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CHECK-IN

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Having spent three years transforming an Italian palazzo into a boutique hotel, the designers-turned-hotellers of **ID Living** take a fantasy break in Bali, where a resort designed with respect for the environment awaits.

Where are you?
Ubud in Bali, amongst the rainforest and rice paddies.

How did you get there?
We flew first class with Swiss Air Lines. We were welcomed on board with a glass of Pilsner Blanc de Blanc Champagne and got ready for the night flight with La Prairie cosmetics and Paul Smith pyjamas while the cabin crew prepared our beds. Waking up the next morning, we enjoyed a bowl of the finest Swiss muesli and a cup of Nespresso served by George Clooney. We were picked up from the airport by a private chauffeur in an air conditioned car – nothing too fancy, we don't like to show off.

Who is there to greet you on arrival?
Our private butler, available 24 hours-a-day, with a lemongrass-infused hand towel.

And who's at the concierge desk?
American actor Héctor Elizondo reprises his role from *Pretty Woman*... only without Julia Roberts and Richard Gere.

Who are you sharing your room with?
It's just us, we don't share.

Is there anything you would like waiting for you in your room?
Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles...

Describe the hotel, your room and the view...
It's a resort of private residences, all of which have a Zen feel – think teak wood, open-plan living, decks built on batu kuring rock and a Japanese water garden. An infinity pool carved from dark grey granite is accompanied by oversized sun loungers that look out to the jungle and rice paddies beyond; all we can hear are the sounds of nature – tropical birds and flowing water. In our room, a king-size bed beckons, with 100% cotton linen, down feather cushions and a mattress that's not too firm, but not too soft. The heart of the hotel is the spa, where we go for a total wellness overhaul, complete with holistic treatments and nutrition to revitalise both mind and body.

Who designed it?
With respect for the environment and nature a central element, Cheong Yew Kuan took the architectural lead, while Koichiro Heibachi showcases his Japanese blend of traditional and contemporary design throughout the interiors.

What's the restaurant and bar like?
Eccentric and moody, with high ceilings and dramatic chandeliers. Antiques from all over the world are a feast for the eyes, while the cocktail bar is like no other.

Who are you dining with this evening?
We have a tête-à-tête with each other, then

we are joined by a lively group that includes Cher, Charlize Theron, Australian musician Lisa Gerrard, Ed Sheeran, Morgan Freeman and singer-songwriter Sia.

Who's manning the stoves?
Nobu Matsuhisa together with Ivor Jones, Head Chef from Beau Coscastrica in Cape Town.

And what's on the menu?
Authentic Katsudon cuisine, a traditional Japanese tasting menu comprising many small dishes.

Would you like something to drink with that?
Slightly hot Javan sake and a bottle of Fryer's Cove Pinot Noir from South Africa.

What's in the mini-bar for a night cap?
Nothing. We will head to the bar for our final cocktail of the night, prepared by mixologist Leonardo Giorgini, before retreating upstairs.

What's on your nightstand at bedtime?
A book that clears the mind after a busy day.

What toiletries would you like to freshen-up?
Harfield Village, all-natural and sustainable.

Early morning alarm call or late check-out?
Late check-out, we hate to rush in the morning.

Bath or power shower?
Shower, even without the power.

Swimming pool, spa or gym?
Spa for the full works.

 NOTABLE HOTEL PROJECTS
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