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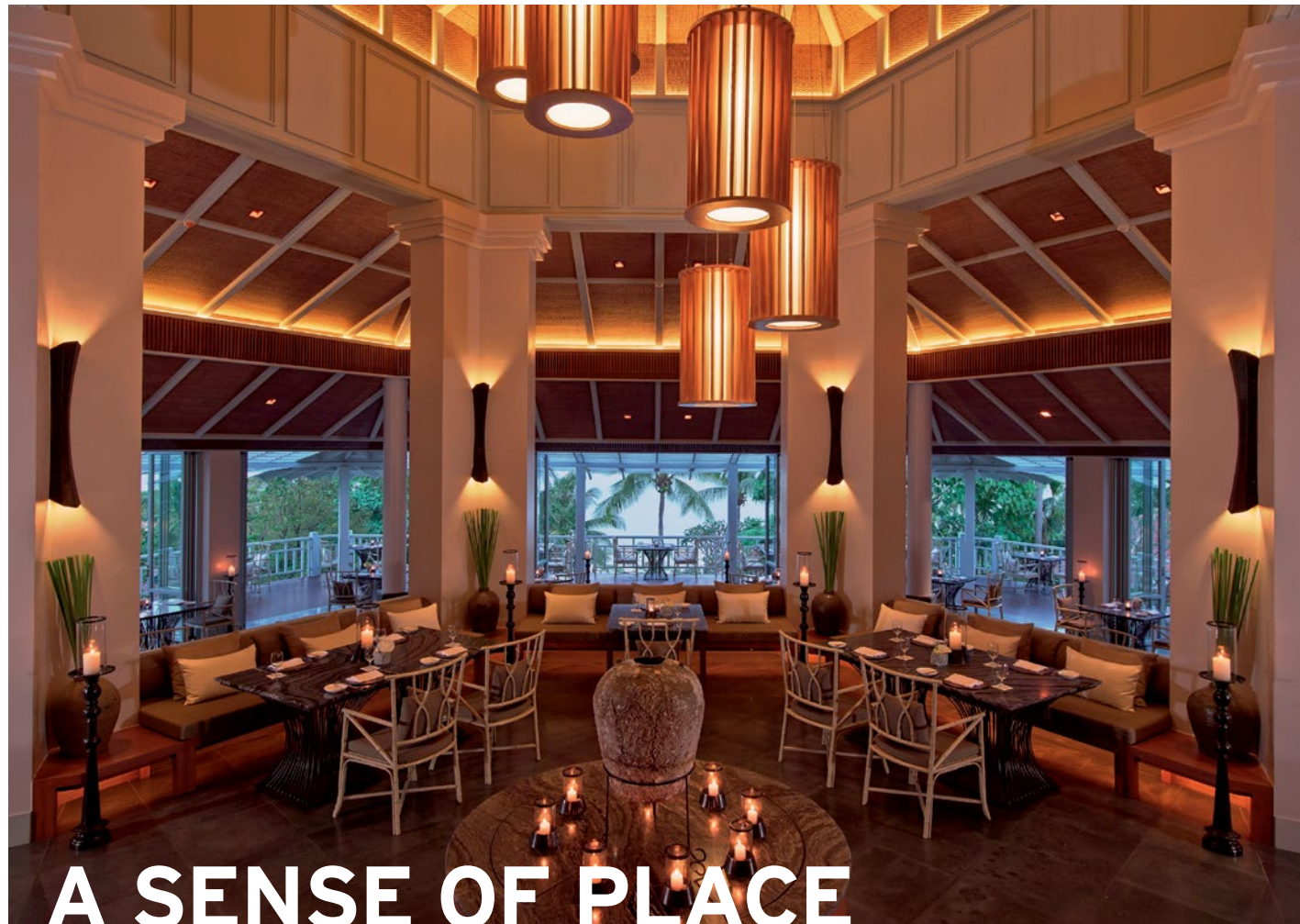
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A SENSE OF PLACE

The Restaurant carries through the same chic aesthetic as seen in The Library Lounge

