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WELCOME

As we journey into the second half of 2016, the next six months are brimming with impressive events, booking rewards and new star projects in the pipeline. We have also passed an important milestone for Minor Hotels, reaching over 150 properties in operation, with many more to join the portfolio soon.

Sharing travel dreams is your passport to escape as we celebrate Anantara's 15th anniversary by giving away 15 weeks of Anantara Dream Journeys, including the grand prize of an indulgent globetrotting adventure with flights.

Recently launched, the PRIVILEGE loyalty programme is our new way of rewarding guests. Online registration is free and gives instant access to members-only discounts with Anantara, AVANI and PER AQUUM, as well as immediate DISCOVERY membership for even more benefits.

Connecting savvy travellers to the heartbeat of avant-garde luxury, PER AQUUM is continuing its PULSE events with a spotlight on the Maldives, where Indian artisans of leather Nappa Dori are hosting a bespoke leather pop-up shop and masterclasses. Indeed, the fantasy modern island hideaway of PER AQUUM Huvafen Fushi has even more reason to smile, as it celebrates its 12th anniversary in paradise.

Expanding our footprint across the majestic Middle East, our cover story reveals Oman's distinctive treasures – soon to be revealed by the opening of two unique Anantara resorts – one perched on a canyon rim and amongst the highest in the world, and the second showcasing an oasis of coastal pleasures.

As a result of dynamic partnerships, Minor Hotels is solidifying its presence in the UAE and in Bali, and also venturing into India. In late 2016, the first Oaks property in India will open in Bodhgaya, a key religious site and place of pilgrimage that is thought of as the epicentre of Buddhism. Anantara and AVANI are preparing new gateways to Abu Dhabi in 2018 with the opening of two properties in Jebel Dhanna, close to the ferry departure point for Sir Bani Yas Island, where Anantara already boasts three retreats. In 2019, new journeys in Bali will begin with the island's third Anantara property in Ubud – where the centre of Balinese art and culture is surrounded by terraced rice paddies.

I hope that the following pages inspire and enrich your travels, and I look forward to sharing more new paths and passions soon.

Dillip Rajakarier
CEO Minor Hotels



SEE PHUKET THROUGH EXPERT EYES

Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas is a luxurious lagoon oasis along Phuket's stunning sunset coast. A place to hideaway in private pool villa seclusion, enjoy exclusive resort pleasures or explore authentic island life, we ask what General Manager Giles Selves would choose to do.

If you were a guest, how would you spend your day and evening at the resort?

I'd wake up early and explore Mai Khao by bike, so I could indulge more on breakfast by the lagoon. After enjoying my villa's private pool, I'd head over to the beachfront pool for lunch, and nap in a hammock by the waves. Later in The Tree House I'd sip champagne sundowners and watch the torch lighting long drum parade. For dinner at Sea.Fire.Salt. restaurant I would order seafood cooked on a Himayalan salt brick, then go back to my villa's garden sala for nightcaps.

What are the most indulgent experiences guests can enjoy?

A luxury yacht can be chartered for tailored Andaman Sea adventures. Anantara Spa's decadent pampering includes Ayurvedic rituals, a purifying massage with precious stones, royal Thai journeys and an in-villa bath and massage. Culinary indulgence is highly exclusive, from wine flights in The Tasting Room with the Wine Guru, to Dining by Design with a personal chef and butler, a choice of gourmet menus and idyllic settings, such as a lagoon sala, a table surrounded by shallow water overflowing from the infinity pool, or a secluded stretch of beach.

What would your ultimate tour of Phuket include?

My ultimate day would start with a round of golf at one of the award-winning courses nearby. I would tour the island's secret gems and best viewpoints with an experienced guide. To delve into local culture I would take in Phuket Town's heritage Sino-Portuguese architecture, lively markets and old Chinese temples. If it was a rainy day, I'd soak up Thai culture in the resort with Muay Thai kick-boxing and Thai cooking classes.

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OMAN: STRIKING SCENERY, CULTURAL MYSTIQUE

FOR CENTURIES, OMAN HAS LURED LEGENDARY EXPLORERS, AND MORE RECENTLY BRITISH ROYALTY, ENTRANCED BY A BLEND OF DRAMATIC TOPOGRAPHY, ANCIENT TREASURES AND A SENSE OF MYSTERY.



Oman is a country of stark and alluring contrasts. History reveals its secrets in ancient city ruins and architecturally beautiful forts. Narrow alleyways in old souks stir the senses at every turn; the air infused with perfume and precious spices. Majestic mosques and Sultan's palaces epitomise Oman's grandeur.

