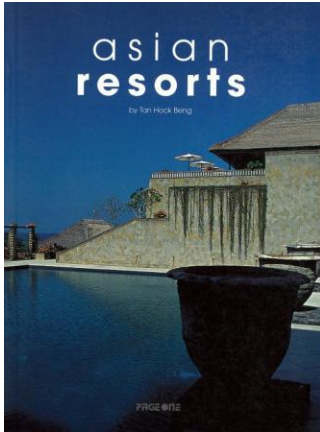


BOOK REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION



ASIAN RESORTS by Tan Hock Beng

First published in 2003, this book never ceases to inspire me.

Perhaps it is due to its simple title, comprising the two words “Asian” and “Resorts” that touches a special place in my heart, evoking instantly, that sense of warmth and tropicality.

Addressing the flow in which one experiences or “walk through” a building, the book cleverly and systematically approaches the artistry of design solutions amidst the themes of lifestyle and tropicality. The chapters are sequenced from the external part of the building (for that first “WOW” factor) and inch their way through the various rooms or spaces of the building, and pleasantly highlighting various artistic play of lighting, detailing & textures, and art & sculpture.

These key points and chapters set the “canvas” for the book, with brilliantly-taken photos of amazingly-detailed resorts acting as the “palette” to complete an overall & inspirational “peep” into the world of “Asian Resorts” that succinctly captures the essence of Living in the Tropics.

In the process, the book hints a warm & satisfying feeling into the creativity, artistry and sensitivity of the designers of the resorts.

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