

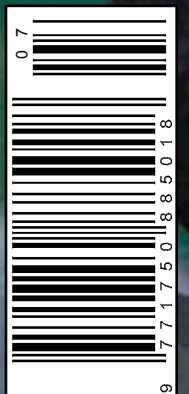
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A Modern Masterpiece

*Finolhu Villas by Meriem Hall Design
Winner of the Beach Hotel Category
- International Hotel & Property Awards 2015*











For over six decades Club Med has been synonymous with high-end, all-inclusive luxury in some of the world's most exotic locations. Founded by a former Belgium polo star the French vacation resorts strive to provide the most prestigious holiday resorts in the industry.

Meriem Hall Design is a Singapore-based company specialising in bespoke hospitality design, acquiring luxury hotel, villa and resort projects with some of the leading hotels and boutique developments across Africa, Europe, Asia, South America and the Middle East.

Spearheaded by their eponymous founder Meriem Hall, the company continue to expand and stride confidently with ambition and direction to push the expectations of hotel design. As the company founder Hall influences all aspects of the the design process and is personally invested in each collaboration.

Their association with Club Med saw the Meriem Hall Design create a collection of opulent villas for the Club Med Maldives Resort. Club Med's South Asia Pacific CEO Heidi Kunkel discusses the collaboration and praises Hall's estimable success to date saying; "Meriem Hall's latest project – Finolhu Villas – takes the cherry on the pie in her outstanding portfolio. A clever concept of modern chic design that integrates the natural surroundings, she creates the perfect harmonization of nature and luxury in the Villas. She is a renowned French architect and interior designer."

The winner of the 2015 International Hotel & Property Award for Beach Hotel, the 'Finolhu Villas' project expertly marries stunning interiors by Meriem Hall Design and impressive architecture by Yuji Yamazaki, Finolhu Villas expresses all the elements of a Luxury Resort in a relaxed and elegant vocabulary.

First Villas et Chalets Luxury Resort New Build by Club Med, located in the beautiful Maldives, features 52 Villas with private pools. The story of this elegant design appeals to the esteemed traveller who voyages the world in search of decadence and relaxation. Each villa is gifted with its own distinct character but the general design of the resort itself is a refined reflection of various cultures to present a worldwide appeal. The concept is infused with abundant usage of tactile textures and plush surfaces for the essential feel of a premier establishment.

The interweaving of different materials within the project's design is inspired by the traditional weaving element of "Kunaa" mats made locally in the Maldives. This is one example of the deeply authentic nature

of the concept, expertly crafted to reflect the natural wonders of the surrounding islands.

One of the most embellished areas of this development is the resort's main restaurant, the very shape of which is inspired by Fare Polynesia map. The sunken central bar takes the shape of a canoe, carved from wood with a gently sloping shape. Taking a seat at the bar has the effect of making one feel like you are sitting in a boat, about to set sail on the Indian Ocean. The base of the structure is constructed with durable, clear glass to make expert exhibit the seabed and encourage admiration for it's beauty.

Inside the restaurant the major walls are decorated and accented with a variety of art from around the world to compliment the range of cuisine on offer and bring a cultural feel to the International resort. The most notable aspects of these motifs include Sumba's paddles from Indonesia, African Bamileke feather hats and huge image of goldfish inspired by Chinese artwork.

Every element of the resort's design has been subject to careful consideration; the trademark of Meriem Hall Design's success. Given the long-haul flight required to reach the Maldives from most Western cities, it is of comfort to guests to know that the rooms have been exquisitely developed to be a place of relaxation with generous space and light throughout.

In each villa the bed is elevated on a Japanese-style platform beneath a woven headboard and tall side mirrors which disperse light from the elegant design suspended above. Outdoor space is exploited for full effect as guests are provided with a patio which allows guests to cool off in the island breeze whilst enjoying the enviable ambience of secluded privacy. An invigorating colour palette is used to reflect the exotic flora and fauna found throughout the islands themselves and elegant furniture supplements the 'dream home' feeling of the villas.

The use of bright colours and implementation of contemporary elements create a modern masterpiece of design and a truly impressive hospitality resort. Meriem Hall's Design works so perfectly as it accomplished the necessary levels of luxury without compromising the fun and entertainment that Club Med is known for. An undeniably enticing ambience and impeccable understanding for vacation aspirations; this design continues to impress travellers and industry insider's the world over. Meriem Hall has expressed her personal desire to expand her international recognition and winning this year's award for such a stunning Beach Hotel design is surely the perfect start.

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ABOVE: Club Med Finolhu Villas, Maldives
Winner of the Global Beach Hotel Category, The International Hotel & Property Awards 2015



L Hotel Seminyak, Bali, Indonesia



Pullman Sydney Hyde Park, Australia

“My design approach is that of communication through space”

Every project is a new start and a new story to tell. By creating the setting for desired emotions with space, we give a sense of identity. This is what gives significance to space and the overall experience. Through emotions we create an experience, and it is this experience which you take home with you. Capturing and translating that special experience through space has been my passion & life's work. - Meriem Hall

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