Dominating mountain ranges and plateaus with breathtaking panoramas give way to staggering canyons and verdant valleys. In agricultural villages, locals continue to live as they have always done – relying on age-old irrigation and farming methods. A beautiful sight only found in Al Jabal Al Akhdar, in April and May, Damask roses in full bloom cascade down the mountain slopes. Here, village families still use a wood-fired homemade oven to make a very unique smoked rose water. While the mesmerising canyon

views of Al Jabal Al Akhdar attracted Princess Diana and Prince Charles to visit in 1986. Charles is reported to have spent most of his time painting the magnificent scenery in watercolours, while Diana read a book. The ophiolite rock slabs on which they walked feature fossils that are more than 230 million years old, which no doubt would have attracted the keen interest of Charles, a passionate environmentalist.

By far the most remote landscape, the sands seem to stretch forever across the world's largest desert. Here, in the 'Rub Al Khali' Empty Quarter, 4x4 adventures introduce travellers to a Bedouin tribal settlement, dunes that tower



250 metres high and opportunities to go dune bashing and camel riding. The desert journey continues in the lost city of Ubar – a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Atlantis of the Sands, having sunk into the desert without a trace. For a true explorer's experience, overnight trips can include a traditional barbecue camp dinner with shisha, and a majestic view of sunrise in the morning.

Located on the south-eastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula, the beach destination of Salalah offers a refreshingly different dimension. Some of the country's finest and most secluded white sandy shores can only be reached by 4x4. Anglers come from all over the world for prize catches of marlin, tuna and sailfish. Clear sea and warm weather create ideal conditions for water sports, such as jet skiing, kayaking and paddle boarding. Scuba divers can explore spectacular corals and a rich diversity of marine life. Nature enthusiasts can enjoy boat trips to watch pods of dolphins playing out at sea, or wander along empty beaches to witness turtles hatching. Adventure picks up the pace inland, from mountain biking, wadi bashing, rock climbing and hiking, to 4x4 expeditions to encounter ancient villages and nomadic tribes.

During khareef season from June through September, Indian Ocean monsoon rains turn the dun-coloured coastal plains and mountains emerald green and create misty pastures, gushing waterfalls and forests swathed in swirling

fog. Verdant mountains come alive with wildlife, including ibexes, gazelles, hyena and Arabian leopards. Birdwatchers can spot vast flocks of flamingos, herons and egrets. Adding to the season's vibrancy, the annual Khareef Festival is a celebration of concerts and cultural performances.

Indeed Salalah has an intriguing past, steeped in myth and folklore. Home to the revered frankincense tree, the cause for celebration, revelation and trade for millennia. According to legend, the Queen of Sheba derived great wealth through trading frankincense from her coastal palace, Samharam at Khor Rori, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today its fragrant scent pervades every shop, alley and mosque, and the story is best told in the Land of Frankincense Museum. Close by, the Al Baleed Archaeological Park is a 60-hectare UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring ancient ruins belonging to the 12th-century trading port of Zafar. No wonder when Marco Polo visited Al Baleed in the 13th century he described it as a large and noble city.



NEW LUXURY RESORTS IN OMAN



LUXURIOUS BEACH OASIS (OPENING SEPTEMBER 2016)

Nestled between a beach and freshwater lagoon along the south coast of Dhofar, experience the indulgences of Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara. The beachfront oasis is the first luxury villa resort of its kind in Salalah, and resides next to the Al Baleed Archaeological Park UNESCO World Heritage Site.



DRAMATIC CANYON RETREAT (OPENING OCTOBER 2016)

Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar perches on the rim of a great canyon and is the highest five-star resort in the Middle East. Its canyon platform is named after Princess Diana, who once graced this glorious site. Nearby, the ancient city of Nizwa, rural villages and mountains where Damask rose water is cultivated, all beckon exploration.

Make your own journey in a land whose paths have been crossed by nomadic tribes and adventurous explorers, prestigious sheiks and royalty.

A TOUCH OF ANCIENT LANNA FROM NORTHERN THAILAND

THAILAND'S EXOTIC WELLNESS CULTURE IS NOW A POPULAR SPA COMMODITY ALL AROUND THE GLOBE. RENOWNED FOR ITS ENERGISING TECHNIQUES AND THERAPEUTIC HERBS AND SPICES, THAI TREATMENTS HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS FOR GOOD REASON.

Thailand's roots have a deep history, and nowhere is this more richly evident than in the country's northern territories, where two Anantara Spas reside. Chiang Saen in the Golden Triangle and Chiang Mai are both former capitals of the ancient Lanna Kingdom. Scattered ruins of temples and city walls tell a tale of their magnificent history, and locals remain immensely proud of the traditions which have been vibrantly kept alive.

ANANTARA CHIANG MAI RESORT

At this sophisticated riverside retreat, Anantara Spa feels as serene as the Mae Ping River it overlooks. Luxurious treatment rooms in contemporary Asian style immerse guests in the finest Thai wellness traditions from indulgent comfort.

