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OVA Studio prototype brings the oceans to life with 3D **Swimarium**

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OVA Studio is currently seeking a partner to make the plans a reality / $\overline{\text{OVA}}$ Studio

A prototype design for an attraction, conceived by Hong Kong's OVA Studio, could recreate the world's oceans, using projected imagery on LED screens to bring the Bahamas, Maldives, Great Barrier Reef and more to a uniquely designed swimming pool.

The pool would be housed inside a glass dome and both pool and dome would be lined with LED screens. These would display live feeds from underwater cameras positioned in oceans around the world to create on-screen, immersive images of what it would be like to swim in these spots.

To add to the experience, hydrophones would used to record the underwater sounds of the ocean and special 3D swimming goggles have been designed to enhance the swimmers' view even further. The experience continues when swimmers come up for air, as the screens will show the surrounding scenery according to the underwater location.

According to OVA, the sea is not the limit for the unique new attraction. They also suggest it would be possible to swim in space or on the desert dunes of the Sahara.

With the release of the designs, OVA Studio is now seeking a collaborative partner to bring the project to life, suggesting names such as Discovery Channel, National Geographic or Google as potential collaborators, though at present nothing has been confirmed.

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