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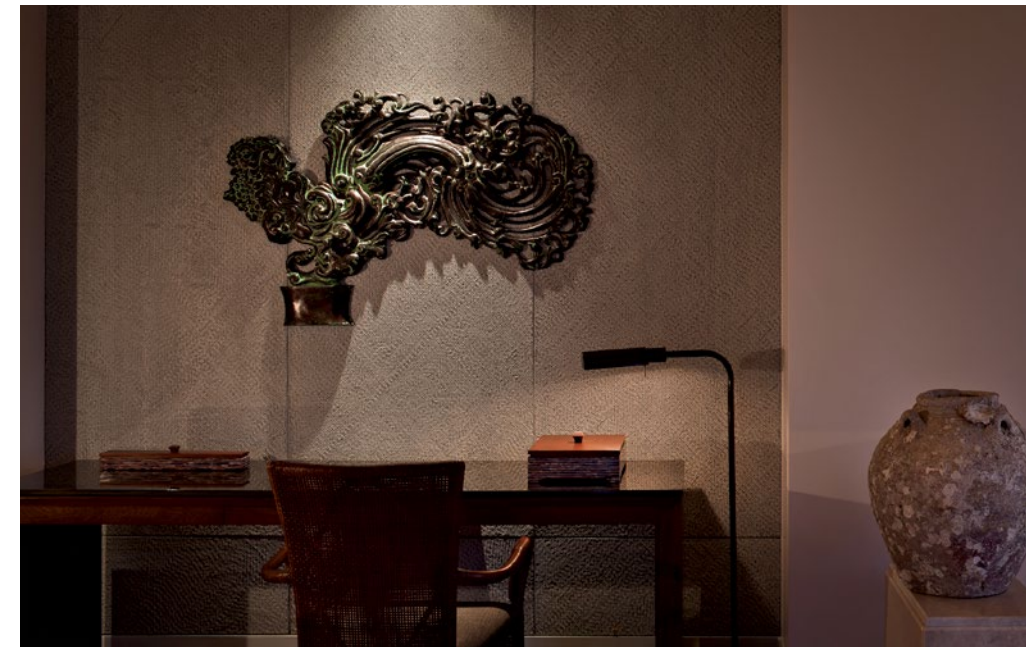
The new Regent Phuket Cape Panwa launch signals the dawn of a new era for one of Asia's leading hospitality names, lavishing a new layer of lustre and luxury upon the Pearl of the Andaman



The Library Lounge seating area

Regent Phuket Cape Panwa, located on a private 'finger' of Cape Panwa on the south-eastern tip of the Thai island, opened its doors to guests last December this year, with 70 rooms offering sublime panoramic seaviews and 35 pool suites a short stroll from a postcard-perfect private white sand beach. The resort's launch also begins a new chapter in design studio Blink's impressive 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.

In 2012, Blink — founded by Clint Nagata — won the prestigious HD Award from *Hospitality Design* magazine for the world's best luxury hotel design and went on to also pick up an Asia Pacific Interior Design Award. Blink designs also featured in the 'bible' of what's hot in hospitality, *Conde Nast Traveller's* Hot List, last year. This year, Regent Phuket Cape Panwa has been nominated in the World Hotel Luxury Awards in three categories: luxury beach resort, luxury villa resort and luxury island resort.



The villas exude the air of a traditionally-inspired beach residence embellished with touches of Thailand and Asia

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“The design inspiration behind Regent Phuket was to create a traditionally-inspired beach residence embellished with touches of Thailand and Asia,” says Nagata, also senior creative director at Blink and one of the judges at the Perspective Awards 2013.

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As for the Regent Bali, also opened last year, Blink created the Regent Phuket from the ground up, combining timeless tropical modern design inspired by a sense of place with subtle heritage and cultural accents. These twin gems in Regent's new crown will soon be joined by further resorts in Taipei, Indonesia and China, which will also bear Blink's hallmark of instinctive mind's eye design combined with exhaustive research into each destination's history, traditions, culture and people.

Regent Bali, which launched a year ago, is located in Sanur on the eastern part of the spectacular Bali coastline protected by a coral reef. It features 10 acres of tropical gardens with a 200m 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 through life on the ‘Island of the Gods’,” Nagata says.



The resort is centred around modern, culturally sensitive and timeless Asian design

“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.”

Regent Hotels and Resorts president Ralf Ohletz Count von Plettenberg commends Blink's creativity and flair coupled with the firm's deep understanding of local cultural nuances. “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,” Ohletz says. “Regent Phuket is set to become the new benchmark for tropical elegance in one of the most beautiful parts of the world.”

Meanwhile, Regent Hotels and Resorts chairman and owner, Steven Pan, added: “It is 40 years since Regent Hotels set a new benchmark for the luxury hotels industry. Now, we are once again emerging as an icon of timeless design and bespoke experiences.”