The signature Lanna Ritual incorporates holistic techniques that celebrate the Lanna Kingdom's fusion of cultural influences. Beginning with a cleansing herbal foot bath, a warm Thai herbal poultice relaxes the feet and lower legs and reduces swelling, followed by a refreshing mint spray. For the full body massage, healing northern Thai plai massage oil is combined with Thai, Burmese and Chinese massage techniques to free energy blockages and enhance overall wellbeing, ending with a mini pressure-point facial. Awakening to a singing bowl, an inner healing ritual concludes this Lanna-inspired spa experience. Guests wash their hands in a bowl of Thai flowers and herbs to clear negative energy, and make a wish by writing significant words on a golden heart-shaped Bodhi leaf to hang on a temple tree or at home.

ANANTARA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ELEPHANT CAMP & RESORT

Anantara Spa in the Golden Triangle offers a true destination escape. Perched on a hilltop, overlooking the timeless landscapes of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos, wellbeing and nature converge in luxurious harmony. Elegant teak wood suites feature balcony doors that can be opened to enjoy fresh mountain air, forest birdsong and views of three countries.

Blending indigenous culture with world-class pampering, one of their signature spa journeys combines remedial local ingredients and western spa wisdom. The Lanna Experience comprises scrub, wrap and massage treatments using the healing ginger herb plai – also known as 'poo loey'. This herb has been used for centuries by traditional northern Thai healers for its ability to cool inflammation, as well as ease digestion, joint pain, muscle aches and respiratory conditions, while calming, cleansing and nourishing skin.

Another use for this herb is in the Thai Herbal Compress treatment where the compress is infused with plai to relieve muscular aches and pains, and to tone and soften skin.



Journey back in time to ancient spa rituals with Anantara Spa's cultural luxuries.

MEANDERING IN MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE IS A VIBRANT, CULTURALLY RICH CITY WITH ABUNDANT CHARM. MEANDERING THROUGH THE CITY STREETS IS THE PERFECT WAY TO DISCOVER ITS ATTRACTIONS.

From beautifully preserved Victorian architecture and internationally famed streets, to towering skyscrapers that hover over a tapestry of laneways filled with boutiques, bars, cafés and restaurants, it's easy to see why Melbourne is consistently ranked as the world's most livable city.

While Melbourne's collection of popular inner-city suburbs can easily be reached by tram, it's the CBD that has enjoyed a resurgence. Chic laneway eateries, cool rooftop bars and an urban street culture shaped by art, entertainment, festivals and fashion are enticing savvy travellers to forget about transport and explore the city on foot.

Shopping enthusiasts will find the 'Paris' end of Collins Street lined with the world's most luxurious brands. But carrying on down the tree-lined street, you will also uncover secret laneways brimming with boutiques in and around the streets of Collins, Swanston and Elizabeth. Bourke Street Mall is also a popular shopping hub, home to Australia's premier department stores David Jones and Myer, alongside a bounty of high street stores.

In a city that is recognised globally for its multicultural community, and nationally as the undisputed capital of cuisine, expect to find exceptional food, coffee and wine at every turn in Melbourne's CBD. Eclectic food trucks serve

up a selection of mouth-watering food precincts include Chinatown, Southbank, Flinders Street and Flinders Lane – the latter where some of Melbourne's most notable restaurants reside, such as Cumulus, Supernormal, Tonka and Chin Chin.

Coffee is considered an art form in Melbourne, and a wave of professionals are constantly pushing boundaries to explore new beans, perfect the latest brewing methods and uncover roasts that might position them on the top of the highly contested 'best coffee' stakes. If you love coffee, some of the best spots are Auction Rooms, Assembly, Market Lane, Clement and Seven Seeds.

Art also characterises this culture capital, with a thriving creative scene that puts Melbourne on the map. Vibrant street art extends the entire length of city laneways. Big city galleries like the National Gallery of Victoria house renowned international exhibitions. Contemporary laneway studios feature works from talented up-and-comers.

A visit to Melbourne would not be complete without a trip to see AFL football, cricket or tennis. This is a sports-mad town so expect an electric atmosphere, amazing entertainment and the chance to meet a few die-hard fans, as sport is seen as somewhat of a religious experience in Australia, and particularly in Melbourne.

STAY:

Oaks Hotels & Resorts has six properties conveniently located in Melbourne, spanning the CBD, South Yarra and Southbank. The contemporary new Oaks Southbank will be the seventh in its portfolio, and is set to join Southbank's glittering skyline in mid-2016.

