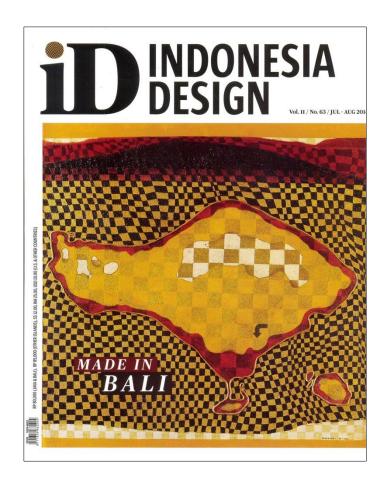
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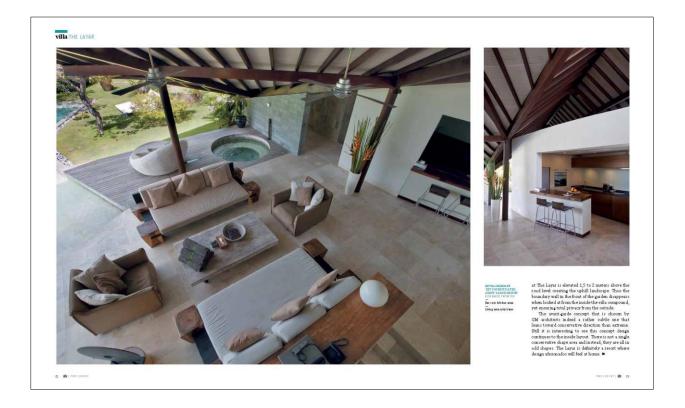


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EXTRAORDINARY YET SOPHISTICATED AVANT-GARDE DESIGN

Imagine a villa resort estate in the ever-popular Seminyak vicinity with such extraordinarypitched roof designs that at some point they almost extend right down to the ground. Made from natural ironwood shingles and in shapes of exaggerated triangular proportions that mimics a real sail, the villa resort reaches the maximum level of aestheticimpression that is both unique and original. This villa resort is known as The Layar.

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The Layar that means sail in Indonesian Bahasa is truly the main inspiration for renowned GM architects who built and design this villa resort. As an archipelago country, almost all-Indonesian culture has sailing boat as part of the transportation means. GM architects took this inspiration of sail shape and created a stunning original look for The Layar. Comprised of 23 villas that have each own garden, pool and Jacuzzi; The Layar shows the usage of avant-garde concept.

Commonly used in French, English and German, avant-garde is a terms referring to people villa the layar or works that are experimental or innovative, particularly with respect to art and culture. It is pushing the boundaries of normal norms, primarily in the cultural realm. In here, GM architects use this concept to create The Layar as a one of a kind design icon through its memorable façade. Combine with tropical design concept of layout that allowing plenty of openair area, the used of separation wall on the villa design is minimum and only for rooms.

Conceptualized as designer villas and spa resort, The Layar that is located in 16,800sqm land has 4 types of villas that include 1 bedroom to the largest one of 4 bedrooms. Jacuzzi only exists starting from the 2 bedrooms. Each villa in The Layar sits on a generous plot of land ranging from 500 sqm to 670 sqm, which average plots size is 600 sqm.

On the public area surrounded by lush tropical garden, each villa has a living room cum dining room with an open-air Jacuzzi, a curvaceous swimming pool to even a TV room in some. While the 1 bedroom villa has a perfectly spacious master bedroom with semi alfresco bathroom and gorgeous bathtub made of giant boulder stone; the 2 bedrooms and other villas have each bedroom cleverly positioned away from the central area, and operates like an almost separate suite – often even featuring private gardens that is part of the bathroom. The fact that GM architects decided to use various style of bathtub on each room is just refreshing and adding to the resort's uniqueness.

The simplicity design in this villa can be seen from usage of material comprising of mostly natural stones (including Indian stones on the wall) and wood, unpolished marble floor to the interior itself. With such a gigantic focus on the roof, GM architects only put some old Indonesian ethic wooden carvings as accent on the public area. The bedroom however, has more interior bric-abrac from around the archipelago to create a warm ambiance. In terms of privacy, each villa at The Layar is elevated 1,5 to 2 meters above the road level creating the uphill landscape. Thus the boundary wall in the front of the garden disappears when looked at from the inside the villa compound, yet ensuring total privacy from the outside.

The avant-garde concept that is chosen by GM architects indeed a rather subtle one that leans toward conservative direction than extreme. Still it is interesting to see this concept design continues to the inside layout. There is not a single conservative shape area and instead, they are all in odd shapes. The Layar is definitely a resort where design aficionados will feel at home.

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