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New Asian Beauties

If this were a beauty competition, it'd be hard to choose the most stunning out of these five knockouts.

paloma villaverde de rico

a maldives moment

After hopping on a 55-minute flight from Male International Airport (MLE) to Kaadedhdhoo Airport (KDM) and then taking a 30-minute boat ride to a secluded island, your clients will arrive at **Outrigger Konotta Maldives Resort** in the Gaafu Dhaalu Atoll. At this beachfront property, which opened its doors in August, it's all about the sumptuous villa accommodations. Think outdoor rainshowers, private infinity pools, private lagoon or beach access, decks with hammocks and sunbeds, and garden areas, with varying in-villa amenities depending on which villa your client chooses. There are twenty-four 2,271-sq.-ft. *Beach Pool Villas*, seven 3,035-sq.-ft., 2-bedroom *Pool Villas*, twenty-one 2,422-sq.-ft. *Ocean Pool Villas*, and a 6,458-sq.-ft. *Presidential Villa*, as well as 1- and 2-bedroom *Lagoon Pool Villas* that can connect to create a 3-bedroom *Family Villa*. The allure of the stunning surroundings, however, will push guests to explore, whether it be to discover the sea life along the island's surrounding coral reefs set in the turquoise waters off the resort—the resort offers a dive center—or to spot turtles, eagle rays and dolphins. Of course, paradise is not complete without some time at the onsite *Navasana Spa*, offering treatments that incorporate green tea and coconut within five treatment rooms; there's also a hydrotherapy facility and relaxation lounges so guests can while away a leisurely afternoon. Villa

accommodations are made for in-room dining—although there are two restaurants on site, as well as poolside dining—or guests can even dine on the beach. For most of December, February and March, rates start at \$765 for a *Beach Pool Villa*; in January starting rates for this type of accommodation fluctuate from \$765 to \$1,156.

postcard from bali

Your clients will stumble into paradise when they book a stay at the 240-room **Alila Seminyak**, located on Bali's southwest coast and cocooned along the region's pristine beaches. Embraced by shimmering pools and vertical gardens, the resort, which opened this month, offers eight types of accommodations, ranging from the *Superior Room* to the 8,729-sq.-ft. *Alila Penthouse*. From the 3-bedroom penthouse's sundeck and spacious terrace, guests will get a bird's-eye view of the ocean and island. Within, guests will have access to a living room, a dining room, and a kitchen. That said, no matter which guestroom your client chooses they are sure to be knocked off their feet, because the contemporary decor is nothing short of stunning. The elite set will love that the resort is located on the trendy side of Seminyak, with its high-end designer boutiques, art and antique galleries, nightspots and chic cafes, and they'll love getting pampered at the onsite *Spa Alila*,

“The Outrigger Konotta Maldives Resort is unique in the Maldives for two reasons. Firstly, it has the largest average villa sizes in the Maldives. Secondly, marine conservation and coral protection are at the heart of our activities. The Outrigger has a dedicated marine biologist who can join snorkel and scuba diving trips. She gives talks and presentations to guests.

The coral and marine life at Konotta is among the best in the world.”

—Mark Simmons, Vice President,
Sales & Marketing, Asia Pacific, Outrigger Resorts



“Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort is the first international large-scale resort development of its kind in Sri Lanka and combined with Anantara's proven expertise in culinary and spa experiences and quality hospitality, will significantly enhance the hospitality industry in Sri Lanka.”

— Tamir Kobrin, General Manager,
Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort & Spa



offering Asian-inspired spa therapies. Wining and dining takes place at the beachfront restaurant and beach bar, and the Leisure Concierge can create an experience tailor-made for your clients who want to discover the destination—they can visit everything from the Uluwatu Temple in the south and Tanah Lot Temple to the north, to the beautiful rice terraces. To celebrate Alila Seminyak's opening, the resort is offering a meaningful *Gift to Share* program that funds educational aid for two neighboring elementary schools and social assistance for the Anak-Anak Harapan Children's Home. For every two nights booked, your clients will enjoy a complimentary night's stay, a gift from the resort which they may in turn share by donating \$50 or a generous amount of their choice to support the community causes. Room rates through Dec. 19 start at \$265.

rendezvous in myanmar

This month saw the opening of the **Sanctum Inle Resort** in Myanmar, where restaurants are named The Refectory and The Cloister Bar; guestrooms are categorized into *Cloister Classic*, *Cloister Deluxe*, *Provost Jr. Suite* and *Abbey Suite*; and the 6-treatment room spa has been baptized *The Sanctuary Spa*. You get the picture—here, Spanish-style arches, minimalistic (but modern) room decor, and cloisters reference the monastic

life, “opening the door,” as press materials state, “on a more contemplative experience of travel.” In this off-the-beaten-path location—Inle Lake is the country's second largest lake—guests will discover the wonders of Myanmar via eight tours the resort team has developed, ranging from a half-day cycling excursion to the Red Mountain Estate winery to a full-day trip to the ancient temples of Kakku. Recommend, too, that guests peak into The Workshop Boutique, which carries a variety of handicrafts, including silk and lotus weaving native to the area. Rates with daily breakfast start at \$484 for a *Cloister Classic* during high season (October through Dec. 23); those same starting rates go up to \$492 during peak season Dec. 24 to Jan. 2. Although if clients want views of the lake, then recommend the *Provost Jr. Suite* or the *Abbey Suite* (\$604 and \$864 during high season, respectively). For those yearning for a mountain view, recommend the *Sanctuary Suite* at a rate of \$1,724 during high season.

meet me in sri lanka

Set to open next month is the stunning **Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort**, part of the **Anantara** collection of sublime properties. The resort, located on a 42-acre coconut plantation that hugs a secluded Indian Ocean beachfront in Sri Lanka's southern coast, offers travelers an idyllic spot to get away from >>>



Left: *Pool Beach Villa* with outdoor rainshowers.
This photo: *Cloister Deluxe* accommodations at Sanctum Inle Resort.

“I think what we're adding is a refined level of hospitality and service. Every head of department is focused on using their international experience and cross-cultural expertise to develop local talent and help employees understand how vital it is that everything we do and provide is five-star. That didn't previously exist in Inle Lake. We are definitely pioneers in that respect.”

—Philippe Arnaud, General Manager,
Sanctum Inle Resort