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BOMANS HOTELL
Trosa - Sweden



EDITOR'S LETTER



PLATARAN BOROBUDUR RESORT & SPA
Magelang Central Java - Indonesia

Dear All,

Summer has well and truly arrived in London and here at HIP Hotels, we could not be happier. Over in Miami, the sun has been shining even more brilliantly, and it is here that our management had the chance to attend LE Miami in June, bringing the HIP Hotels brand to the forefront.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Serge Dive for the amazing work in organising this momentous event, likely the best hospitality convention I have ever had the honour to attend. I now understand the difficulty in being accredited and given the possibility to be a guest. It was a wonderfully exciting chance to meet new members and shake hands with existing members who were only known to me in an online sense.

As you may discover in the coming weeks, our new book in the series, Spectrum III has been released. For those of you who have ordered copies, you may have received them by the time you read this, and I hope you are enjoying it - I would love to hear your feelings and feedback.

Fortunately, we were able to buy back some copies of the first edition of Spectrum and are happy to announce, we will be bundling all three of the volumes, available for purchase on Amazon as a beautiful publication package. This will be one of the only occasions to acquire the entire collection, including Spectrum and Spectrum II before they are sold out, so make sure you don't miss out.

We have plenty of exciting and thrilling news on the way and I look forward to sharing it with you very soon.

For all those going on vacation this summer, I wish you a lovely holiday.

Stay tuned

Gianpaolo



ARGOS IN CAPPADOCIA, *Uçhisar* - Turkey



NEW MEMBERS



BAD SCHÖRGAU

Bolzano - Italy

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Tucked within the *Val Sarentino valley*, Bad Schörgau is a true escape from the urban lifestyle. Managed by the positively accommodating *Wenter* family, wander at your leisure into the inviting wellness spa with wood-heated hot-tubs, outdoor sauna and swimming pool.

On site is michelin-starred, *Gourmet Restaurant Alpes*; indulge in exquisite cuisine with distinctive and delectable flavours.



ME CABO

Cabo San Luca - Mexico

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ME Cabo is situated a short distance from downtown Marina on the Medano Beach of Cabo San Lucas, offering a pristine and ambient stay with breathtaking sunset views enveloping the rooms with natural lighting. This adults-oriented resort combines an energetic escape with pool-side relaxation. Enjoy the timeless white interiors with Art Deco accents.





HURLEY HOUSE HOTEL

Hurley - United Kingdom

A former pub masterfully turned into a multi-award-winning boutique hotel of excellent reputation, Hurley House is the go-to escape for both foodies and luxury lovers, set less than an hour's drive from London. Escape the tiring urban agitation, with Michelin-starred food and tastefully decorated cosy, chic rooms, all set within the picturesque English town of Berkshire.



