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As we approach Thanksgiving, the phrase 'I can't believe Christmas is just around the corner' or 'I can't believe this year has gone by so fast' is being heard in greater frequency and gift lists are filling people's iPhones while couples grapple over travel plans as hotels start getting booked out for the high season, we should all take pause and be thankful for all the good things that surround us already.

Family, friends and co-workers are always at the top of the thank-you list but it is equally important to think of the person who presses the elevator button for you as you enter the building, the attendant who opens your car door for you, or the housekeeper that is so pleased to know that you enjoyed the dinner she prepared last night. That is some real giving we owe thanks to.

For us at Chanintr Living, we also would like to thank the artists and creatives who enrich our lives with such color and richness. They surprise us with new projects and ideas, passions and perspectives year in and year out and make our jobs a true joy. In particular, this issue would not be possible without our talented and insightful contributors: Albano Daminato, Gary Ng and Shane Suvikapakornkul.

It is a good friend and master carpenter's words I often find very inspiring, 'I am happy if we could do just a little better every day'. When you multiply that by 365, that amounts to some pretty significant improvement! We are nowhere near that but feel very lucky to have a great team, partners in business, brands and loyal customers who keep us up to the highest standards. We continue to strive to improve upon this story we have begun and hope you stick around for the ride.

Happy and Thankful Holidays!

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# An Homage to Truffles

Truffles – what exactly is the black truffle and how does it come to be one of the best-known ingredients in the modern kitchen today?

The fascinating story of the mysterious, scented black truffle of France's Périgord region is told here by Pierre-Jean Pébeyre, whose family name stands for quality and integrity -- five generations in the business and trusted amongst the world's best chefs.

Celebrity chef Ken Hom and Pierre-Jean Pébeyre, two lifetime friends shared their passion about the black truffle, resulting in *Truffles*, a new book that celebrates the friendship and culinary knowledge between East and West. Beautifully photographed by renowned food photographer Jean-Pierre Gabriel, family-tradition recipes came to life – from French classics to such exciting East meets West as Asian duck confit and truffle tempura. All recipes feature truffles as the star. This cookbook of the season celebrates culinary love, lasting friendship, and is a timely cultural dialogue.

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## Pasta with Fresh Truffles

Serves 4

Truffles offer a source of inspiration for everyone's favourite food—pasta. The earthy flavours of the truffle are the perfect foil for the simple pasta. Here is a delectable pasta dish that is quick to cook and even more delicious to eat.

**250 g / 9 oz** of your favourite dried Italian pasta or fresh pasta, such as tagliatelle, fusilli or farfalle

**50 g / 1¾ oz** fresh winter black truffles or highest quality tinned winter truffle (cooked once)

**75 g / 2¾ oz** unsalted butter

**3–4 tbsp** grated fresh Parmesan cheese

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Garnish:

**2 tbsp** fresh chives or spring onions (green part only), finely chopped

Cook the pasta in a large pot of salted water, according to the instructions on the packet or your favourite method.

Meanwhile, thinly slice the truffles. Divide the truffles in half and finely chop half of them, reserving the other slices for garnish. If you are using tinned truffles, combine any juice with the butter as well. Set this aside.

When the pasta is cooked, drain it well and reserve the water. Immediately combine the pasta with the butter, chopped truffles, cheese and about 3 tablespoons of pasta water. Mix well and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

Garnish with the remaining truffle strips and chives or spring onions and serve at once.

# Wes World

How we choose to clothe ourselves and the built environments we create around us send visual clues to outsiders about who we are and who we aspire to be. Colour palettes, textiles and furnishings all work together to form a unified, and yet sometimes subliminal, message.

Nowhere is this more magnified than in the cinematic world and in the craft of the production designer. The importance of the visual world is given glorified status in the work of the American film-maker Wes Anderson.

With each new cinematic project Anderson creates magical dreamscapes that are unique to each one whilst his stylistic and directorial methods create a common thread that links them. Anderson works as a true artist. The Andersonian DNA of iconic imagery, colour, proportion and composition is always visually delicious on-screen. He instills with each work a sense of humour,



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wit and melancholy. Actors are placed in roles that are, more often than not, exaggerated caricatures - Gwyneth Paltrow as the fur coat wearing, cigarette holding, Margot in "The Royal Tenenbaums" of 2001, or Tilda Swinton as the towering slender grey-haired Madame D in his recent "The Grand Budapest Hotel" quickly come to mind. Anderson always manages to convince stellar actors to be part of his adventures even if only for a momentary cameo appearance. Such is the magnetism of his universe.

