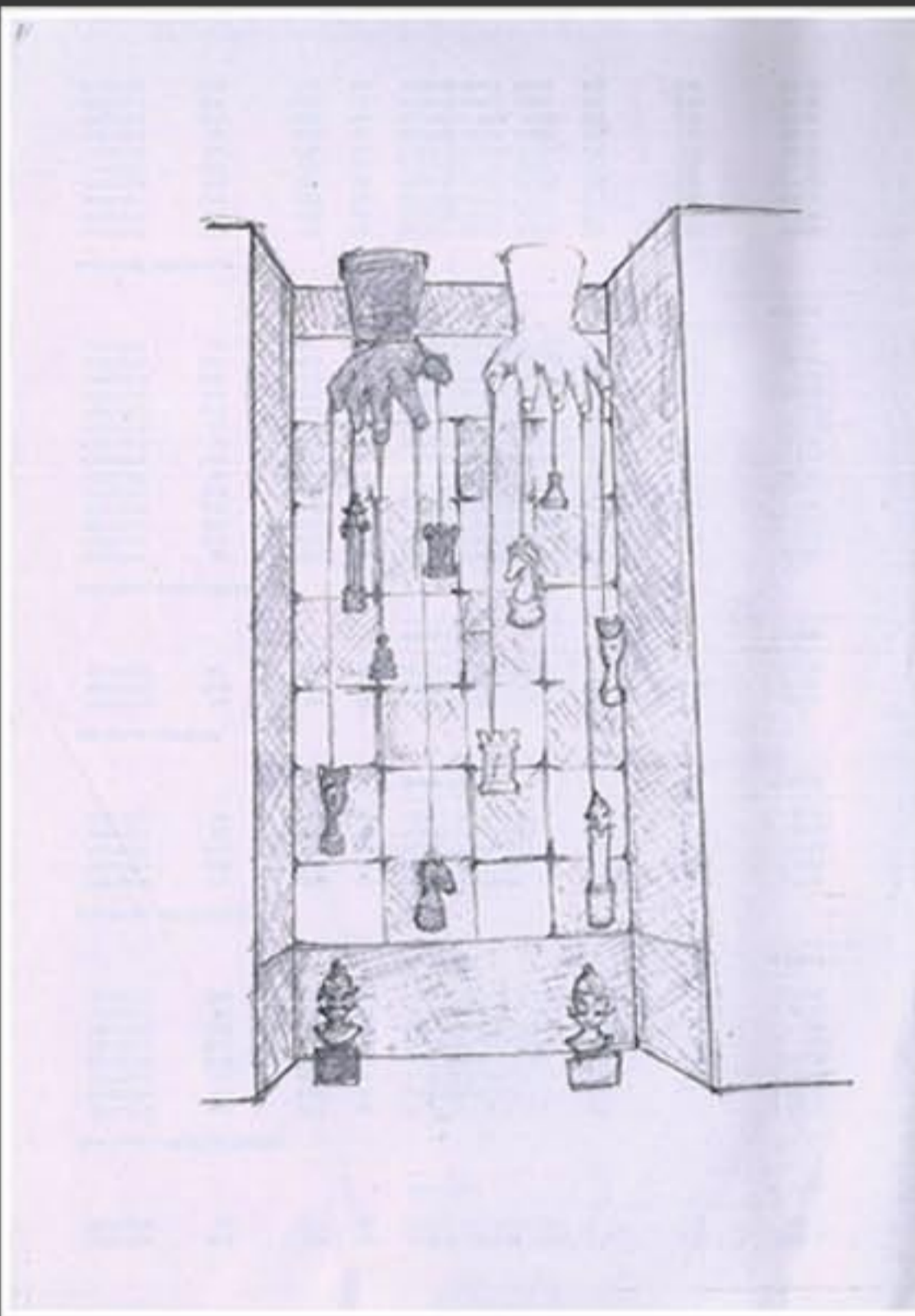


IDEATION & EXECUTION:

The ideation began from the challenge of representing the concept of 'Maya', which is essentially formless, into an art form. Our Dr. Art+ Design team went through discussions and brainstorming sessions with curators, philosophers, art historians and artists to find out the various nomenclatures attached with 'Maya' and how best it can be showcased and materialized into art. This was followed by sketches to formulate a concept on which the art work can be further developed.

The team decided to depict this in the form of an art installation. All the concepts were then collaborated to design an installation which occupies a niche outside Maya room at Le Sutra Hotel.

Fiberglass painted with matt grey and cerulean blue creates a perfect balance of color soothing the viewer's eyes. A further investigation into this installation will reveal the detail works and the craftsmanship of the artist.



REVEALING THE ARTWORK:

The art installation was termed 'Chess with Hands', depicting a setting of Chess. The pieces are shown as human figures and on the top a pair of hands depicting 'Maya' controlling the movements and actions of the pieces. The hand represents the 'Divine' who is Mayavi, the grand master of illusion. The characters on the chessboard are souls who are continuously striving to find ways out of Maya by treading on many different paths of life with an ultimate objective of attaining 'moksha' or freedom. It also signifies a dual meaning of how each one of us is a puppet in the hands of destiny.

This installation can truly absorb the viewer with wonder.