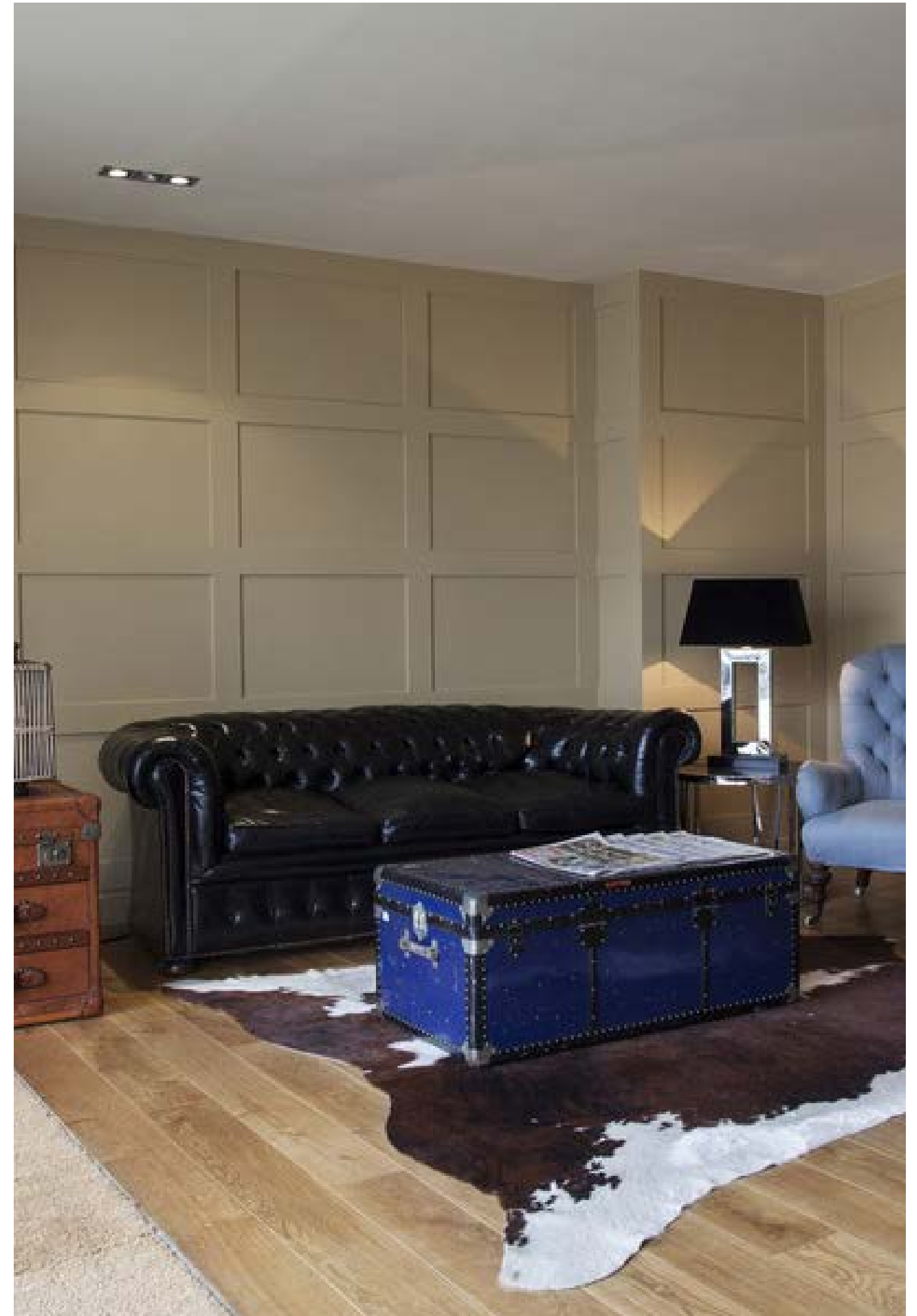


MONDRIAN SUITES

Berlin, Germany

Highlighted by the urban scenes of Berlin, this is the perfect location for your city exploration.

Discover the sights of Checkpoint Charlie, The Jewish Museum and a wealth of twentieth century German history amidst this comfortable yet stylishly situated stay. Mondrian Suites adds a touch of class to your city break, boasting a 'home away from home' atmosphere.





EASTWEST HOTEL

Geneva - Switzerland

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In the heart of the cosmopolitan Geneva, Eastwest Hotel embodies eclectic contemporary style, bubbly, warm personality and impeccable service for the ultimate luxury hideaway. Colour coordinated interiors, elegant furniture and tasteful wallpaper, provide the perfect home-away-from-home environment. Unwind after a long day of unveiling the wonders of the city.



THE VIEW LUGANO

Lugano Paradiso - Switzerland

Sheer luxury and tranquility with no strings attached awaits you at this breathtaking retreat. Rooms that scream luxe comfort, offer tremendous views of all the beauty that the Lake of Lugano beholds. The hotel boasts a truly hospitable and catered experience, using precious natural materials throughout the rooms to marry you to your natural surroundings.



FLEMINGS MAYFAIR

London - United Kingdom

Sophistication is emanated from this fashionable boutique hotel in the heart of Mayfair, London. With all rooms gracefully decorated with bespoke furniture, the suites are distinctly luxurious, exuding a 1930s feel whilst keeping true to their Georgian heritage. Situated on the doorstep of London's most talked-about areas, Flemings Mayfair exceeds expectations from start to finish.