Whilst earlier projects were often set in 'found' or real-life locations, using a New York brownstone home in "The Royal Tenenbaums", the ones following saw Anderson create entirely orchestrated landscapes such as those for the fully animated "The Fantastic Mr. Fox" or the wonderfully complex boat in "The Life Aquatic". Of late he has created environments that include both the found and the invented, producing in the end an almost

quasi-animated effect. In "The Darjeeling Limited" he had train cars built and then filmed on location in India. For his successful "Moonrise Kingdom" campsites and doll-house inspired homes are set in natural landscapes. For his latest work, set in a fictional Alpine country, "The Grand Budapest Hotel" used as its pivotal location a closed-down department store in Goerlitz, Germany, recreating his idea of a grand hotel interior.

These figurative settings are then used as a backdrop for his talent of visual composition. Long lateral shots are multi-layered, often taking you from one space through to another in one single shot. Camera angles and viewpoint positions are all studied and brilliantly executed. One doesn't really need to know all of this, of course, to partake of Anderson's surreal universe. We'd suggest you just sit back with the popcorn, watch, bask in the wonder and enjoy. - A.D.





## Another Realm

We were lucky enough to catch a sighting of double rainbows while we were there, something the locals say is pretty common.

To us, an ideal escape is one where you can easily be transported into another realm with the least amount of hassle and time. With the logistics of getting in and out of airports nowadays and the security around them, we are sapped of most of our energy before we get very far. That's where the beauty of small airports (or, flying private) and destinations off the beaten track come in to reveal themselves as a very attractive option.

Our surprise destination this time was discovered via a short ride to Don Mueng Airport, arriving just an hour before our flight and walking easily through to our gate and boarding our plane to Chiangrai. In about the time it took us to have a good read of our newspapers, we were landing at the small airport walking straight out to be greeted by the AVIS attendant with the keys of

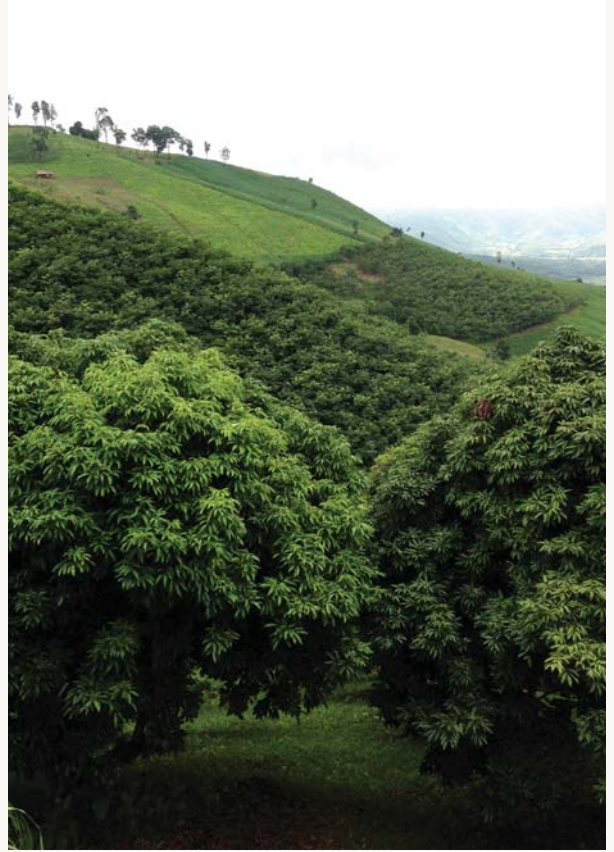
our car in hand. Before we knew it, we were cruising on a brand new highway to Chiang Kong and the Lanjia Lodge. Door to door in 3.5 hours.

Perched way up at the top of the valley at the end of a winding road, we had arrived at the other realm we were looking for. Absolute nature, views looking down upon a cloud covered valley and the majestic Mekong river and Laos beyond. Everywhere we looked nature surrounded and beckoned us to go for walks along the hilltop trails and into the village. The area is a haven for trekking with uphill climbs to waterfalls and rice fields. Its tropical rainforest is also an excellent place for bird watching. For those embarking on treks and outdoor adventures, a picnic lunch can be prepared and packed for the journey. Most of the time we









just lazed around the huge decks reading, getting massages or just staring at the views. We were lucky enough to catch a sighting of double rainbows while we were there, something the locals say is pretty common.

The property has 4 identical cottages, each with four double rooms and private baths. Though it is not a 4-star luxury resort, the accommodations are still comfortable and meant to be a part of the surrounding natural environment. Local bamboo is the main construction material, being used as poles, flooring and room dividers composed from reed and matting. Hot showers in the terracotta bathrooms are very welcome in the winter months and the mattresses are so comfortable that you will have no reason to toss and turn. As you lay in bed, you only have the sound of crickets and thousands of stars in the dark sky to serenade you into a deep sleep.