ANANTARA DREAM JOURNEYS:

15 YEARS. 15 WEEKS. 15 PRIZES.

IN HONOUR OF ANANTARA'S
15TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, WE'RE
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF LUXURY
DISCOVERY WITH 15 WEEKS OF
ANANTARA DREAM JOURNEY GIVEAWAYS.

A decade and a half ago, Anantara Hotels, Resorts & Spas brought a new kind of luxury discovery to Thailand. Anantara's journey continued across Asia, the Indian Ocean, Africa and the Middle East, and now boasts 35 unique hotels and resorts across 11 countries. Evolving to meet the needs of new explorers, in 2016 Anantara proudly offers authentic luxury that excites, in some of the world's most incredible destinations.

Wherever travellers dream of, Anantara's well-located hotels and resorts ignite the joy of travel with passion, and plenty of inspiration. Families can delight in natural encounters with majestic elephants in the fabled Golden Triangle. Thrill seekers can go dune boarding on a remote African island. A calling for beautiful wellness is answered in an Ayurvedic spa retreat in Sri Lanka. The fantasy of private dining on a deserted sandbank comes to life in the Maldives. Desires for city getaways are fulfilled by the buzz of Bangkok's street life and the shopping Mecca of Dubai. While a trip to Cambodia's magnificent Angkor Wat ticks a box on the bucket list of world wonders.

Celebrating 15 years of inspirational travel stories, on 6 June 2016 Anantara launched the Anantara Dream Journey campaign – enabling modern globetrotters to live out their own travel dreams, by giving away an unforgettable holiday every week for 15 weeks.

For the chance to win one of these extraordinary journeys, travellers simply visit anantaradreamjourneys.com and follow four easy steps – pick a template, type your reason for dreaming of a destination, add a photo and share to win.

In weeks 1 to 14, Anantara is giving away stays of three nights or more in some of the most sought-after hotels and resorts in its luxury portfolio. The first week's winner scooped a prize of 4 days and 3 nights at the lagoon pool garden oasis of Anantara Hua Hin Resort in Thailand's royal seaside town, where Anantara's journey began 15 years ago. 13 more luxury hideaways are up for grabs week by week, building up to a globetrotting finale. In week 15 the competition heats up with the chance to win the grand prize of a multi-destination journey, including flights and exclusive indulgences.

The journey starts by sharing travel dreams at:
anantaradreamjourneys.com

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CELEBRATING 15 YEARS
OF UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEYS

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BESPOKE LEATHER: NAPPA DORI X PER AQUUM HUVAFEN FUSHI

SHOWCASING VINTAGE ARTISAN TRENDS AT A CONTEMPORARY MALDIVIAN HIDEAWAY,
PER AQUUM HUVAFEN FUSHI IS HOSTING AN EXCLUSIVE LEATHER POP-UP SHOP
AND MASTERCLASSES AS PART OF ITS STAR-STudded PULSE LINE UP.



With a passion for bold luxury and one-of-a-kind experiences that defy expectation, PER AQUUM jump-started 2016 with the launch of PULSE – a stream of immersive avant-garde experiences from A-list affairs to intimate celebrations, brought to life by creative icons, emerging artists and the passion of the PER AQUUM team.

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Injecting vintage elegance into PER AQUUM's modern 'dream island' Huvafen Fushi in the Maldives, Indian artisans of leather Nappa Dori fuse nostalgia, mysticism and romance to create a designer collaboration. Celebrating the glamour of travel and new frontiers with unique creations, tributes to quintessential Indian sensibilities are forged with the contemporary.

Peeking behind the scenes of this upcoming creative collaboration, we talked to Gautam Sinha, Founder and Creative Director of Nappa Dori.

What was the inspiration for the exclusive Nappa Dori x PER AQUUM Huvafen Fushi travel capsule collection?

The collection is a tribute to the relaxed natural environment of the island, taking inspiration from the elements of nature – the palms, flora and fauna. Mixed with the simple and contemporary sensibilities of Nappa Dori aesthetics and artisanal skills, we have come up with an exclusive outdoor picnic experience and a pop-up shop experience.

What creative ideas and techniques will guests learn in the masterclass?

The masterclass will showcase the age-old handmade techniques of the artisans – how they used to stitch the thick hide with hand and a wooden clasp, and also how therapeutic it is to colour the leather by hand, along with designing your own style of belts and small wallets.

Why is it exciting to be bringing your collection and masterclasses to the Maldives in collaboration with PER AQUUM?

With Nappa Dori bringing a sense of pride in handcrafted products and rejuvenating age-old techniques, what better venue than PER AQUUM Huvafen Fushi, where all the elements come together in a perfectly curated environment, true to its standards of excellence in hospitality.

Nappa Dori Summer Pop-Up & Bespoke Bar

11 – 16 August 2016
10.00 am – 6.00 pm

Witness the unveiling of the exclusive Nappa Dori x PER AQUUM Huvafen Fushi travel capsule collection in a summer pop-up shop and bar.

