

Blink brings more lustre and luxury to Bali and Phuket

THE NATION

Hospitality aficionado Blink Design Group is in the hot seat once again, creating two stunning new resorts on Asia's most renowned tropical islands that will herald the rebirth of Regent Hotels & Resorts.

Blink has created the new Regent Phuket and Regent Bali from the ground up, combining timeless tropical modern design inspired by a sense of place with subtle heritage and cultural accents.

Regent Phuket Cape Panwa, located on a private finger of Cape Panwa on the south-eastern tip of the island, will launch in December this year. It features 70 rooms with sublime panoramic sea views and 35 pool suites a short stroll from a postcard-perfect private white sand beach.

The resort's launch signals the dawn of a new era for one of Asia's most legendary names in hospitality and lavishes a new layer of lustre and luxury upon the Pearl of the Andaman. It also begins a new chapter in Blink's spectacular story of success, which has seen the Bangkok-based firm open offices in Shanghai, Singapore and New Delhi and pick up some of design's most prestigious prizes.



WARM TONAL accents and spectacular back-lit high ceilings distinguish Blink's vision of contemporary tropical luxury at the Regent Phuket.

In 2012, Blink won the prestigious HD Award from Hospitality Design magazine for the world's best luxury hotel design and will pick up an Asia Pacific Interior Design Award in later this month.

"The design inspiration behind Regent Phuket was to create a traditionally inspired beach residence embellished with touches of Thailand and Asia," said Clint Nagata, founder and creative director of Blink.

"The elegant, almost Thai colonial feel of the exterior cedes to glowing, flowing interior spaces

with warm tonal accents and spectacular back-lit high ceilings."

Regent Bali, which launches in January 2013, is located on the eastern part of the spectacular Bali coastline protected by a coral reef and in the exclusive Sanur District. It features 10 acres of tropical gardens with a 200-metre golden beach, 94 suites, one beachfront Regent Villa, 25 Regent Residences, a spa and two premier dining options.

"Blink sought inspiration in the rich artistic and cultural heritage and the spirituality that flows



BLINK'S INSTINCTUAL approach to design meets the rich artistic heritage of the 'Island of the Gods' in these stylish suites at the Regent Bali.

through life on the 'Island of the Gods,' Nagata said.

"In terms of 'wow factor,' we went with our instincts once again and bucked the trend by designing a lavish inward-focused bathroom. The bathroom is a large-scale jewel box and we have chosen to make the bath a private haven.

"The walls are clad in honed finished local marble, with handmade glazed ceramic tiles serving as the base and floor. Custom vessel sinks, vanity mirrors, and handcrafted shell feature walls complete this shimmering bathing sanctuary.

"The 25-square-metre terraces feature a 5.5-metre-long daybed where guests can recline like pashas in pampered seclusion. The huge double wardrobes are also a nice touch. One houses a big flat screen television, the other a fully equipped bar."

"It's an exciting time for Regent. Both the Phuket and Bali properties will immediately become flagships for the Regent brand in these two absolutely crucial resort island markets in Asia," Regent Hotels and Resorts president Ralf Ohletz Count von Plettenberg said.