

**PATINA MALDIVES, FARI ISLANDS: A REVOLUTIONARY PROJECT CENTRED IN NATURE BY STUDIO  
MK27**

Patina Maldives venerates the horizon with biophilic design concept

**XX November 2020: DRAFT:** Scheduled to launch in Q2 2021, [Patina Maldives, Fari Islands](#) is a radical new example of biophilic design from renowned Brazilian architect Marcio Kogan, founder of international award-winning [Studio MK27](#). Set in the new Fari Islands archipelago, the resort is complemented by two other luxury resorts and a dedicated hospitality campus by Singaporean firm [URBNarc](#), providing staff facilities unparalleled in the Maldives.



*Aerial view of Patina Maldives, Fari Islands*



*Marcio Kogan, Studio MK27*

The inaugural flagship resort from [Patina Hotels & Resorts](#), a new elevated lifestyle brand by Capella Hotel Group, is part of the brand new [Fari Islands](#) archipelago in North Malé Atoll, where guests are free to choose between privacy and seclusion, exploring a triptych of luxury resort islands, and embracing the vibrant social scene that emanates from the archipelago's communal heart: the Fari Marina Village and Fari Beach Club.

Inspired by the beauty and metaphorical significance of the island landscape, Studio MK27's delicate, rhythmic design for Patina Maldives conjures spaces and atmospheres that encourage deep connections with nature, as well as communion with other people.

**Studio MK27 design concept**

Delicate architectural lines remain respectfully low, never breaching the horizon, in deference to the exuberant, encompassing blues above and below. Verdant landscaping envelops each of Patina Maldives' 90 contemporary one- to three-bedroom Beach and Water Pool Villas, alongside 20 Fari Studios in private sanctuary, yet unfolds invitingly into the surrounding island life; a simultaneous experience of isolation and belonging.



*Patina is unique in the Maldives: an opportunity to be together in isolation. One of the most remote places on Earth and still a place designed for people to meet one another. Patina Maldives embraces our natural conflicts: desire for peace and party, for nature and design, technology and rusticity, self-indulgence and deep reflections.*

**– Marcio Kogan, Studio MK27**

Kogan's design vision is reflected throughout Patina Maldives' accommodation, restaurants and social buildings. Public spaces are open, light and inviting and offer a communal beating heart with the Fari Marina Village and Fari Beach Club. Here, guests will find alluring retail and enticing dining options as well as a large, commissioned James Turrell pavilion. The permeable design of the island's buildings promotes a pleasing and inviting experimentation of each space; these are organised according to a hierarchy of textures and coverings that creates a gentle transition between open and closed spaces.

Throughout the interiors, earthy colour palettes, subtle textures and matte surfaces are complemented by arcadian materials to create a dialogue with nature. Wood, linen, rattan, paper cord, stone and natural fibres extend out from the interiors, blurring boundaries, drawing the outside world in whilst enticing inhabitants out. Uniquely for the Maldives, floor-to-ceiling Panoramah! sliding window systems allow the villas to be opened to the elements on all three sides – while custom-made blackout blinds offer cocoon-like cosiness at the touch of a button.

Millwork furniture customised by Studio MK27 exclusively for Patina Maldives incorporates subtle practical and aesthetic design features that elevate the in-room experience and cater to the needs of the connected contemporary traveller, from bed frames with integrated control panels to concealed device charging compartments. Carefully selected pieces from the world's leading furniture designers imbue the spaces with individuality and luxury: from Bassam Fellows, Lin Brasil, Gervasoni and Vitra indoors; to Dedon, Carlos Motta, and Paola Lenti outdoors. Further drama is added by unique features including monolithic standalone twin vanities made from Nero Marquina marble and basins hewn from a single block of stone, offset by bespoke Italian porcelain tiles and al fresco free-standing double bathtubs.



*One-Bedroom Beach Villa*



*Two-Bedroom Water Villa*



Patina Maldives has further underlined its cutting-edge architectural credentials and passion for socially conscious hospitality by joining [Design Hotels](#), a handpicked collection of independent, design-driven hotels that function as social hubs and spaces for purposeful experiences.

#### Fari Campus by URBNarc

Designed by Gaurang Khemka, founder of award-winning architectural and urban planning firm URBNarc, [Fari Campus](#) was conceived to bring a sea-change in the way employee accommodation and wellbeing are cared for in the Maldives. Built on its own exclusive island to cultivate close relationships among peers, nurture personal and professional growth and foster a sense of belonging and community, the intuitive spaces are inspired by traditional Maldivian communities. Offering private and communal facilities, as well as comfortable living quarters, the campus has been thoughtfully designed to anticipate the needs of its residents. Colleagues can entertain visitors, with spaces to eat and shop, sports and leisure facilities, a mosque, and multiple alcoves and squares offering a range of private and interactive spaces. The Campus' community areas were elegantly executed with just three basic building materials: brick, concrete and stone, a key priority was to ensure the building ages well in Maldivian weather, whilst delivering a timeless visual appeal that blends seamlessly with the environment. The substantial facilities are unmatched in the Maldives – a testament to the owner's continuing high regard for its people.

