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Mantra Samui Resort Closes for Major Refurbishment

Resort partners with leading design firm to re-imagine rooms and elevate arrival experience



SINGAPORE (Feb 18, 2016) — The ocean-view retreat, Mantra Samui Resort, announced it will close from April 20th this year for extensive renovations. The resort's 38 "Love" rooms, lobby, and grounds will benefit from a complete overhaul at the hands of TIERRA Design, a Thai-based firm with 25 years industry experience and Habros Design, a boutique firm based in Hong Kong.

In later 2016, Mantra will emerge from ten weeks of construction with a modern lobby inspired by traditional Thai Buddhist aesthetics. The new space will feature a high-peaked ceiling in three tiers; and a lush vertical garden, stretching over five metres high, with postcard-worthy views of the Gulf of Thailand beyond.

The entire arrival area will be revamped from the addition of local trees and plants framing the road to the hotel, to a new turning circle complete with a water feature, additional parking, and the construction of a stone gatehouse.

The main lobby building will be clad in sustainable timber, suitably treated to work in the tropical climate it's to be exposed to, harkening back to the heyday of the management company's, Louis T Collection, inspiration. Louis Thomas Leonowens was a revered 19th-century pioneer in the Thailand's timber industry.



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The hotel’s “Love” rooms will also have a touch of this historical figure, after being stripped back to their shells, and redone with natural wooden furnishings—from a sleek desk to the integrated headboard with clever lighting features to highlight the artwork on display. The 67 square meters (721 square feet) of each abode will have an earthy color palette, of

creams and browns. Bathrooms will feature his and hers sinks and a spacious rainshower. While secluded private balconies will have an oversized hammock, big enough for two, and dual sunbeds overlooking the ocean or tropical gardens.

Many of the raw materials for the project are being sourced through Leonowens’ company, Louis T. Leonowens Ltd, that is still around today--over a century since Leonowens started it in 1905.

“Our initial plan was to keep the hotel open during the rebuild,” said Akira Park, the hotel’s general manager. “But we have some pretty big changes planned and, in order to make sure our guests are comfortable, we decided to close during the time of major reconstruction.”

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