Nappa Dori Leather Masterclasses

12, 14 and 16 August 2016
10.00 am – 11.00 am and 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Armed with three generations of expertise, the Nappa Dori artisans share their trade secrets in a series of leather masterclasses, where guests learn traditional methods and personalise their own leather accessories.

For a Taste of the PER AQUUM Life, reserve your place for this exclusive PULSE experience at pulse@peraquum.com

FLOWING TRANSITIONS ON BANGKOK'S RIVERSIDE

BANGKOK'S CHAO PHRAYA RIVER WAS ONCE THE NATION'S LIFELINE FOR COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT. TODAY THIS MAJESTIC WATERWAY REFRESHES TRAVELLERS WITH SENSATIONAL VIEWS AND GLIMPSES BACK IN TIME – PRESENTED IN SEAMLESS, EDGY STYLE AT AVANI RIVERSIDE BANGKOK HOTEL.



TOP RIVER WATCHING SPOTS

ROOMS AND SUITES WITH A VIEW

Checking in to a room or suite with a view comes as standard at AVANI Riverside Bangkok Hotel, with all accommodation positioned on levels 12 and above for fantastic river outlooks.

CHECK IN, CHILL OUT, MEET AND DINE

The free-flowing space of the 11th floor is a lifestyle hub for life's 'in-between' moments. A full glass frontage reveals sensational river vistas, as travellers transition through the day and night. Check in at the lobby and choose how to spend your time. Catch up, mix and mingle at communal tables. Nestle into reclining armchairs by the window for comfy quiet time. A stylish boardroom table at the far end can be screened off to give meetings extra privacy. Throughout these spaces, living in the moment is a delicious pleasure. The Pantry serves tasty snacks, deli goodies and drinks, 24 hours a day. The sophisticated Long

Bar concocts drinks to help you unwind. At the other end, designer comfort defines Skyline restaurant, where contemporary all-day dining has a focus on good honest food, done exceptionally well.

SERENE SPA 'ME TIME' OR 'WE TIME'

Head up to AVANISPA on the 25th floor for soothing river scenery, while an expert therapist pampers you with tailored treatments to suit your mood.

EVOLVING ROOFTOP PLEASURES

Refresh at the rooftop infinity pool and sundeck, drinking in borderless perspectives of the winding river and architectural skyline. Sip thirst-quenching drinks from comfy poolside loungers on top of the city. Come back at sunset to set new trends at the Attitude rooftop bar and restaurant. Sink into oversized couches with innovative cocktails and signature tapas, in edgy style with a jaw-dropping panorama of the twinkling metropolis.



WATERWAYS TO LOCAL LIFE AND REGAL SITES

EXPLORE THE 'VENICE OF BANGKOK'

longtail boat. Glimpse locals going about their daily routine in traditional wooden homes that jut out over the water. Bargain for souvenirs at floating market boats. Keep your camera at the ready to snap glittering temples. Stop off at an art gallery to learn Thai handicraft skills and watch a puppet show of ancient myths and legends.

EXPERIENCE A REGAL RIVER DINNER CRUISE

Step aboard a lovingly restored antique rice barge for a Manohra Dining Cruise of old-world splendour and historic discovery. Savour fine Thai dining as you glide past iconic landmarks, such as the Grand Palace and Temple of Dawn.



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TIVOLI MARINA VILAMOURA UNVEILS CHIC ENHANCEMENTS

VILAMOURA'S LUXURY LANDMARK HOTEL PRESENTS A FRESH FAÇADE, REFURBISHED ROOMS AND A NEW ITALIAN RESTAURANT.

The Tivoli Marina Vilamoura is one of the Algarve's best known luxury hotels. A natural meeting point for VIPs and celebrities, it is the place to see and be seen, where everything happens. Boasting an enviable location between the marina and the sands of Purobeach, the hotel's laid-back chic ambience now has even greater appeal, with stylish renovations and new enhancements.

The refurbished façade is a masterwork of sleek glass and metal finishing, creating the perfect backdrop for the unique southern Algarve light, and its play over the water.

As a result, all rooms have new verandas, designed with transparent glass frontage to take full advantage of the stunning sea and marina views, enjoyed from comfortable chairs and sunbeds.

New contemporary Deluxe rooms use a palette of cool blues and restful greens that mirror the coastal scenery. Sleek wooden furniture and bedsteads showcase Tivoli's focus on local craftsmanship.

Catering to its exacting clientele, the hotel has also launched exclusive Premium services in several of its rooms on the 8th and 9th floors, offering complimentary Nespresso coffee and soft drinks in the minibar, complimentary internet, priority check-in and check-out, as well as 10% off the hotel's Banyan Tree Angsana spa treatments.

