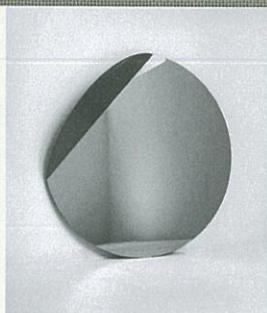
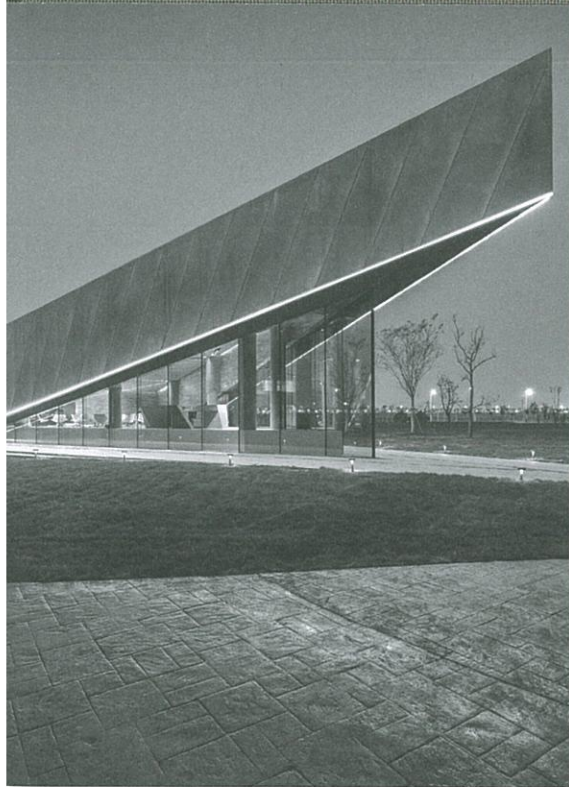