Regent has always been about luxury and individuality, Nagata notes: “It's a brand that commands amazing respect and we are honoured to be helping return Regent to its Asian roots, centred around modern, culturally sensitive and timeless Asian design.”



Salas at Regent Phuket Cape Panwa frame a spectacular sea view

世外桃源

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全新的布吉攀瓦角麗晶酒店不單標誌著亞洲其首屈一指的酒店品牌踏進新時代，也為「泰國之珠」添上華麗而耀眼的光輝

布吉攀瓦角麗晶酒店位於該泰國著名海島東南端的攀瓦角上，於去年十二月正式開幕；酒店內設70間景觀壯麗的海景客房及35間池畔套房，與明信片般完美的白色沙灘亦僅有幾步之遙，有如住客的私人樂土。除了完成這幢傑作之外，屢獲殊榮的曼谷設計室Blink亦已於上海、新加坡和新德里等地開設新的辦公室，希望能為公司的成功故事翻開新一頁。

在2012年，由Clint Nagata創立的Blink獲《Hospitality Design》雜誌頒發「世界最佳豪華酒店設計HD大獎」，同時贏得「亞太區室內設計大獎」(Asia Pacific Interior Design Award)。此外，Blink的作品亦獲有「酒店界潮流聖經」美譽的《Condé Nast Traveller》納入同年的「熱門名單」之中。而布吉攀瓦角麗晶酒店亦於去年的「世界豪華酒店大獎」(World Hotel Luxury Awards)獲得三項提名，分別為「豪華海灘度假村」、「豪華度假別墅」及「豪華海島度假村」。

去年出任「透視設計大賞2013」評審的Blink創作總監Clint說：「布吉麗晶酒店的设计靈感源自當地的傳統，以建立一座富泰國和亞洲風情的海灘別墅。」

「其優雅外形帶有泰國殖民地建築的影子，襯托室內流麗而光芒四射的設計，配合暖色調和高曠而壯觀的滲光天花。」

一如同於去年開業的峇里島麗晶酒店，Blink由下而上地構思永不落伍的現代熱帶設計，於室內體現當地的微妙傳統和文化特色。除了這兩幢最新的度假村外，麗晶集團亦將在台北、印尼和中國開設多座度假村，既會秉承Blink一貫結合靈感和深入研究的設計風格，亦會體現各地的歷史、傳統、文化和生活特色。

而在一年前開業的峇里島麗晶酒店則位於峇里島東邊的沙努爾，能盡覽佈滿珊瑚礁的壯麗海岸線。酒店設有佔地10公頃的熱帶花園、長200米的金色沙灘、94間套房、一幢麗晶海濱別墅、25間麗晶住宅，並有水療中心和兩間高級餐廳。Clint說：「Blink從『天堂之島』上豐富的藝術和文化找尋靈感，以體現當地獨有的靈性。」

「我們再次隨心而行，一反潮流地設計出一間豪華的獨立浴室，成為房間的矚目焦點。浴室有如一個大型的珠寶盒，可謂住客獨享的私人天堂。牆身以經過打磨的土產大理石裝飾，配合牆腳和地板的手製釉面瓷磚，

加上特別訂造的面盆、化妝鏡，及人手製作的貝殼主題牆，為浴室營造出閃閃發亮的誘人氛圍。」

晶華酒店集團總裁Ralf Ohletz Count von Plettenberg不單對Blink的創意和觸覺大加讚許，也驚嘆設計師對當地文化擁有深入的認識。Ralf說：「這是麗晶的光輝時刻。在布吉島和峇里島的酒店都會立即成為集團的旗艦，開拓亞洲兩個首屈一指的度假島市場。布吉島麗晶酒店位於世上其最美麗的地方，將會成為熱帶優雅設計的模範。」

與此同時，晶華酒店集團董事長潘思亮則補充說：「40年以來，麗晶酒店一直是豪華酒店界的楷模。現在，我們再度成為永恆設計和提供貼心享受的典範。」

Clint指出，麗晶一直十分重視豪華感和個性：「這是一個令人尊敬的品牌，而我們很榮幸能幫助麗晶回歸亞洲，體現既現代、又充滿文化氣息的亞洲長青設計。」 ●



Warm tonal accents and back-lit high ceilings lend a feeling of indulgent luxury in the guest rooms