True to its reputation as the Algarve's best-loved family resort hotel, the Tivoli Marina Vilamoura has created its own elegant version of Family Rooms. "We're very excited with these rooms – they are a direct response to our client feedback. They offer more space, larger verandas, and they comfortably accommodate two adults and two children – even if they are already teenagers – with an innovative and ultra-comfortable double sofa bed," states General Manager Jorge Beldade.

All rooms offer distinctive touches such as an iPod



docking station, 42" television, Nespresso coffee machine and bathrooms with spacious walk-in rain showers. The renowned T/Bed is the highlight of any Tivoli bedroom and the new rooms at the Tivoli Marina Vilamoura are no exception. The down featherbed and lighter-than-air duvets are crowned by four generous pillows, encased in the finest hallmark Tivoli bed linen. While all rooms are fitted with soundproofed, double-glazed, floor-to-ceiling windows for a quiet, restful stay.

The 2016 Summer season will also usher in Oregano, the hotel's new Italian restaurant, where fresh pastas, crispy pizzas and a focus on fresh produce all year round, will make this the hotel's top spot for poolside lunches and dinners.



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A ROMANTIC JEWEL IN ZANZIBAR, WHERE TIME STANDS STILL

KILINDI ZANZIBAR IS A GEM IN THE ELEWANA COLLECTION IN EAST AFRICA – A PLACE SEEMINGLY LOST TO TIME, WHERE LUXURY INSPIRES ROMANTIC HARMONY IN A GLITTERING ISLAND PARADISE.

Fringed by a serene beach of powdery white sands and warm turquoise waters, Kilindi Zanzibar nestles within 50 acres of lush tropical gardens, in an exclusive world of its own.

15 eastern-inspired domed pavilions reveal an Indian Ocean panorama, with traditional dhow boats sailing by. Inside, Scandinavian minimalism meets Swahili style in truly unique accommodation, that was originally built for Benny Andersson of the famed band ABBA, and now provide the ultimate hideaway for couples seeking African island romance. Open-faced with wide windows, pavilions are designed to capture the ocean breeze and evoke a back-to-nature feel, while celebrating the glorious coastal scenery. Guests can relax inside their spacious double suite, and step directly onto the veranda to cool off in their personal plunge pool and bask on sunbeds. Adjoined by a walkway, a luxurious bathroom refreshes with a rainfall shower. Harmony with nature is balanced by the attentive service of a personal butler.



Settings and sensual experiences fulfill escapist dreams. Bright flowers and vivid birds provide splashes of colour amongst the verdant garden greenery. The 25-metre infinity pool seemingly blends with the ocean, and is complemented by a chic bar and lounge pavilion, where talented barmen concoct luscious cocktails. Tucked away in a quiet corner, Kilindi Spa pampers with African-inspired treatments that deliver natural indulgence. Culinary experiences fuse international flair with local cultural influences, exotic ingredients and a bounty of fresh seafood. Mealtimes are a private, moveable feast. Spectacular locations conjure an evolving ambience for breakfast, lunch and dinner, including the barefoot luxury of dining on the beach.

Beyond the elegant simplicity and relaxing pace of Kilindi, Zanzibar beckons exploration. Steeped in history, the island was at the epicentre of the spice trade route for over 500 years, and still bears the exotic influences from

across Africa, India and Arabia. Stone Town, in the heart of the island, is a place where time has stood still. A UNESCO World Heritage Site of white-washed stone buildings and winding alleys, visitors can step back in time to the spice and slave trades.

The Indian Ocean's warm sparkling waters offer the perfect playground for water sports – from the high-speed thrills of jet skiing, water skiing, banana boat rides and knee boarding, to the graceful pace aboard a hobie cat and the romance of a dhow sunset cruise. Beneath the shimmering surface, a kaleidoscope of marine life makes Zanzibar a world-renowned snorkelling, diving and deep sea fishing destination.

Zanzibar's natural exclusivity is easily accessible, thanks to an international airport that is serviced by Qatar Airways and Kenya Airways, as well as numerous regional airlines connecting from Dar es Salaam.

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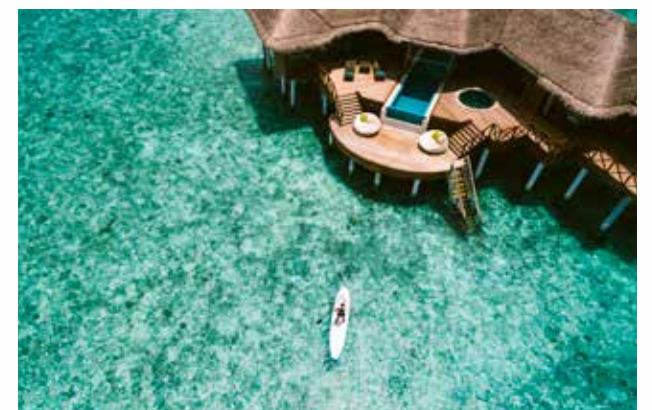
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WORLD GOURMET FESTIVAL

The 17th World Gourmet Festival from 19-25 September 2016 at Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel offers an extraordinary line-up of the best chefs, winemakers and food experts from across the globe. For the week-long celebration, each guest chef will host two evenings, culminating in the hugely famous World Gourmet Brunch on Sunday 25 September.