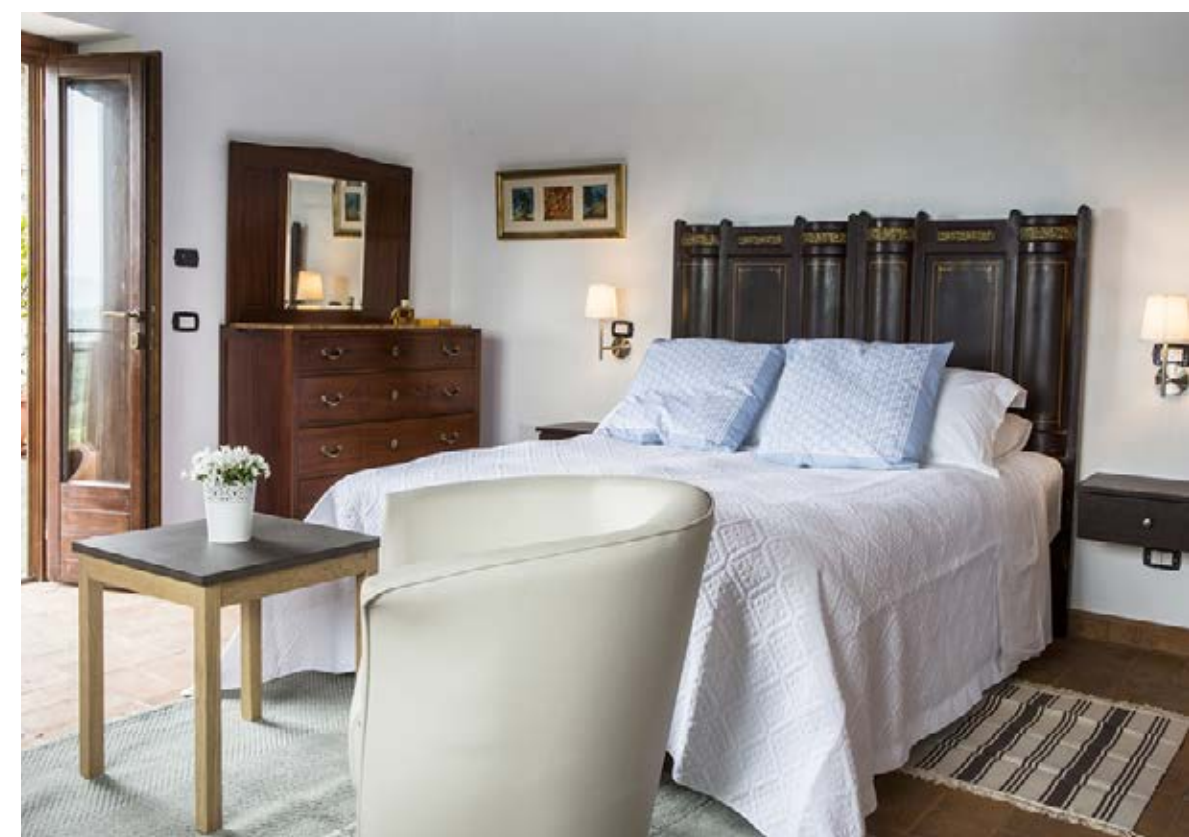


CASALE SAN PIETRO

San Filippo - Italy

Explore Lazio, the hidden corner of Italy with a stay in a lovingly renovated 300 year farmhouse, nestled within 8 acres of olive groves. Luxuriously homely, with incredible views over an olive grove valley; Casale San Pietro offers endless experiences from learning Italian and cookery masterclasses to spa treatments with spectacular views.

A tranquil atmosphere resonates across the rural open valley, not only from the location but from the personable service provided throughout your stay. Six luxuriously adorned rooms give your stay a rural feel, with plenty to be explored.





GAL OYA LODGE

Galgamuw - Sri Lanka

An ecolodge focused on the untouched serenity of nature and wildlife, with an aim to harmonise its visitors with the rustic beauty of the jungle and preserve the local Gal Oya National Park. One of the most remote wilderness spaces, allow native Veddhas, one of the last remaining indigenous people of the island to take the reigns and guide you through their territory and unearth the wilderness like never before.





