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CASE STUDY

HOW THE HOTELS DO IT

Luxury interior designer, Kudos Dsign, give us a behind the scenes glimpse of three of their newest and most distinctive hotel projects – from underground Scandi chic to eco-friendly Caribbean comfort

Renowned for creating truly one-of-a-kind spaces – often world firsts – Finnish company Kudos Dsign specialises in custom-built furnishings and innovative fabrication techniques, allowing them to really push the limits of the achievable. If you've heard the name before, it's likely in conjunction with one of their most high-profile projects to date – the incredible Burj Al Arab Terrace in Dubai, a colossal resort located on an apron jutting out into the sea, completed in spring 2016.

"Kudos was born of a passion for fine design and craftsmanship," explains Founder and architect, Pia Litokorpi. "It's inspired by the elements of nature, with the aim of bringing conceptual ideas into reality through the combination of beauty and function, which makes each of our projects unique and special."

So, if you're tempted to really push the envelope with your next interior design project, who better to take inspiration from than this trailblazing brand? The Kudos experts take us on



a whistle-stop tour of three of their most recently completed projects to explain how functional need never mean ordinary.

Hotel With, Stockholm

Located in the heart of Stockholm's city centre, Hotel With is the world's first purpose-built underground hotel, with all 106 en-suite bedrooms



sitting beneath the city's renowned, bustling Urban Deli. Constructed within a former utilities basement, this custom-designed hotel offers a modern experience, with no exterior walls and windows, guaranteeing total darkness and silence in the soundproofed guest rooms.

Working within the restraints of this unusual location, Kudos introduced design elements to both enhance and complement the underground experience. Corridors and public areas mimic a city street – complete with letter boxes and door knockers – for the illusion of outdoor space, while custom-designed carpets act as markers for hotel guests to avoid becoming disorientated while underground.

The special lighting scheme simulates natural light, while allowing for total darkness during the night. High specification soundproofing provides an urban haven of silence and a powerful sound system which allows guests to enjoy music or television to any desired volume with no disruption to other guests.

Resorts World Bimini, Bahamas

Resorts World Bimini is a brand new hotel on the remote Bimini Island of the Bahamas, opened in June 2016. This pristine natural location offers limited land, and requires all aspects of development to have a minimum impact on local environment and marine life. Working within environmental challenges of construction on a remote island, the guest rooms were built and outfitted using a pre-

assembly construction process not used before in the hotel industry.

Kudos Dsign introduced a number of unique design elements, one of the highlights being a rooftop infinity pool with a dramatic wraparound walkaway, along with the hotel's signature swim-up suites. Special space-saving features created bespoke by Kudos, include the lobby wine bar with a specially designed glass wall that doubles as wine storage, a two-sided reception desk which also acts as the lobby bar, and a unique lobby lighting feature with 75 individual handmade pennant lamps.

Burj Al Arab Terrace, Dubai

Dubai's iconic Burj Al Arab hotel recently unveiled 'The Terrace', a one-of-a-kind space which features pools, a beach, cabanas and a restaurant, and provides guests and members with a unique over-water experience.

Kudos was involved in every aspect of the terrace's design and interior architecture, including shape of the spaces, specification of surface materials, as well as custom-designed indoor and outdoor furniture, soft furnishings and interior details. kudosdesign.com



STEAL THEIR STYLE

Industrial Chic

Industrial-style interiors have been making waves in the trend department for the last few years, but it's still a very easy look to get wrong. Take some tips from Hotel With in Stockholm, where starkly rough, industrial pieces are complemented by softer, more whimsical touches (like the china plate and vintage-style clock) to stop the overall effect being too harsh.



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KEY PIECES

- #1 Jailhouse Cage Wall Light, £115, Furnish (furnish.co.uk)
- #2 Blaggard Side plate by Welovekaoru, £45, Rume (rume.co.uk)
- #3 Industrial Pine Desk, £775, Furnish.co.uk (furnish.co.uk)
- #4 Harlem Industrial Cage Bar Table, £465, Alexander & Pearl (alexanderandpearl.co.uk)
- #5 Alana Round Mirror Brass, £99, MADE.COM (made.com)
- #6 Large Aged Industrial Wall Clock, £125, Alexander & Pearl (alexanderandpearl.co.uk)
- #7 Pipework Wall Light, £199.99, The Glow Company (glow.co.uk)