Combining unforgettable dining with a stay of sophisticated luxury, Anantara Siam Bangkok's World Gourmet Festival package comprises a one-night stay in a Deluxe View Room, Kasara Lounge benefits including a buffet breakfast and evening cocktails, and tickets to any selected World Gourmet Festival dinner (excluding the Japanese dinner) for two persons.

Auction proceeds and THB 600 per dinner ticket will be donated to the HRH Princess Soamsawali's 'Save A Child's Life from AIDS Project'.

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IN THE HEART OF BANGKOK

Contemporary eastern dining is full of lively entertainment at Benihana the Japanese Steakhouse, and with a great central location at AVANI Atrium Bangkok, dining out is easy. Situated on New Petchburi Road, the hotel is close to the Sukhumvit area, with public transportation options only a 10-minute walk away.

Dishing up the tastiest show in town, each table gets their very own teppanyaki chef, who performs culinary theatrics to expertly prepare melt-in-the-mouth steaks, fresh seafood and vegetables. More Japanese specialties include menu highlights of Alaskan King Crab tossed in spicy black pepper sauce and celery, as well as a signature sashimi of Australian Tajima beef rib eye, tiger prawn and spicy Japanese sauce. For reservations please visit avanihotels.com/atrium-bangkok

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A trendsetter for iconic weddings, the new AVANI Riverside Bangkok Hotel offers innovative venues, creative services and jaw-dropping panoramas of the Chao Phraya River.

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Talented chefs tailor impeccable menus and lavish gala buffets of Thai, French, Chinese, Japanese and Indian cuisines. The award-winning mixologist creates personalised cocktails with a real wow factor for each special moment. The ultra-chic Attitude Rooftop Bar and Restaurant hosts the ultimate wedding after-party. Plan your wedding today, and visit avanihotels.com/riverside-bangkok

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In the definitive guide to the best 100 new hotels and resorts around the world, Anantara Mui Ne Resort is the only resort in Vietnam to be recognised in Condé Nast Traveler China's Gold List 2016. A prerequisite for a Gold List property is a high standard of service, luxury, beauty and unforgettable special touches — all of which Anantara Mui Ne has in abundance.

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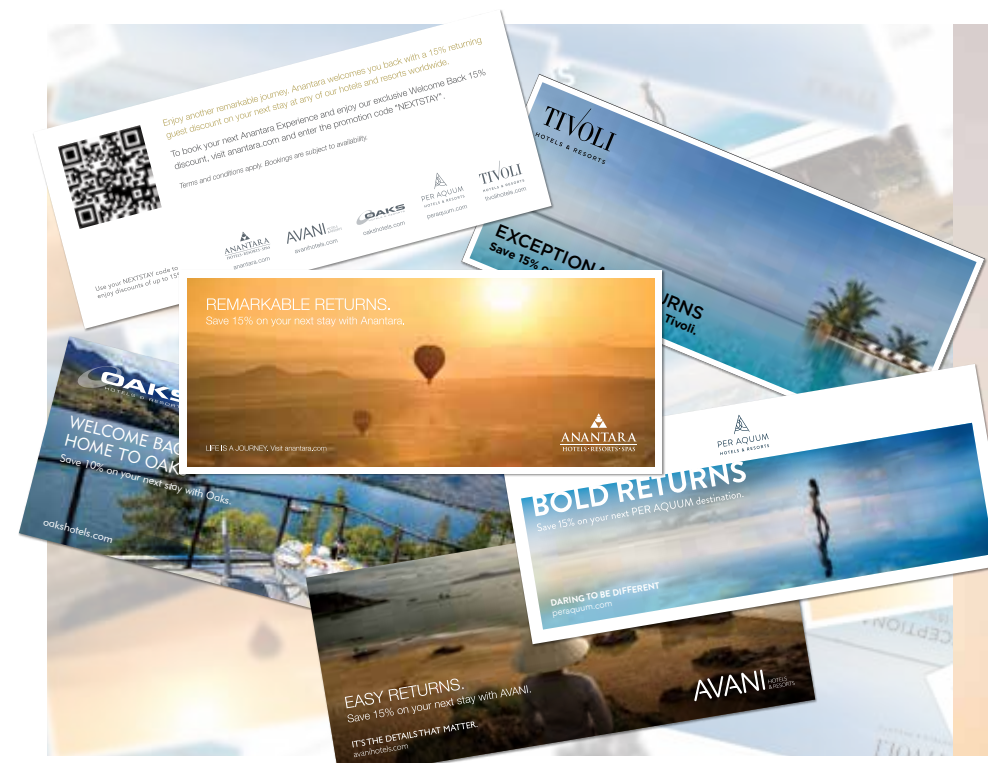
OAKS CALYPSO PLAZA UNVEILS THEIR NEW REFURBISHMENTS