There, we awoke feeling completely refreshed. We sipped our French press coffee slowly on the covered deck overlooking the dramatic view of the valley below. The day passed by slowly and peacefully. Only during mealtimes would our host check on us. Meals were prepared by the villagers who are masters of local Northern cuisine. Ingredients are organically grown and sourced locally. The fried chicken with sticky rice and red chili paste served in a lovely basket were absolutely delicious.

One of the most interesting aspects of this eco-lodge is that it is operated and staffed by local Hmong and Lahu tribes and contributions from our stays will be used on various community projects to improve their living conditions. They are authentically friendly and service minded and will try their best to make your stay an unforgettable one. We felt so lucky to get to experience life in a hill tribe village by people who have lived this way for generations.

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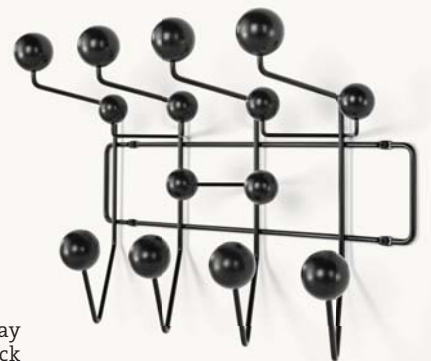
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Design by Hans J. Wegner

*Carl Hansen & Son*

The Wishbone Chair is perhaps Wegner's most celebrated work. A light, attractive and comfortable dining chair with the characteristic Y-shaped back. The chair is a triumph of craftsmanship with a simple design and clean lines, often copied but once you experience the real thing there is no going back.

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*Pipcorn*

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## Private Sanctuary

Great minds often do think alike but to create a beautiful piece of work together requires the skills of a master curator and of course the right space.

This is what happened when one of the art world's most powerful gallerists decided to ask Marc Newson, one of the most famous and accomplished product designers to design some outdoor furniture for the seaside sanctuary he was having Christian Liaigre, a world renowned interior designer create for him in St. Barts.

It all started when Larry Gagosian, a New York based art dealer who runs 14 galleries around the world under his name, asked Liaigre to renovate a 1970's villa he just acquired. Situated on Flamands Beach and covered with tropical trees, Liaigre could not say no since their friendship goes way back and the island is also home to Liaigre's own amazing beach house. He was innately familiar with the environment and climate and knew exactly how to make it work.

The villa came with 2 pools, a sea water pool right near the beach and a swimming pool in the lush garden which Liaigre insisted to keep in order to shelter from the dominating winds by the house. It was the first time that Liaigre joined forces with Marc Newson, a close friend of Gagosian, who reportedly had a hand in the design of the most talked-about Apple iWatch. Newson came up with some incredible marble furniture pieces for the garden.

Inside, Liaigre once again put his magic touch to create a casual, chic, yet elegant living space throughout. Perfect for the owner to escape from his hectic schedule and come to relax in a serene yet beautiful home that looks as if all perfect things just fell into place naturally. One might wonder which artist Gagosian displays here since he has been working with so many, so closely over the years, from de Kooning to Marden and Lichtenstein to Murakami. The surprise is that everyone gets a fair share as there is not any work exhibited whatsoever. At the very end, the house is a simple and comfortable one with just bare white walls and exotic woods.

Stay tuned and see more of this residence in the upcoming third book by Liaigre out this December.





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## Whisky, Whiskey

One topic of conversation which often comes up over a glass of whisky is the correct spelling of the word 'whisky', specifically whether or not it should be spelt with an 'e', as in 'whiskey'. Well, both spellings are correct.

The word whisky is said to be a derivative of the Scottish term *uisge beatha*, or 'lively water', itself a derivative of the latin '*aqua vitae*' meaning 'water of life'. The natural evolution of Scottish gaelic and the Anglicisation of that term has resulted in various spellings over the years such as *uskebeaghe*, *usquebath*, and *usquebae*, ending with the more phonetic spelling which we now use today. It is also said that at one time, Scottish distilleries were producing poor quality whisky, and to distinguish their higher quality product, the Irish and Americans termed their product 'whiskey', with an 'e'. The Scots then made significant improvements to their product so much so that whisky is now most closely associated with Scotland. In fact, a whisky can only be labeled a 'Scotch whisky' or 'Scotch' if it adheres to Scottish regulations concerning its production.

There are however other great whisky producing countries which also drop the 'e', such as Japan. The Japanese developed a taste for whisky in the 19th century and began distilling their own whisky only in the 1920's, starting in the Yamazaki area of Kyoto prefecture. Their distillation and production methods can be traced to Masataka Taketsuru who married a Scots lady Rita Cowan, who together are known in Japan as the parents of whisky. The couple were fervent believers in adhering to the use of malted barley and

Scottish distillation techniques, a philosophy which has endured and is still practiced by present day Japanese distillers. To reflect this relationship with Scotland and their production methodologies, the preferred spelling of whisky by the Japanese distillers similarly drops the 'e'. So successful was Taketsuru's legacy that Japanese whisky is currently riding a massive popularity wave which began in Asia and has now spread across the globe, aided no doubt by the popular movie *Lost in Translation* which featured the making of a whisky advertisement for beverage giant Suntory.

