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Design Hans J. Wegner, 1949
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LIKE most things in life, it pays to begin with solid foundations and a well-defined bone structure.

We were recently approached by the owners of The River Villa condominiums to completely overhaul, design, detail and complete the interiors and furnishings for two apartments on differing floors, to be offered for public sale.

A smack-bang on the river edge property north-east of downtown Bangkok the high-rise structure is set amid a vast green landscape of rolling lawns, carefully considered tropical gardens and a visually enticing waterfront swimming pool. The arrival experience brings you up a winding private road, through the golf driving range, though residents and guests can also choose to arrive by boat along the river, as the property has its very own pier. Most needs are catered for, on site: 24-hour security, fitness centers, cinema, tennis and squash courts, and various meeting and function rooms.

The first thing we noticed about these apartments, beyond the gardens and private lift access, were their sweeping panoramic views – towards the city skyline in one direction and up-river to...
the north in the other. Directly across river sit various classical Thai architectural structures and a pagoda set in a peaceful green public park. The other, very apparent character of the apartments, are their grand floor plans, so rarely afforded in newly constructed condominiums – 3 large bedrooms, associated bathrooms, living and dining salons, stretch out over 320 and more, square meters. All apartments include river fronted outdoor terraces with ample space for outdoor dining and lounging.

It was this obvious DNA of resort living in the city that we wanted to enrich with our design approach on this project. Though both apartments have identical floor plans we chose to treat the twin siblings as not identical in their outward appearance. Whilst conceptualized together each was given their own personality. On Level 5 the mood and tone take in a more classical, rich ambiance, with a color scheme rooted in deep gold, mustards and charcoal. On Level 9 a more casual approach was taken, using primarily natural linen tones, and various shades of white. All existing solid timber floors were stripped and refinished in deep walnut stains. Bathrooms were fully renovated in marble panels and ceramic mosaics and
refitted with new sanitary-ware and plumbing. The large eat-in kitchens were fitted with new European appliances and cabinets finished in lacquer and new hardware. Bedrooms were stripped of existing joinery and newly designed expansive custom-made floor-to-ceiling wardrobes, desks and bed side tables went in their place. In the master bedroom, existing cabinets were replaced with a walk-in robe adjacent to the master en-suite bathroom.

With the aim of turning up the luxury and comfort dials on the project, we set about sourcing furniture and fittings from brands under the Chanintr Living umbrella. Whilst some furniture items, feature floor rugs and door hardware throughout were custom-designed by our in-house design studio, we installed taps and fittings from Waterworks, mattresses from Kingsdown, and furnishings, floor textiles and lamps from McGuire, Bernhardt, Hickory Chair, Carl Hansen & Son, Bolier, Barbara Barry, Bolon, Ethnicraft, Kravet, Kettal, Ton and Visual Comfort. Our team then chose all artwork and accessories to complete the overall image of each apartment.
Whilst providing prospective owners with a serene private escape from downtown living, the apartments are also geared to sophisticated entertaining. A formal dining setting just beyond the private lift vestibule, leads onto various open plan living room settings. Built-in daybeds, living salons, intimate bay window loungers and an audiovisual entertainment area, easily allow groups from 6 to 20 guests and beyond to be catered for throughout. We couldn’t think of a better place to wind down and call home.

- A.D.
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RODNEY SMITH

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This summer I had the pleasure of discovering Stockholm.

I had been once before at Christmas but under leaden skies when it was blanketed in snow. In July it was a whole new city! The parks were green, the skies were blue and the buildings colorful. Stockholm is an island surrounded by water, that bounces magical light off its fairytale golden spires. In the summer the city is alive. Boats are moving, people are walking and biking, celebrating the long-awaited summer light that lasts well into the night. Stockholm lives very much in the present as a leader in design and architecture extending its design revolution of the 70s into today.