LA BANDITA TOWNHOUSE

Pienza - Italy

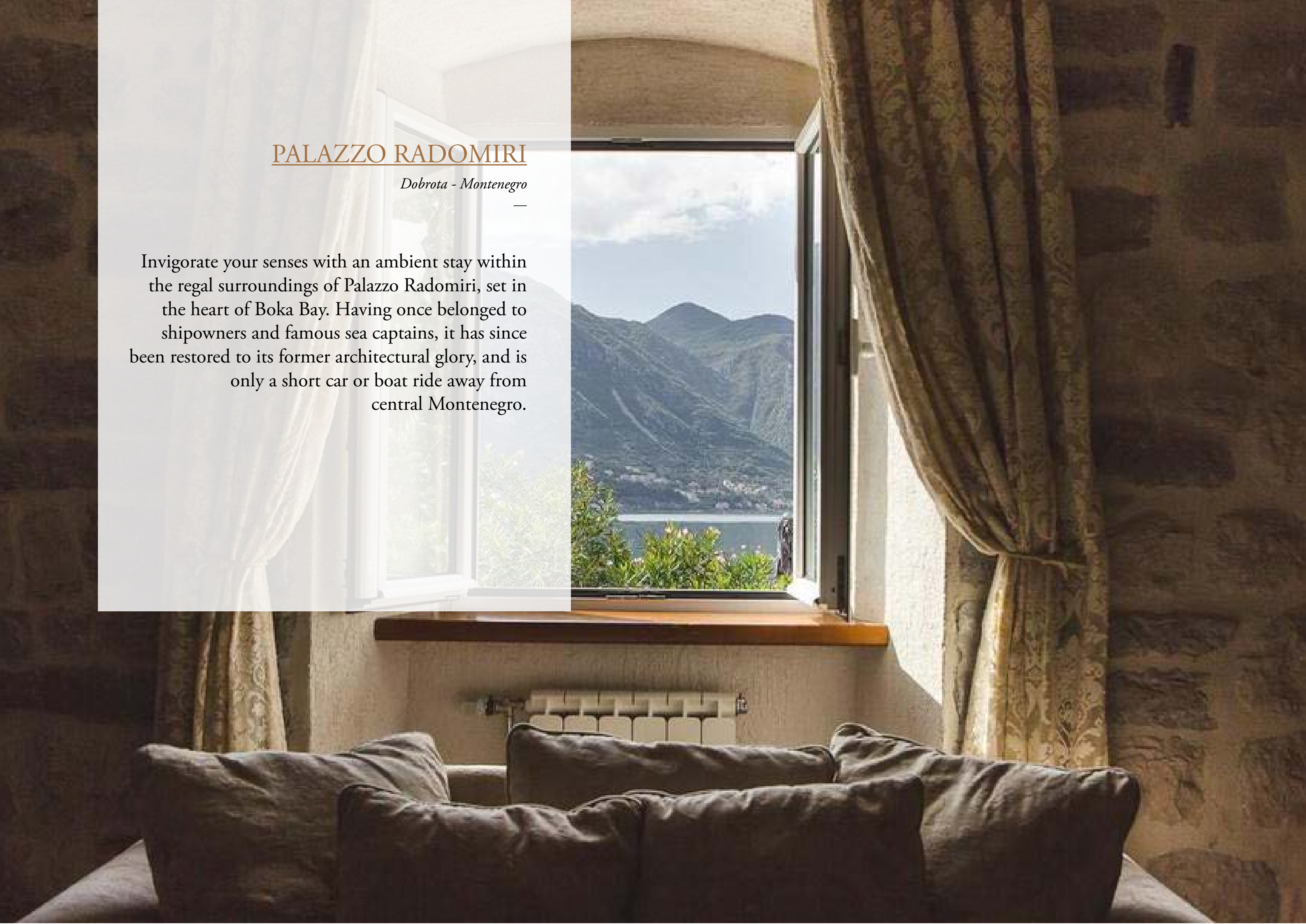
Richly designed in relation to the history of Pienza and widely known as “the ideal city of Renaissance”, La Bandita Townhouse is a loving acknowledgement to the heritage of the Tuscan town. Decorated with spaciousness and light in mind, your stay is accentuated by the friendliness of the Pienza people, making you feel wholly welcome in their village.



PALAZZO RADOMIRI

Dobrota - Montenegro

Invigorate your senses with an ambient stay within the regal surroundings of Palazzo Radomiri, set in the heart of Boka Bay. Having once belonged to shipowners and famous sea captains, it has since been restored to its former architectural glory, and is only a short car or boat ride away from central Montenegro.





OWNER'S STORY



Palazzina

Venice, Italy

Venice - perhaps the most architecturally remarkable of all Italian cities. It is on the iconic Canal Grande that Palazzina greets its distinguished guests with an unprecedented combination of visual glamour, Venetian elegance and uncompromising luxury. The genesis of Palazzina is one of stylish ambition. Emanuele Garosci, a debonair Turin-based entrepreneur, purchased the 2800-square metre 16th-century palace, the first residence of the noble Grassi family, in 2009. Palazzina became the first Italian hotel designed by award-winning French designer Philippe Starck. He was the perfect choice - a lifelong lover of Venice with a residence on nearby Burano Island and a believer in reflecting the natural local environment in design form.



