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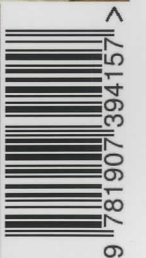
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## BUTLER'S WHARF WIN

London Tower Bridge based Maisha Design has been honoured at the UK Property Awards in the Marriott Grosvenor Square, London, on the 28th October for their Butlers Wharf riverside apartment design project in the Best London apartment design category. They have been named among the most innovative, exceptional, and ambitious projects of 2016. Maisha Director Almas Shamsee left a prestigious career at Goldman Sachs to retrain as an interior designer just five years ago and she is thrilled to receive her first award so soon in her career.

## CEDIA® SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Guy Singleton, Managing Director of Imagine This, was awarded the Special Recognition accolade by CEDIA® at this year's CEDIA Awards. With over 15 years as a CEDIA member and one of the association's most prolific volunteers, Guy was a worthy winner. Since joining the association in 2001, Guy has dedicated thousands of volunteer hours to CEDIA, working to develop industry recognised standards and share his technical expertise with others.

## LALIQUE AND ZAHA HADID

Lalique's collaboration with Zaha Hadid began a little more than two years ago with the creation of the Visio and Manifesto vases. Today they present the latest addition to the collection: the Fontana bowl. A superb piece with the fluid and mineral lines, the sense of constant movement, that are so expressive of the style of Zaha Hadid and enhanced by the contrasting satin and polished finishes characteristic of Lalique.

## BACK TO NATURE

AB CONCEPT DESIGNS NATURAL FRENCH VILLA IN THE COTE D'AZUR

Hong Kong-based interior design studio AB Concept has announced the development of their first European private residence, La Corniche Villa in the Cote d'Azur.

Showcasing their signature blend of architectural precision with bespoke craftsmanship, this is an iconic address for the private owner who commissioned AB Concept, with enviable elegant interiors and views of the magnificent sea beyond.

Located at the most prominent tip of the French Riviera, the villa was designed to accentuate and complement the natural surroundings whilst the interiors present a space that remains true to the AB Concept design philosophy. Natural marble slabs, precious and semi-precious stones, oak wood and natural light used throughout the residence create a relaxed and yet sophisticated villa atmosphere, which can be enjoyed by the family as well as for intimate gatherings. Differentiating from typical western styles,

decorative bronze dividers and décor along with window lacing and antique mirrors have been incorporated suggesting Asian influence and ambiance.

For founders Ed Ng and Terence Ngan of AB Concept, the details in a project have always been of great importance as they play a major role in the users experience and help to enhance the design concept. "The Cote d'Azur is one of my favourite places because of the stunning coastline, delicious food and great fashion scene," commented Ed Ng, Co-Founder and Principal of AB Concept. "It was a pleasure for us to work on this project and to convey this story throughout combining our own design inspirations."

Each of AB Concept's designs tell a unique story through a spatial experience that is underpinned by the essentials of architectural precision in space planning and a bespoke sensibility that reflects the artisanal quality and craftsmanship of each project. For La Corniche Villa, 'comfort' was the key objective and this helped to pave the way for the project.



## HBA EXPANDS IN UK

Hirsch Bedner Associates has announced its U.K. expansion with two new office openings in London, HBA Residential London and MUSE, and the appointment of a new principal to HBA's London office. Matt White has been appointed

as principal of HBA London to drive development for the firm in Europe, raising the bar in designing the finest hotels, resorts, restaurants and spas. After initially spending ten years at HBA's Singapore and London offices, White most recently ran the U.K. office of Silverfox Studios, where he worked with luxury hospitality brands across Europe and the Middle East. White brings with him more than 25 years of luxury hospitality

design experience to HBA's London office, which is currently working on notable projects, including Four Seasons Hotel Kingdom Towers Jeddah, St. Regis Palm Dubai, Waldorf Astoria Doha and The Ritz-Carlton Tunis. Helmed by HBA visionaries Inge Moore and Nathan Hutchins, MUSE will serve as a specialty design studio focusing on one-off, high-concept boutique projects. Opening in London in early 2017,