

Elements of style

Design-driven stays offer contemporary interiors rooted in local culture



Harding Boutique Hotels, Sri Lanka

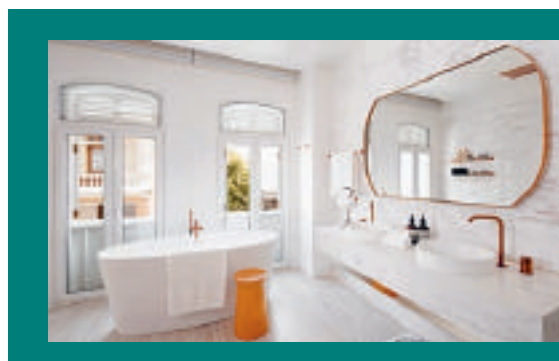
Situated a 30-minute drive from Galle Fort, this hotel done in the style of tropical modernism taps on the region's natural resources and cultural nuances by featuring materials such as local hardwood, polished concrete and granite stone. The wide, open common spaces offer uninterrupted ocean views while the treehouse-style rooms seamlessly meld with the lush foliage – all designed to foster a deeper connection with the surrounding landscape and environment.

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Nomad Hotel, Kathmandu

Conveniently located near the fabled Thamel neighbourhood, this is the city's newest lodging. Step through its doors and enter an intimate alcove that makes you feel like you're in someone's home. This cosy sense of community is further enhanced with open and fluid common spaces, engineered for

optimal (and encouraged) mingling. As a nod to Nepali culture, local craftsmanship and elements are celebrated with artworks, handwoven rugs and brass lamps made by Nepali artisans cleverly adapted to the hotel's contemporary interiors. *nomad.com.np*



88 Armenian, Penang

This luxury boutique hotel is located within George Town's historic centre and offers exclusivity with just six suites housed within a three-storey shophouse. Further, what sets this hotel apart is its lavish use of rose gold metal. Inspired by Armenian Street's rich history, back when it

was known as "Coppersmith Street" and brass and copperware were still sold, the hotel interiors feature burnished copper trimmings in every suite, copper-coloured Gessi bath fixtures and even a copper bar counter at the in-house restaurant. *88armenian.com*