As a designer I am always on the hunt for inspiration, and that inspiration can come in many forms. It can come in the proportion of a building or in the shape and scale of an oversized door knob, to a color combination of food, or a treasured find on a low shelf in a dusty antique shop. These things will set my mind racing and all of these things and more are in abundance in Stockholm. And like other European cities, walking is the best way to discover and explore. Heading out the door of my hotel I walked through a lovely church courtyard, then dropped down to an intimate set of stairs to a little park that opened onto a wide avenue of 18th and 19th century buildings. I headed for Gamla Stan (Old City) where the streets and shops wind around each other.

At any point that you feel like stopping surely you will find a good café with good coffee and pastries. As a people the Swedes are kind and generous; easy to talk with and very helpful. Everyone here speaks English. After a day out wandering I was able to trace my steps back to my hotel and it made me feel very much at home, appropriate for returning to ‘Ett Hem.’ My week passed by too quickly and I was sad to leave but I rather like that bittersweet feeling of longing to return.

BARBARA BARRY

STOCKHOLM!

HOTEL ETT HEM
Here are some of my treasured finds.

One caveat: Swedes shut shop (and restaurants) to head to the islands for most of July and first week of August so plan accordingly.

**HOTEL ETT HEM**

Ett Hem literally translates to "a home," exactly what this warm and wonderful hotel feels like. Once a grand home with 12 bedrooms it is curated like a fine modern home. The staff is warm and friendly and the rooms are comfy-cozy. There is a chef in the intimate kitchen making beautiful and healthy food that you can partake of anywhere you would like on the property and on warm evenings they BBQ in the enchanted walled-in patio. Designed by the talented Ilse Crawford and there isn’t one detail missing.

**THE STOCKHOLM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

This is the land of masters in architecture. Gunnar Asplund’s Public Library is a must see. Wander in and wander around the circular book-lined tower. Take in all the simple and exquisite details. Asplund was mentor to Alvar Aalto and his Public Library is the prototypical example of Nordic Classicism or what is referred to as the Swedish Grace movement.

**DROTTNINGHOLM PALACE**

The private home of the Swedish royal family, this is Sweden’s Versailles with gardens less formal but equally breathtaking. Arrive by boat from the city and step right onto the grounds. You can picnic in the park and there is a lovely café and museum shop right on the water. It is well worth a full day’s visit.
“Sodermalm” (Swedish for “south”) is the Soho or the Shoreditch of Stockholm with wonderful single-owner shops emerging onto the already hip design scene. If you are willing to ‘shop till you drop’ you won’t be disappointed. Vintage ceramics and furniture from the 1930’s – 1970’s are available at all levels.

**MODERNITY**
Here is where you will find the best high end, high quality selection of 1900s designed furniture and objects. They are fully restored and ready to ship anywhere in the world.

**SIBYLLGATAN 6**
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**BACCHUS ANTIK**
Owner Michael Strömquist grew up in the antique business and has been collecting since childhood. He has two shops side-by-side…one for vintage furniture and one for Scandinavian tabletop and vintage ceramics. The shelves are filled to overflowing so be careful and get out your credit card.

**UPPLANDSGATAN 46**
**BACCHUSANTIK.COM**

**SVENSK TENN**
The world’s most perfectly-scaled department store where you can wander from one beautifully curated display to the next. You can also have a lovely lunch while you consider your purchases. It houses an edited and top quality selection of the best of Scandinavian design.

**STRANDVÄGEN 5**
**SVENSKTENN.SE**

**– FOOD –**
The quality of food is top notch almost everywhere. It was hard to leave the kitchen at Ett Hem but when I did I went right to the local bistro, Babette.
BABETTE
Chef Johan Argell ran the famous Faviken in the north of Sweden for 3 years and left to open his own first restaurant. It is casual and inviting and a place you could eat in every night of the week. A lot of locals do. A chef to watch...

ROSLAGSGATAN 6
BABETTE.SE

GASTROLOGIK
Jacob Holstrom (formerly of Mathias Dahlgren) and Anton Bjur – tiny dining room, Swedish ingredients with choice of 3 or 6 courses, everything is a surprise.

