Outdoor Children's Play Area Guidelines

The outdoor play area is a very important area for the resident's children and should be developed with thought in respect of its usability, variety and safety.

Some of the core design principles include:

a. Having a flooring material which makes it same to fall eg. high quality sand (EPDM / rubber flooring to be avoided since it tends to crack after 18-24 months. Can be used if there is significant confidence on quality and wear and tear).

b. Preference should be given to play equipment where wood is the primary material rather than plastic/metal (upto 20% cost premium is justified).

c. Having equipment which serves age groups 2-10 years.

Following items are mandatory for a project level outdoor children's play area:

1. Swing (min. two seats) with atleast one Toddler's/Baby swing seat
2. Slide (regular size for 3-8 years old)
3. See Saw
4. Adequate provision for seating of caretakers should be made around the play area, so that the caretakers can sit while children play. Where feasible, there should be sun protection for this seating.

Following items may be considered for a project level outdoor children's play area (atleast half or more of these are mandatory for a play area serving 500+ units):

1. Zip Line
2. Tree House
3. Merry-go-round (about 4 seater)
4. Sandpit
5. Garden table / benches
6. Additional swing with +2 seats.
7. Springer / Spring Rider (min. 2 nos of different variety)
8. Balance Beams
9. Hammock
10. Spinner
11. Climber (rope web)
12. Monkey Bar



13. Zip line

The above list is not exhaustive and additional elements may be added, if in the opinion of the Project Architect, the same add value or are 'new and in trend' – inputs should be taken from vendors/manufacturers as to what they think is the best way to fitout the play area. Quantity may also be increased based on space available and no. of units that the playground is catering to. It should be ensured that children's play area is 'over equipped' and residents feel that they have lots of variety and sufficient quantity.
Further, several of these items may be available in combined form in a 'multiplay' item and same can be considered.
The aforesaid are traditional names for the said items and describe the usage – the exact names may vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Consultation should be had with the vendors as to what would be the best mix of play equipment given the available space, aforesaid policy and their understanding of what works best for the different sub-groups between the target age of 2-10 years.
Preference should be given to play equipment where wood is the primary material rather than plastic/metal (upto 20% cost premium is justified).
The quality, safety and longevity of the items is of utmost importance and hence, using good quality vendors is extremely important. Based on the current market scenario (2018), following are suggested:

	Companies Like
Luxury	Richter-Spielgerate.de Monstrum Kompan Proludic Timeberplay
Hi-end	Kompan Proludic Timeberplay
Aspirational	Kompan Proludic Timeberplay
Casa	Koochie (if Marketing Project level play area) Same brands as aspirational (if City level amenity)
Tree House	theplayhousecompany.co.uk

The above list of vendors may be updated from time to time by Procurement.