The 25-room structure, its voluptuous interiors and impeccable service became an instant success, landing it on the Fortune Magazine Best Business Hotel list and the Condé Nast Traveller Hot List in 2010. The story of Palazzina took a sudden and unexpected turn in 2015. Emanuele's premature death led to the property's sale and his good friend Antonio Onorato took the challenge.

The concept of Palazzina was realised in 2008 with the help of the native Venetian manager, the same person who had previously supported Garosci to develop the Nhow Hotel in Milan while he was the CEO of NH Hotels in Italy. In August 2016 Antonio and his partner Stefano De Santis, a famous Milanese lawyer, through the holding Relegance, managed the purchase of the palace and got to work on its masterplan - establish Palazzina as Venice's leading boutique hotel and most exclusive venue for glamorous events, business gatherings and nightlife entertainment.

The Palazzina is accessible directly from the Grand Canal by water taxi.





The discrete, unmarked entrance gives guests an immediate sense of having entered a private haven of aesthetic beauty and unmitigated charm. Starck's vision of luxury merged with Venetian uniqueness is fully visible in the choice of materials and furnishings. Marble, mahogany and glassworks by French artist Aristide Najeau combine to create a modern and charismatic symphony for the eyes. The corridors, adorned with soothing pastel colours, are all lit softly to seduce the guest in an atmosphere of relaxed sophistication. The theme of Palazzina's rooms is that of water - reflective, fluid and calm. The hotel's 173 exquisitely ornamented mirrors, handcrafted by the master glassmakers of Murano, magnify its spaces. The evening shimmer of the Canal Grande is reflected into every suite, creating a surreal and enchanting spectacle of light. Palazzina also distinguishes itself as the pulsating heart of Venice's evening entertainment. Celebrated international DJs are invited to animate its events, regularly attended by global icons like Johnny Depp, James Franco, Al Pacino and Madonna, to name only a few. The Venice Film Festival and the Biennale, Venice's pre-eminent art exhibition, turn Palazzina into the go-to spot for actors, film producers and critics.

The Palazzina's unrelenting focus on excellence is also seen in its culinary endeavours. Palazzina The Restaurant combines the best of the Venetian and Italian cuisine.

Fresh fish sourced from the local Mercato di Rialto, organic vegetables from Sant'Erasmo island, handmade pasta and ravioli, magically weaved to create an extravaganza of dishes that rejuvenate ancient gastronomical traditions.

The Bar, inspired by Harry's Bar, is a spectacle of marble columns and jewelled tables, making for an atmosphere of refined relaxation.

The Krug Lounge, the second of only two in the world, lets guests savour champagne while witnessing the timeless allure of the Venetian canal life.

Its wood panels and leather furnishings provide a delightfully comfortable setting to unwind after a day of cultural immersion.

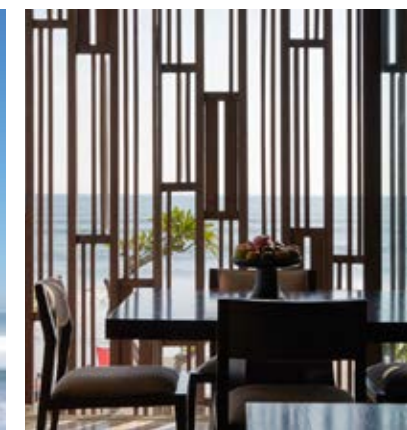


WHAT'S NEW



Bali, Indonesia

ALILA SEMINYAK



Embodying wellness in all its forms, this luxury spa destination has significantly upped its relaxation game.

Introducing three new all-inclusive experiences: Spa Feast, Revive and Revitalise, and Zumba and Zen, all combine an assortment of luxuriously packaged spa treatments.

From full-body revitalisation bundles, to pampering combined with a workout and Zumba session, Alila make your spa experience fun and rewarding.

Cumbria, United Kingdom

LINTHWAITE HOUSE



Linthwaite House, nestled in the serenity of the Lake District invites you to explore it anew, following a year-long refurbishment. The hoteliers have collaborated with luxury designer, Beverly Boswell, to reinvent their contemporary country house hotel. The brief? Modern yet comfortable interiors complementing the natural colours that radiate throughout the vast, mountainous region.

