

BLINK

COLIN YAP

DIRECTOR (BANGKOK)

As a man who spends much of his free time either intensely researching North-east Asian and Indo-Chinese history and geography or clocking up flying time in a turbo-prop airplane, Colin Yap brings to the BLINK team a love of research, attention to detail and clear-sighted view of design's horizon and the big picture.

Colin is learning to fly to fulfil his childhood dream of being a commercial pilot, but he also sees the parallels with his day job, in terms of freedom, creativity and sometimes having to fall back on instinct and training to make vital decisions quickly.

He joins BLINK after a long stint with Bangkok's PIA Interiors, where he established a reputation for creating innovative designs sympathetic to the human form and the environment in terms of scale and proportions. Colin's cultural understanding and depth of historical knowledge make him a perfect fit for BLINK's 'deep dive' approach to researching its projects. Colin has seen his visions take shape for high-end international hospitality brands including Conrad, Hilton, InterContinental, JW Marriott, Marriott, Marriott Vacation Club, Renaissance, Four Seasons and Anantara Hotels & Resorts.

Colin is also a keen four-wheel-driver, and doesn't shirk at taking the road less travelled to get to a destination that's worth the extra effort. This has made him acutely aware of the truism that more and more travellers have come to realise today, with important ramifications for the way hotels are designed and experienced: The journey is the destination.



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RECENT WORK

19 Gallop Road, Singapore
21 Swettenham Road, Singapore
CONRAD Koh Samui, Koh Samui, Thailand
Sheraton Four Point, Tibet, China
Kerry Centre, Hong Kong
Kerry Centre, Shanghai, China
Shangrila Hotel, Fuzhou, China
Shangrila Hotel, Manzhouli, China
Shangrila Hotel, Shenyang, China
Shangrila Residence (Shangrila At The Fort),
Fort Bonafacio, The Philippines
Hong Kong Immigration Authority
Residential Block & Club House, Hong Kong SAR
Luxury Residential Unit 6-7 @ Repulse Bay Road, Hong Kong SAR
Luxury Penthouse Unit @ 31 Robinson Road, Hong Kong SAR
Prime Mansion @ Sukhumvit Soi 31, Bangkok, Thailand
Ju Long Garden Spa & Sauna Centre, Beijing, China
Wanda Hilton Double Tree, Hebei, China
Trident Bangalore Airport Hotel, Bangalore, India
Crown Plaza Hotel, Rohini, India
The Radisson Hotel, Jaipur, India
Sheraton Four Point, Bangkok, Thailand
Dusit Bird Hotel, New Delhi, India
So Sofitel, Bangkok, Thailand
Anantara E-mei, Sichuan, China
Marriott & Marriott Courtyard Jiu Zhai Gou, Sichuan, China
Anantara E-Mei Red Wine Bar & Cellar, Sichuan, China
Four Seasons Residence, Bangkok, Thailand
Intercontinental Hotel, Haikou, China
Hsin Yi Luxury Penthouse Condominium, Taipei, Taiwan
Burasari Heritage Hotel, Luang Prabang, Laos
Marriott Hotel, Chittagong, Bangladesh

RECENT WORK

Crown Plaza Hotel, Kunming, China
JW Marriott, Palawan, The Philippines
Renaissance & Marriott Vacation Villas
Nusa Dua, Bali, Jakarta
Marriott Hailing, Guangzhou, China
Nam Shan Luxury Condominium Show
Units, Sanya, China
Q1 Hilton Resort, Phuket, Thailand
Dusit Thani Resort,
Camh Ranh Bay, Vietnam
Le Meridien (IOI Development),
Xiamen, China

EDUCATION

Awarded Bachelor of Architecture, Royal
Melbourne Institute of Technology
University Melbourne, Australia

Bachelor of Architecture Exchange
Program, Tokyo Institute of Technology
Tokyo, Japan

Awarded Bachelor of Design
(Architectural Technology), Royal
Melbourne Institute of Technology
University Melbourne, Australia

Awarded GCE 'A' Level Certificate, Anglo-
Chinese Junior College Republic of
Singapore