The increase in popularity of whisky over the last decade or two has led many to also delve further into its North American cousins, frequently known as Bourbon or Whiskey (with an 'e'), which in contrast to Scotch whisky, are typically made from grains such as rye, corn or wheat, and which hitherto were not well known outside of North America save for a few brands. Once sleepy distilleries all over North America are now having trouble keeping up with international demand, and a rare complex bourbon can sell for as much as USD65 a dram.

Happily, consumers the world over are now spoilt for choice as whisky bars from Portland to Bangkok commonly stock single malts and blends from all over. This strong demand has led to an increase in prices, prompting wine investors to quietly switch to a whisky portfolio. In fact, a 50 year old Yamazaki recently sold for HKD245,000, a record for a Japanese whisky. To the water of life!

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## Favorite Fun Apps

Now that we have all been bombarded by the explosion of apps in our daily lives, some we use heavily and some never, we thought there might be a little space for those just for fun or a laugh with friends after a holiday dinner over a neat glass of Yamazaki. Enjoy!



**QUIT  
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### Quit Your Job

Finally, an app that lets you terminate your employment with just a few taps. No more awkward moments, either with your boss or your spouse. The app will deliver the message as to why you are leaving your job to the recipient via SMS from your contacts list. How easy could that be? FREE.



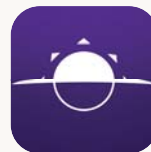
### Road Movies

This fun app from Japan, courtesy of Honda, makes you a movie director in a snap. By taking multiple shots of pictures, the app then stitches them together to create a short film that you can share on Youtube or Facebook. You can also add filters and background music to your clip. A great way to create memories with friends and family during the holidays. FREE.



### SOMEBODY

Sponsored by MIU MIU, Miranda July created this app in part as an performing art experiment. Somebody allows users to send a message with emotion to their friend via the third party who is nearby and willing to act according to the message (similar to a TV audition). Go to [somebodyapp.com](http://somebodyapp.com) and watch the brilliant short film (launched at the Venice Film Festival) for better understanding. FREE.



### Magic Hour

Have you missed those particular minutes each day where the light is so beautiful? The magic hour will notify you the time when the light at sunrise and sunset is diffused through the earth's atmosphere. Perfect for photographers and film crew to prepare for the shoot. FREE.



**ROOM**  
for thought

### ROOM for thought

Make your own 'impromptu' photo journal with this app. A notification which opens an in app camera for you to take a random moment everyday. You can review your album or share with friends. FREE.



### Hanx Writer (for iPad)

Hanx Writer recreates the experience and nostalgic feeling of a manual typewriter with the ease and speed of an iPad, thanks to Tom Hanks who created this app and has been an avid typewriter collector. The classic font and typewriter sound are reminiscent of the good old days. FREE.



### Wake Up & Smell the Bacon

A simple alarm clock brought to you by Oscar Mayer that starts your morning with the mouthwatering sound of bacon. Bacon scent device is needed to connect to your iPhone or iPad in order to send the sizzling bacon scent to guide you to your greatest awakening. Coffee and toast are not included. FREE.

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## The Barkyard Bangkok

When we ran into Jay Spencer a few months ago, he handed us his new business card. The Barkyard Bangkok it said and his title was Top Dog. It turned out that this cool venture was founded for the love of dog by Jay and his wife. The Barkyard is a new dog friendly pocket park in the heart of Bangkok which is no ordinary dog run.

There are 3 zones at the Barkyard: Central Bark is where you let your pooch run and roam leash-free with other dogs on the grass, Barkingham Palace is where the restaurant Kiosk is located and you can find healthy salads and sandwiches. Lastly, Barkley Square is a salt water swimming pool for your dogs to exercise. Dog owners are also allowed to swim with their dog. Alternatively, there are always supervisors who accompany your dog for peace of mind. A group of well selected retail shops surround the pool and offer unique accessories for dogs and their owners.

And for those who need to travel regularly, the Barkyard offers a 'hotel' for your dogs to stay on a daily, weekly and monthly basis with extensive TLC.

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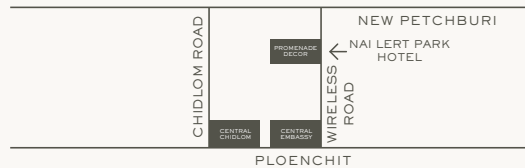
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