In the seaside suburb of Coolangatta on Queensland's southern coastline, Oaks Calypso Plaza has a superb panorama over pristine beach and back towards the Gold Coast skyline. Now, after a \$1.5 million renovation, guests can also enjoy fresh enhancements.

The reception and common areas have been smartly refurbished. Restyled one- and two-bedroom apartments reflect contemporary design with refreshed décor, a seaside colour palette and modern furnishings.

With a heated lagoon-style swimming pool, waterslides, a children's wading pool, gymnasium, spa, sauna and games room, the resort offers a laid-back Gold Coast holiday.

Surrounded by a profusion of al fresco restaurants, cafés and surf clubs, swimming bays, surf breaks and shopping hotspots, Oaks Calypso Plaza is conveniently located just five minutes from Gold Coast Airport.

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MINOR HOTELS IS OPENING NEW HORIZONS IN EXCITING AND DEVELOPING DESTINATIONS. HERE IS A SNEAK PREVIEW OF TRAVEL EXPERIENCES TO START PLANNING.

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1 | Anantara Kalutara Resort

Opening late 2016

In a secluded beachfront setting along Sri Lanka's southwest coast, near the historic town of Kalutara and an hour from the excitement of the capital, the resort will offer natural exclusivity between the Indian Ocean and Kalu Ganga River. Designed by Sri Lanka's most famous architect, the late Geoffrey Bawa, 141 luxury rooms, suites and pool villas will be joined by two swimming pools, a water sports centre and an Anantara Spa offering Ayurvedic rituals, yoga and meditation.

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THAILAND



2 | AVANI Pattaya Resort & Spa

Opening late 2016

90 minutes from Suvarnabhumi International Airport and two hours from downtown Bangkok, this city oasis offers 298 rooms and suites with tropical garden or sea views. The Royal Garden Plaza, beach and nightlife are a stroll away. Discover four dining options, a huge pool and children's water slide, yoga and spa treats. Stay active in the gym, aerobic studio and floodlit tennis courts. Take care of business with flexible facilities.

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3 | Al Baleed Salalah Resort by Anantara

Opening late 2016

Next to the Botanical Garden, Museum of Frankincense and Al Baleed Archaeological Park, the resort is nestled between a beach and natural lagoon, just 15 minutes from the airport. Artistic design, lush walkways, towering palms, gardens and water features will reflect Dhofar's heritage and coastal fortresses. Luxury rooms, studios and pool villas will be accompanied by an exotic pool, a beautiful beach and water sports, an Anantara Spa with ancient hammam rituals, a Mediterranean beach bar, barbecue dining and a speciality Asian restaurant.

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4 | Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort

Opening late 2016

Situated inland from Muscat amidst Oman's dramatic mountainous landscape, Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort will offer 115 villas and infinity pool villas. Guests can look forward to a gym, tennis and Anantara Spa pampering, while little ones have their own fun at the teens' and kids' club. Five dining options include a speciality Arabic grill restaurant in a tower inspired by Oman's forts, and at night the central courtyard will transform into a lively market.

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CHINA



5 | Anantara Guiyang Resort

Opening early 2017

Beautifully located in Southwest China, Anantara Guiyang Resort is just 15 kilometres from Guiyang City, a 15-minute drive from Guiyang Longdongbao International Airport and the train station, and easily accessible by road. Known as the Forest City, Guiyang invites you to escape the heat and discover stunning landscapes, hot springs, waterfalls and scenic golf courses, as well as a rich ancient heritage and colourful ethnic cultures.

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ZANZIBAR



6 | PER AQUUM Zalu

Opening mid 2017

Boutique luxury hotel Essque Zalu Zanzibar is joining the PER AQUUM portfolio. A true meeting of minds, the Essque team shares PER AQUUM's passion for defying expectations and delivering luxury that dares to be different. Framed by the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean, Essque Zalu Zanzibar is nestled in a natural cove on the north-east coast of Zanzibar. Featuring 40 suites and 9 three- and four-bedroom villas, the hotel already offers the bespoke, personalised service for which PER AQUUM is renowned.

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