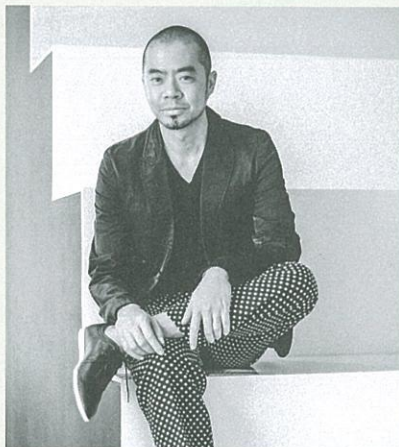
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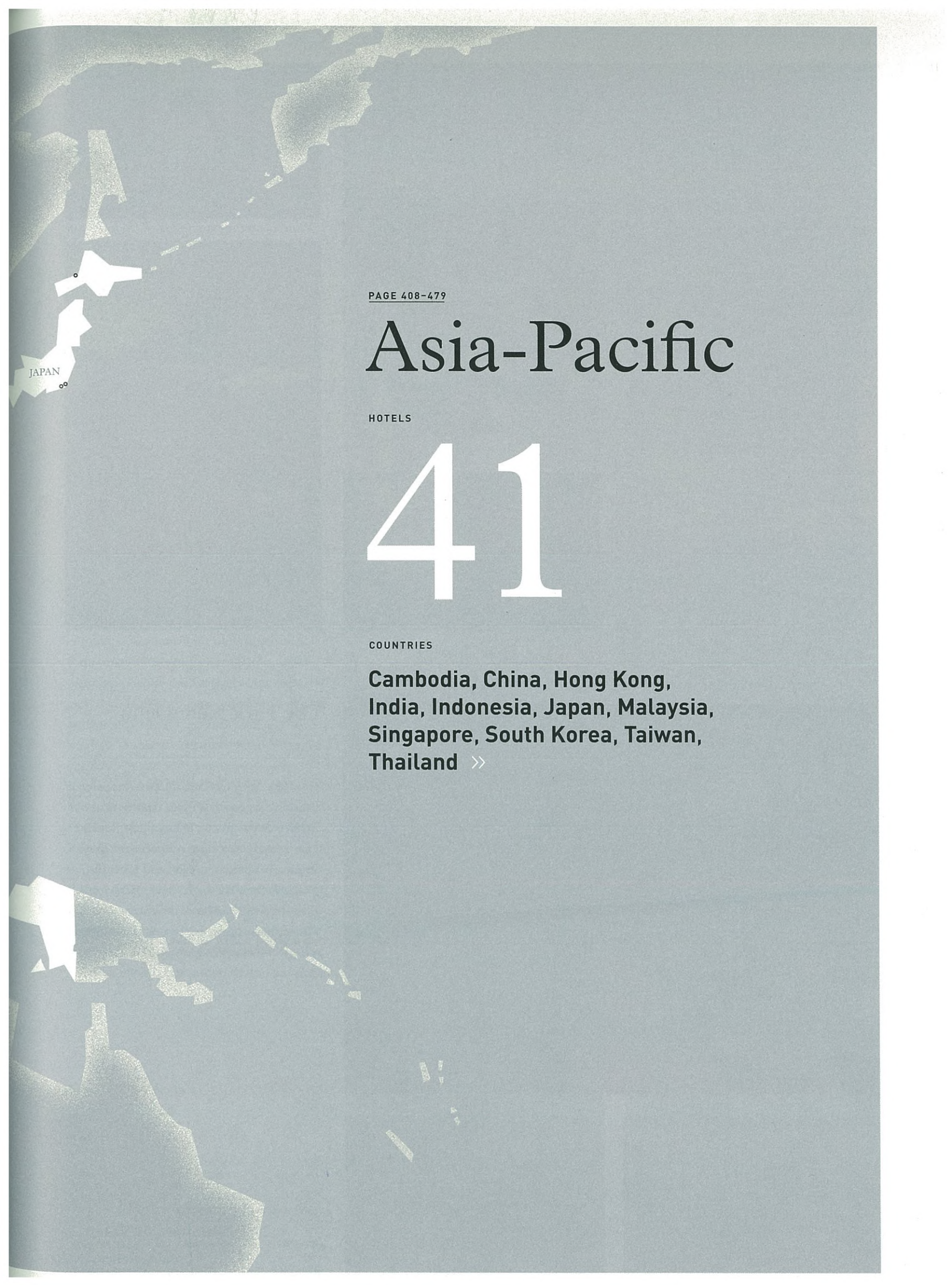
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New Majestic Hotel

It has a certain glamour, this revamped historic hotel on a Chinatown street once notorious for housing wealthy men's mistresses. The shophouse façade blends perfectly with the neighborhood, but inside, the juxtaposition of antique and modern, interior and exterior, provides a theatrical environment where guests can indulge their imaginations. The 30 guestrooms are individually crafted visions by a diverse group of creatives enlisted by Colin Seah of Ministry of Design. His core crew came up with four room "typologies." In the Hanging Bed Rooms, larger-than-life murals span whole walls, and the Attic Suites' vintage twin tubs look up on a loft-area sleeping space that appears to float. A glass-encased bathtub is placed center stage in the Aquarium Room. In the hotel's restaurant, ceiling portholes open onto the floor of the outdoor pool, with swimmers casting shadows onto the tables below. The high-ceiling lobby provides a grand space to make an entrance, and vintage chairs from owner Loh Lik Peng's personal collection can be rearranged to suit any drama. The sensuously curved white staircase seems to invite a line of chorus girls, like something from a classic Hollywood musical. Majestic, indeed.

Loh Lik Peng's global lifestyle draws him to different places for different reasons. The intimate scale of Dublin reminds him of his childhood, while London's East End is all about the energetic vibe and the sense that new things are happening all the time. He opened his first venture, Hotel 1929, in a former brothel in Singapore's red-light district in 2003. With its swanky design and instant buzz, 1929 became a popular destination for travelers and locals alike. Three years later, he opened the New Majestic and upped the style quotient in Singaporean hospitality even further. Three more properties followed (another in Singapore where he now lives, and one each in Shanghai and London). And not one of them is located in what your average guidebook would have considered the "right" kind of neighborhood—that is until his properties have put their once-undesirable districts on the style map. —

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