Taormina, Italy

VILLA DUCALE

Exquisite views overlooking Mount Etna, infinite town lights twinkling against the Ionian Sea, experience the Villa Ducale lifestyle. The hotel has recently been installed with a shimmering swimming pool and two characteristic new signature recipes from Ducale's own chef, Didier Intelisano, including an octopus dish and linguine with red prawns. Tantalise your tastebuds with spectacular new cuisine and don't forget to take a dip in the pool.





Lake Como, Italy

GRAND HOTEL TREMEZZO

Offering striking panoramic views of the encapsulating Lake Como, Grand Hotel Tremezzo welcomes you to enjoy their new Suite Life package. Indulge in daily breakfast, welcome amenities, a 3-course à la carte dinner for two and your own private concierge to cater to your beckon call.

If you still haven't reached optimal levels of tranquility, the T Spa's signature treatments using ESPA massage techniques and oils, will awaken your senses.

Using ingredients such as lavender, neroli, marine algae and rose geranium, feel detoxed, stimulated, and newly aglow.



Bali, Indonesia

ALILA VILLAS ULUWATU

Relax in serene solitude within a majestic panoramic plateau retreat. Enjoy fine Balinese and Indonesian cuisine amidst devastatingly striking views over the Indian Ocean, and join exquisitely talented guest chefs at The Warung restaurant for The Journey of Forgotten Spices. From May until September 2018, feast your appetite on spice-infused dishes, from those that favour sustainably sourced local ingredients, to concoctions of sweet and spice, to freshly made pastry. It's sure to leave a lasting impression on your stay here.

Chiredzi - Zimbabwe

SINGITA PAMUSHANA LODGE

Delve deep into the pristine wilderness and immerse yourself in the ecologically charged surroundings of the newly transformed Singita Pamushana Lodge. More than ever, the lodge heavily reflects the local Shangaan culture, amplifying references to the intricate stonework of Great Zimbabwe. South African designers Cécile & Boyd have achieved a balance between traditional aesthetics and contemporary style, installing a new clip-top fire pit and a suspended bar with 270-degree perspectives of the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve below.

San Filippo, Italy

CASALE SAN PIETRO



This beautifully situated getaway overlooking vast mountains and olive groves are delighted to announce they are now working in collaboration with London-based fashion designer and artist Sarah Nicole. The spa room, hosting an array of new services using Neom Organic oils, is soon to be beautifully adorned with bespoke artwork reflecting the region with an aim to make the visitor feel welcome and invited. Minimalistic life drawings and abstract art help connect you to the ethos of the Casale.



Bolzano, Italy

HOTEL & RESTAURANT BAD SCHÖRGAU

Bad Schörgau, Bolzano's beautiful answer to wellness and relaxation, has added a deluxe new spa treatment package to its rustic bathing culture roster, the Silhouette-Gourmet concept. Designed to revitalise and detoxify the body, the package blends gourmet-light menus with state-of-the-art treatments such as hydro-energetic therapy, full-body peeling, massages and facial treatments to rid the body of toxins and increase general well being. All treatments are tailored to the individual, to leave you feeling immensely de-stressed, revitalised and equipped to face reality once more.



Lech, Austria

GASTHOF POST



The country-inn charm of the Post invites you in to live amongst its antiques and intricate decor. Michelin-starred restaurant Post Stuben is a hidden gem in the Arlberg region, sure to delight you with its enticing Austrian specialities and vast mountain views.

Serving fine, gourmet cuisine, the restaurant has been awarded Wine Spectator's 2018 Best of Award of Excellence, along with their already existing two Gault Millau toques. The hotel has recently redesigned its Instagram, offering intimate insight into the family-run business.

Geneva - Switzerland

EASTWEST HOTEL



A haven of discreet luxury, this hotel is intimate and sophisticated, situated in the heart of cosmopolitan Geneva. 2018 marks 10 years since its opening and they're celebrating in style, with an armchair journey through a host of destinations. This month, stop off in Spain, where the Eastwest will offer you a bit of Spanish Fiesta with flamenco rhythms and delicious tapas and cocktails on the patio. Journey through the country's culinary successes with Eastwest's themed menu, trying gazpacho, catalan cream and a glass or two of sangria.