Patina Hotels & Resorts has been created by Capella Hotel Group to appeal to an audience looking for immersive, experience-led travel, where conscious design is combined with intuitive service in some of the world's most exceptional locations. Inspired by independent minds with a deep appreciation of nature and community and an unwavering devotion to the wellbeing of the planet, Patina Hotels & Resorts encourages guests to nurture genuine connections with themselves and the world around them. Human-centred design ensures that spaces flow with guests' natural modes, gently and intuitively anticipating and providing for each individual's needs so that no two stays are the same.

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#### **Notes to editor:**

##### **About Studio MK27**

Studio MK27 located in São Paulo was founded in the late 70s by architect Marcio Kogan and is currently comprised of 30 architects and various collaborators worldwide. Kogan is an honorary member of the American Institute of Architecture (AIA), Professor at Escola da Cidade in São Paulo and Politecnico di Milano, is mentioned to be one of the 100 Most Influential persons in Brazil by *Época* magazine, is part of *Wallpaper's* "150 Famous for 15 Years", and in *Dezeen's* Hot List 2017.

He leads a team of architects who have been working with him for over a decade. The architects of the team, great admirers of the Brazilian modernism generation, and place value on formal simplicity and are re-imagined with extreme care and attention to detail. Studio MK27 has won more than 250 national and international awards, such as: Institute of Architects of Brazil (IAB), São Paulo Architectural Biennial, WAF, Architectural Review, Dedado



Minosse, Record House, Leaf, D&AD, Spark, Barbara Cappochin, Iconic, AZ, Buenos Aires Ibero-americana Architectural Biennial, Wallpaper Design Award and Prix Versailles.

### **About URBNarc**

URBNarc Pte Ltd was founded by Gaurang Khemka with a vision to design sustainable and complete environments – exceptional communities, places, spaces and buildings.

URBNarc's expertise is designing for special situations where a unique historic, natural or urban environment requires a thoughtful and innovative solution using an integrated approach to master planning, architecture, landscape design and interior design by bringing the best professionals and a global talent pool together. URBNarc's objective is to truly create value for clients by helping them realize their visions and achieving the full potential of their property assets.

### **About Patina Hotels & Resorts**

Patina Hotels & Resorts is the latest hospitality concept from Capella Hotel Group. Born out of guests' desire to honour individuality, Patina appeals to a new generation of travellers who seek deeper connections with themselves and the world around them. The human-centred design flows with the natural modes people are in, gently and intuitively providing for each guest's individual needs, ensuring that no two stays are exactly the same.

A five-star, sophisticated lifestyle brand, Patina Maldives, Fari Islands will be the first launch, with another property in Ubud, Bali also in development.

### **About Fari Islands**

Fari Islands is an elevated Maldivian resort experience that celebrates nature, craft and connection. A Pontiac Land Group development anchored by three world-class hospitality brands, Fari Islands is located in the North Malé Atoll within the Maldives, a 50-minute luxury boat transfer from Malé International Airport.

The archipelago also features the picturesque Fari Marina Village, built around a vibrant Beach Club, charming boutiques and a selection of handpicked, upscale food and beverage options. Spaces have been masterfully designed by renowned architects from Studio MK27 (by Marcio Kogan), Kengo Kuma & Associates, and Kerry Hill Architects, to bring about a delicate balance of serene and social.

One of the islands is home to a thoughtful hospitality campus; Fari Campus is a dedicated island for staff with a focus on community, education, and engagement, and is the first of its kind in the Maldives.

### **About Pontiac Land Group**

Pontiac Land is a privately-held property developer, owner, and operator based in Singapore. The Group's assets include hospitality, mixed-used, commercial and residential developments. With over fifty years of experience in luxury property development, Pontiac Land seeks to better the built environment through thoughtful architecture and design. Each development is uniquely complemented with world-class art and maintained by the Group's in-house property management team to deliver a consistently high level of well-being and hospitality. These developments span Singapore, New York, Sydney and the Maldives. In 2006, Pontiac Land partnered with Horst Schultz, co-founder of the Ritz-Carlton to launch Capella Hotel Group in Asia. The Group subsequently acquired Capella Hotel Group as a wholly-owned subsidiary in 2017.

### **About Design Hotels**

Since 1993, Design Hotels has been crafting a portfolio which today includes 300+ privately owned and operated hotels that reflect the vision of independent hoteliers—or "Originals"—with a passion for culturally-rooted hospitality and cutting-edge design and architecture. From the pioneering boutique hotels of New York, Paris, and London, to the rising stars of Shanghai, Mexico City, and Nairobi, to remote mountaintops, hidden beaches, and off-the-beaten-path escapes, each independent hotel in the Design Hotels hand-picked portfolio is a wholly unique creative expression, steeped in the history, culture, and the nature of its environment.

Across the world, Design Hotels member properties anchor a community of travellers united in the pursuit of inspired environments, genuine local culture, and transformative, boundary-pushing adventures. An ever-evolving movement forged on purpose, connectedness, and curiosity.



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