GASTROLOGIK.SE

EKSTEDT
Niklas Ekstedt: imaginative, has a story, promoting traditional Nordic cooking techniques, with performance of cooking on fire and grill. Excellent, imaginative and fun.

EKSTEDT

PÅRLANS KONFEKTYR
A throwback to the 1940s this perfectly appointed shop makes delicious caramels on the premises. It serves coffee and tea in vintage teacups and the girls wear vintage clothes and hairnets. I think we should open one in Bangkok!

NYTORSGATAN 38
PÅRLANSKONFEKTYR.SE

FABRIQUE BAKERY
The best bread in Stockholm, bar none. And the best nutbar for sticking in your bag to nibble on as you walk. Stock up on a few for the flight home. They have recently opened in London.

ROSENLUNDSGATAN 28
FABRIQUE.SE
The Liang Yi Museum

It took Chinese furniture more than twenty years to be recognized worldwide as a major category of collectible antiquities. Its market value has since increased astronomically and academic studies of it flourished and peaked in the 2000s. It is a world heritage carpenter’s craft, part of a grander house-building scheme by the Chinese architecture rule book. Hollywood Road has been ground-zero for exporting Chinese furniture since the late 1970s, and it is fitting that in the 21st century a museum devoted to Chinese furniture be built in this location.

The Liang Yi Museum, a private museum owned by investment banker-collector Peter Fung, is housed in a continuous row of four-storied shophouses in the center strip of Hollywood Road, only steps away from the new PMQ (Police Married Quarter) design center. His collection encompasses more than 400 pieces, nearly half of which are on rotating display. Classical Ming huanghuali wood furniture occupies one floor and zitan furniture on another – a simple yet distinctive arrangement that works to the museum’s advantage. The generous floor layout conveys the focus on quality and the architect’s understanding of traditional Chinese scholarly taste. Even elaborately decorated pieces of the Qing dynasty look exceptionally elegant.
The collection encompasses a wide range of furniture types, from simple stools, yoke-back chairs, screens, altar and painting tables, storage cabinets, and many very rare bookcases. One of the highlights is Emperor Qianlong’s shrine, dated 1796 and inscribed, made for the god Manjushri from the Summer Villa in Chengde, a city Qing emperors created to receive Tibetan and Mongolian officials and diplomats. The shrine was constructed entirely of Zitan wood, scaled down from palatial architecture models. Such dedication pieces in the collection shows diversity of historical functions and the complexity of Chinese woodworking crafts and techniques.

The museum also possesses an astonishing collection of 19th and 20th centuries European vanities and compacts. These are miniature boxes that were fashionable in the early 1900s— the minaudieres and necessaires— like bejeweled cosmetic and cigarette cases. Made by renowned jewelers such as La Cloche, Cartier, Van Cleef & Arpels, Boucheron, these Orient-inspired pieces were at the height of fashion in the Shanghai as “Paris of the Orient” era. These precious miniatures surprise us with extraordinary craftsmanship and in themselves one of the highest forms of decorative works of art.

Since its opening in 2014, the museum has organized interesting exhibitions and loaned collections for a show at the Palace Museum, Beijing. The latest show, running from 1 September 2015, SCHOLARS AND DEBUTANTES: A CONTRAST OF ASCETIC AND OPULENT LUXURIES, features 100 Chinese scholarly objects from global collections, and a new gallery titled A History of Evening Bags, where 250 pieces of European vanities were displayed. For locals and visitors to Hong Kong, the Liang Yi Museum is not to be missed—a testament of Hong Kong’s long history of collecting sophistication and commitment to its growing significance as Asia’s major art hub.

- S.S.
As big fans of the famed Buvette, we were thrilled when we heard that Jodi Williams together with her partner Rita Sodi of I Sodi were opening a new restaurant.

When we finally made it to Via Carota in the West Village, just a few steps from Buvette, we had to be seated at the bar during lunch because it was completely full. The host told us that there were long lines at dinner so this was the smart choice. We were just happy to have a seat and be taken care of by a dapper bartender while watching the handcrafting behind the bar and observing the making of their great drinks list.

