

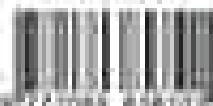
The lighter and darker sides of Bali, Asia's fashionable playground

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MKN NUE X RELIGION

Clothing label Religion is embarking on new design collaborations to continue to stay ahead of the innovation game. The first collaborative venture to roll out is with the complementary lingerie label MKN NUE. Bali has become firmly placed on Fashion International's map and the company is pleased to have discovered French Vietnamese designer and stylist MKN NUE. Her signature style mixes minimalism and sensuality. For the last three years, Religion has supported student industry project's in the UK as it recognizes the benefits of these exchanges as well as the obvious support to young designers who may not otherwise be able to expand their design into an international marketplace. The creative team combined with MKNhue's cool take on ultra-feminine staples has resulted in this small taster lingerie range into the Bali stores.
www.religionclothing.com

DELISH DUCK

Tapis Restaurant at Kayumanis Jimbaran is now offering a flavourful new dish that celebrates Bali's colourful Hindu heritage. Duck is the only type of meat that high-caste priests on the island are permitted to eat and it is invariably served after a ceremony has been performed. Existing on both land and in water, the duck has great spiritual significance and is considered somewhat of a local delicacy. Stop by Tapis' elegant garden venue to sample their set Bebek Panggang Mekudus dinner that consists of duck marinated in Balinese spices and served on a charcoal clay grill that adds a smoky flavour. Sides include minced chicken on lemongrass skewers, a clear broth with chicken balls and cucumber, mixed vegetables and spicy sambal.
www.kayumanis.com

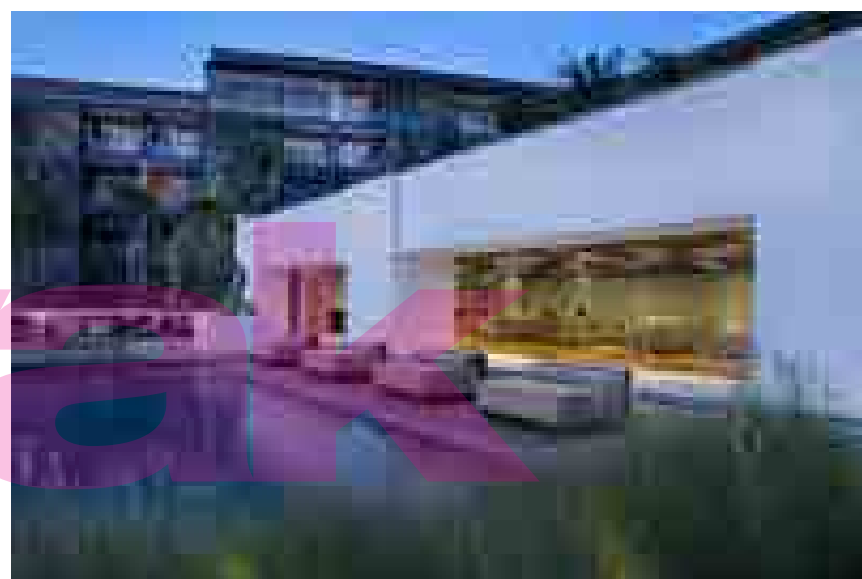


ORGANIC ART

French artist Mickael Obrenovitch is renowned for his dramatic wood sculptures that make use of centuries-old tree stumps found on Java and previously abandoned after rainforest clearance. He works with the natural contours of the wood and uses Balinese carving techniques to create unique pieces that speak to us about our connection to nature and our own human nature. His latest collection, Lifetime, will be on display and available for purchase at the luxurious five-star Pullman Bali Legian Nirwana from December 8 to March 6. These impressive works showcase the effect of time on the surfaces of the wood as a mirror of life, and with them the artist also hopes to raise awareness about Indonesian rainforest preservation.

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ALILA SEMINYAK

After much anticipation, the Alila brand has finally unveiled its fifth property, the uber-chic Alila Seminyak on Bali's southwest coast. Featuring a prime beachfront location, shimmering pools cascading from vertical gardens, and 240 contemporary rooms plus one stunning penthouse, the property is already drawing in the jet set. If you can tear yourself away from one of the many luscious chill-out spots here, you can experience cooking classes at the resort's gourmet restaurant, practise the art of mixology in the resort's ground-breaking Cocktail Lab, or get out and explore the island and Balinese culture with one of their unique Alila Experiences.

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MUY DELICIOSO

You can't go wrong with good old Western comfort food like pastas, sandwiches, steaks and cakes, especially when those dishes are served at great prices in a chilled-out locale in the heart of Kerobokan. Delicioso Bistro & Restaurant is the newest kid on the block serving up fresh fare from morning to night. Head here in the AM for pastries and healthy juices, swing by for light bites like salads and soups at lunch, or tuck into hearty dinner time fare like the grilled lamb chops, salmon filet or German meatballs. Be sure to save room for their divine sweet treats.

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