Berlin, Germany

HOTEL ZOO

HOTEL ZOO
BERLIN

Lavishly bright and trendy colours, shapes and fabrics, characterise Hotel Zoo. This year they welcome their summer of mindfulness. Starting in August, the elegant hotel will be offering Rooftop Yoga Classes in cooperation with lululemon athletica. Enjoy the 270-degree, panoramic views of West Berlin whilst working on your alignment and well-being in an oasis of peace.



Crete, Greece

DOMES NORUZ CHANIA



Amid the fresh, sea breeze and dazzling sunsets, Domes Noruz's Raw Bar combines elegance and a contemporary atmosphere, offering fresh sushi and cocktails. Popular in Europe and the US, Domes Noruz Chania has now brought poke to the plates of Greece. The Raw Bar is pleased to announce they are the first bar-restaurant in Crete to introduce poke bowls; choose from spicy tuna, salmon, seared steak with glazed pineapple or tofu.

Lugano Paradiso - Switzerland

THE VIEW LUGANO

Rekindle a connection to the natural surroundings of Lake Lugano, a picture-perfect snapshot of the vast lake and mountainous landscape. Exclusive materials such as the marine teak floors and bespoke design furnishings; there is no surprise the hotel has won Switzerland's Leading Design Hotel Award 2018 for the 4th year in a row. Luxury is in plentiful supply here. Discover The View's intimate and exclusive private night spa with champagne and oysters included.





Santorini, Greece

KATIKIES

This blindingly white cliffside hotel is a wonder to behold, offset by the brilliantly blue Aegean Sea. A combination of the sophisticated party atmosphere of St Tropez and the laidback hippy-chic attitude of Ibiza; top that off with an impeccable service and it's no wonder Katikies Santorini has been awarded Travel & Leisure World's Best Award for The Best Resort Hotel in Greece for the third year in a row. Discover paradise.

Tuscany, Italy

ARGENTARIO RESORT &SPA

Infused with luxurious Italian style and environmental influences, the Argentario Golf Resort & Spa promotes wellness within its lush landscape.

With the inauguration of the new Club House, visitors are treated to panoramic views from the golf course, to Orbetello Lagoon. The new space recalls the tradition of the historical Anglo-Saxon golf clubs, reinterpreting it with unusual and contemporary details; candlelit lighting, leather armchairs and vintage carpets make it a unique and intimate bistro to enjoy refreshing drinks and Mediterranean cuisine.



Lake Orta, Italy

CASA FANTINI

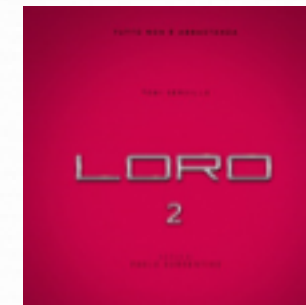


A dream escape overlooking the magical Lake Orta of Pella. Casa Fantini is the perfect blend of professionalism and creativity, adding a touch of class and illusion to your stay. The new portion of the hotel, Casa Fantini | Lake Time is now available for businesses and individuals to rent. Celebrate a special anniversary with the San Giulio Island and picturesque greenery as your backdrop; choose the brand new Fantini Rubinetti showroom for a product launch or management conventions. Lake Time offers professionals and individuals bespoke solutions to meet the highest of expectations in its picturesque surroundings.

AL BUSTAN PALACE *Muscat, Oman*



PRESS AND EXPOSURE



Tuscany, Italy

ARGENTARIO

GOLF RESORT & SPA

Argentario Golf Resort & Spa
in the movie “Loro” by Oscar
winner Paolo Sorrentino.

“Loro” is a biographical drama movie by Italian film director and screenwriter Paolo Sorrentino with actors Toni Servillo, Elena Sofia Ricci, Riccardo Scamarcio and Fabrizio Bentivoglio. It comes after the international successes of “La grande bellezza”, “Youth”, “This must be the place” and “The young Pope”.

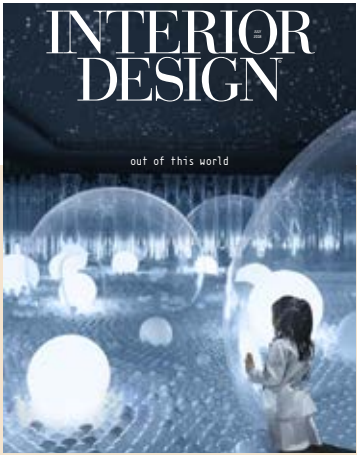
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