The decor here is a studied and refined Italian/NYC casual. The couple obviously have great taste as the selection of tableware and serve ware all worked harmoniously together and did not feel unnatural or even new, just like Buvette.
The food at Via Carota is an homemade rustic Italian created and prepared by two chefs who truly respect the original cuisine. We started off with the perfect Chicken Liver Crostini and Fried Green Olives with Sausage along with Steamed Manila Clams with White Wine and Garlic for the table. For the main course, we ordered the grilled chicken in lemon vinaigrette which was absolutely succulent and tasty. Our pasta choice was the Pappardele with Wild Boar Ragu, perfectly savory and not too heavy.

Ingredients and produce, where possible, are sourced locally from Upstate New York and the New England areas. Without knowing, I would have guessed everything was flown in direct from Italy.

To wrap it up, we ordered the Panna Cotta drizzled with aromatic olive oil to share but we couldn’t help asking for another one. It probably was the best Panna Cotta we had ever had.

Embarrassingly enough, our second visit was the following day for dinner. We got there early since we were warned of the lines and no reservation policy and got ourselves a nice table on the street. We felt like we were transported to a small village in Tuscany, taking in the local cuisine and watching the villagers and summer sun slowly fade away.
The Revolutionary Coffee

This is not a case of ‘Fashion before Function’. This is not your typical cookie-cutter coffee house or a cafe around the corner that happens to be cool and hip.

The New Black is a new unique concept that brings you artisanal coffees from the most celebrated roasters around the world served in a lab-like environment with all things high tech, under one roof. Well, there modular system actually allows them to do it under 100 sq.m. with a few benches for customers to sit.

The decor is sleek and minimal with a vibrant color-blocking throughout from the walls, graphics, right down to its cups and takeaway trays. With their cashless operation (only credit cards accepted), you get the vibe of industrial chic with clean lines of glass and stainless steel.
Their well trained baristas are there to recommend and answer all your questions and present 'The Taste Wheel' for you to choose according to your coffee preference. The wheel helps you explore a unique taste profile of each artisan’s roast whether it is complex or subtle.

Watching them work seamlessly on the Steampunk Mod brewer or Modbar Espresso machine makes it interesting as if you were in a stylish chemistry class. The beans are from legendary roasters like Tim Wendelboe from Massachusetts, George Howell from Oslo and also some local names such as Singapore-based Nylon who is regarded as the new kind on the block.

At The New Black, they are taking serious coffee to the next level by making it easily accessible to better office buildings. They are currently operating out of 2 locations in Singapore, one at the Republic Plaza and the other the Centennial Tower. More expansion is planned for 2016.
Sometimes a hidden gem does stay hidden. As frequent visitors to Paris, particularly the left bank, we were pleasantly surprised to discover a hidden garden that also serves a great lunch. As a place that local Parisians would never take you to, it still remains un-touristy.

Discreetly tucked inside the back of the prestigious La Maison de l’Amerique Latine in the 7th arrondissement on Boulevard Saint-Germain, its beautiful garden is open to public for lunch. Founded in 1946, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and General Charles de Gaulle, it was conceived to be a place to develop relationships and closer links between the republics of Latin America and France. This institution occupies two elegant mansions or ‘hotel particulier’ built in the early 18th century. The word ‘hotel particulier’ often refers to a private townhouse with a courtyard or a garden behind that belongs to a noble family.

Both mansions are connected by the salons on the ground floor surrounded by beautiful gardens. Listed and registered as a National Historic Landmark, it is also a venue for cultural exchanges where many important art exhibitions and events have taken place. Both exterior and interior are worth a visit, prior to your meal.

The restaurant sets up a few tables under white parasols overlooking a French manicured lawn so you can lunch ‘dans le jardin’. Among the menu highlights are Scrambled Eggs with Truffles, Normandy-styled Foie Gras with Quince Chutney and Chocolate Souffle.

In addition to the restaurant, there is also a bar with a shaded terrace that offers delicious cocktails and superb wine list. Needless to say, it’s perfect for a quiet afternoon rendezvous after a long bustling day in Paris.
We accidentally discovered maple water last April when we were looking for a refreshing cold drink in Whole Foods and spotted something different sitting among coconut water and juice cleanses. Maple Water? Shouldn’t it be displayed next to the pancake mix in the cereal isle? Out of curiosity we bought a bottle of DRINKmaple and decided to try it on spot. Sure enough, we ended up with 2 bottles each. It was light, refreshing and has a subtle sweetness that lingers in your mouth and invokes that sweet smell of maple lingering in your head.

A few Google searches later, we were surprised to learn that people have been enjoying maple water for centuries to celebrate the arrival of Spring and it is believed to be very nutritional and beneficial to health as it provides naturally occurring vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and prebiotics. Founded by 2 dedicated triathletes, Kate Weiler and Jeff Rose, DRINKmaple was born while they were traveling to Quebec to compete the Ironman Mont-Tremblant triathlon. DRINKmaple contains only one single ingredient: maple sap tapped from maple trees on USDA-certified organic family-run farms in Vermont. The water is drawn from the ground, through the roots of maple trees as part of a ‘sap run’ caused by warming days and cold nights. Then come the harvesting window where the sap generally flows for 4-6 weeks from mid February through mid April when daytime temperatures rise above 32°F or 0°C and drops below freezing at nighttime.

Within 36 hours of harvesting the sap, they bottle it with a non-altering pasteurization process to make sure that original mineral and nutrients are still there. DRINKmaple boasts that maple water benefits calcium absorption, thyroid function, blood sugar regulation, metabolism of fats as well as contains half the amount of calories and sugar found in coconut water.

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The Bespoke Bar

Visiting D. Bespoke excites the senses of the time traveller in all of us. The colonial era shophouse lined street, the subtle facade with only a small sign just begs for this most exquisite foyer/anteroom that crosses function between a cabinet of curiosities shop selling wares from Kyoto, a private reception room and a first step into a journey back in time. As one crosses over through another pair of shuttered wooden doors into the dimly lit, dark wood panelled room, a seriously long bar is visible and lined with a row of traditional tufted leather wing chairs. As I walk by them, the time travel begins and you start to forget the modern Singapore you just came from and go back to what I would imagine a hidden Ginza bar sometime in the early 1900’s would have been like.

The first time I visited, without knowing any history, I could immediately feel the essence of a Japanese touch and that very unique way they have of doing English traditional, with slight imperfections that end up making it charming and sometimes better than the real thing. The gentle nodding of the heads and the eye contact of the bartenders only serves to lull you more into this magical time warp. Once seated, the hot towel arrives, perfect in thickness, temperature and moisture content that you just want to sink your face in it.

D. Bespoke is a quiet bar with just the right volume of blue note playing in the background that you can still carry on a conversation with friends and the laughter of other groups blends in with the atmosphere. There are 3 small sofa sets for groups and a cigar area upstairs. The back wall of the bar beautifully showcases probably the best selection of beverages one could imagine in Singapore and when you see the list it is all confirmed. How often does one run into a 80th Anniversary limited edition Taketsuru 21 year old pure malt by the glass, or a Calvados Pays d’Auge, Roger Groult Elevée “Reserve Ancestrale”? But the idea here is as the name says, “bespoke”. You share with the Japanese bartenders what you are feeling like and what you usually enjoy and he will custom make you that ideal drink, in that ideal glass, with that ideal cut ice.

My favorite part of the experience, well, in addition to the certified Iberico ham cutter with simply the best and thinnest marbled hand cut I have had is that there are no prices on the menu or drink list and only a number is written on a card and handed to you when you are all done. As the saying goes... ‘if you need to ask...’.
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*The Barbara Barry Collection*

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Noguchi Rudder Table
Design by Isamu Noguchi

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Originally designed and made by Jasper Morrison for his own use for the terrace of his office, this simple bench, made of fined grained solid wood with meticulous Japanese craftsmanship, is now available for your own space.

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