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MINA'S FAVOURITE HOTELS WEEKLY

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1 | NIKKI BEACH RESORT & SPA

PORTO HELI, GREECE

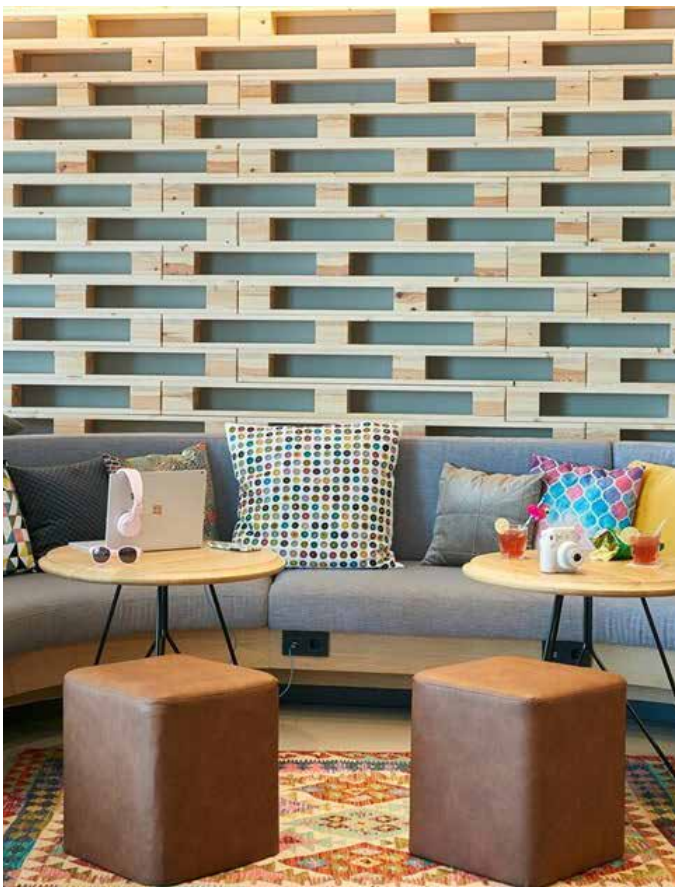
Located in the picturesque Porto Heli, Nikki Beach Resort & Spa invites guests to a journey of rejuvenation of all senses. Its ideal location lets you enjoy the crystal-clear blue waters and stunning panoramic views from almost every corner of the property. Nikki Beach Resort & Spa Porto Heli, a unique contemporary lifestyle boutique resort with stylish and elegant living areas, features 66 state-of-the-art rooms and suites with private pools and magical sunset views. Enjoy signature cocktails, DJ sets and seamless sea views at the Nikki Beach Club. Savour Mediterranean flavors at Café Nikki and Japanese cuisine at TERASU Rooftop. Invigorate your senses in our Nikki Spa, Tone Fitness Center, and unique top line amenities. The hotel operates according to Covid-19 regulations and safety procedures.

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2 | DUCATO DI OIA & DUCATO WINE HOTEL SANTORINI, GREECE

Two distinct boutique accommodation experiences set on the dramatically beautiful island of Santorini. Located on the fierce cliffs of Oia, Ducato di Oia Boutique Hotel features cave-style suites and rooms, with private plunge pools and stunning caldera views, inspired by the local architecture and created with attention to the last hand-crafted detail. Ducato Wine Hotel comprises of private luxury villas, located in the picturesque Megalochori village and is dedicated to those who wish to experience authentic Cycladic luxury. All villas are restored wineries decorated with antiques, featuring outdoor private pools and beautiful courtyards, inviting guests to a journey into Santorini's traditions and cultural heritage.



3 | MOXY PATRA MARINA

PATRA, GREECE

Staying at Moxy Patra Marina is like a trip to the funky side of life. The new Moxy Patra Marina, located in one of Greece's most vibrant port cities, embodies the engaging lifestyle for which Patra is known. It is also the place where a smart technological environment and a contemporary living style meet. The chic-ambient lobby is not just a sitting space, but also a cozy hanging out point. Bar Moxy has a double duty as, besides serving hand-crafted drinks, it also serves as the hotel's front desk. The rooms are cleverly designed and full of little surprises, such as motion-activated LED guide lights, while guests can enjoy summer in the city at the outdoor pool or refreshing cocktails and sunset sea views at the Rooftop Bar.



4 | ARIÁ ESTATE SUITES & SPA

MANI, GREECE

Honouring the pure and rugged beauty of Mani, Ariá Estate Suites & Spa combines tradition and leading-edge architecture on a hillside overlooking the sea. Its 16 sea view Suites are amphitheatrically built, each one being a creative project with tailor-made design elements and high-end contemporary features. This exclusive hotel is ideal for romantic getaways, as well as for unique family moments in unpretentious, yet elegant surroundings. Local materials highlight its sustainable character, while the calming colour palette, present in every detail, creates a feeling of comfort and serenity.



5 | SANSAL BOUTIQUE HOTEL

CHANIA-CRETE, GREECE

This new boutique hotel in the culturally rich city of Chania is a fine blend of luxury and minimalism. Built right next to the Venetian walls of the old town, it offers amazing sea views and a true sense of Greek hospitality. The sunlit exterior and the spacious interior become one at its 23 elegantly designed rooms and suites, as the sunlight flows in through floor-to-ceiling glass windows. SanSal Boutique Hotel invites guests to indulge in authentic offerings of the Cretan land, as the hotel's restaurant serves Mediterranean flavours combined with the famous local cuisine. The rooftop infinity pool welcomes guests to haven of relaxation with refreshing cocktails, tasty bites and endless sea views. SanSal Boutique Hotel is also a vantage point from where to discover the breathtaking sights of Crete.



MINA'S SUITCASE

In this column, Mina shares a curated collection of her favourite products from around the world for women and men. The collection includes not only new brands, but also older gems by designers, which have remained unaltered over time.

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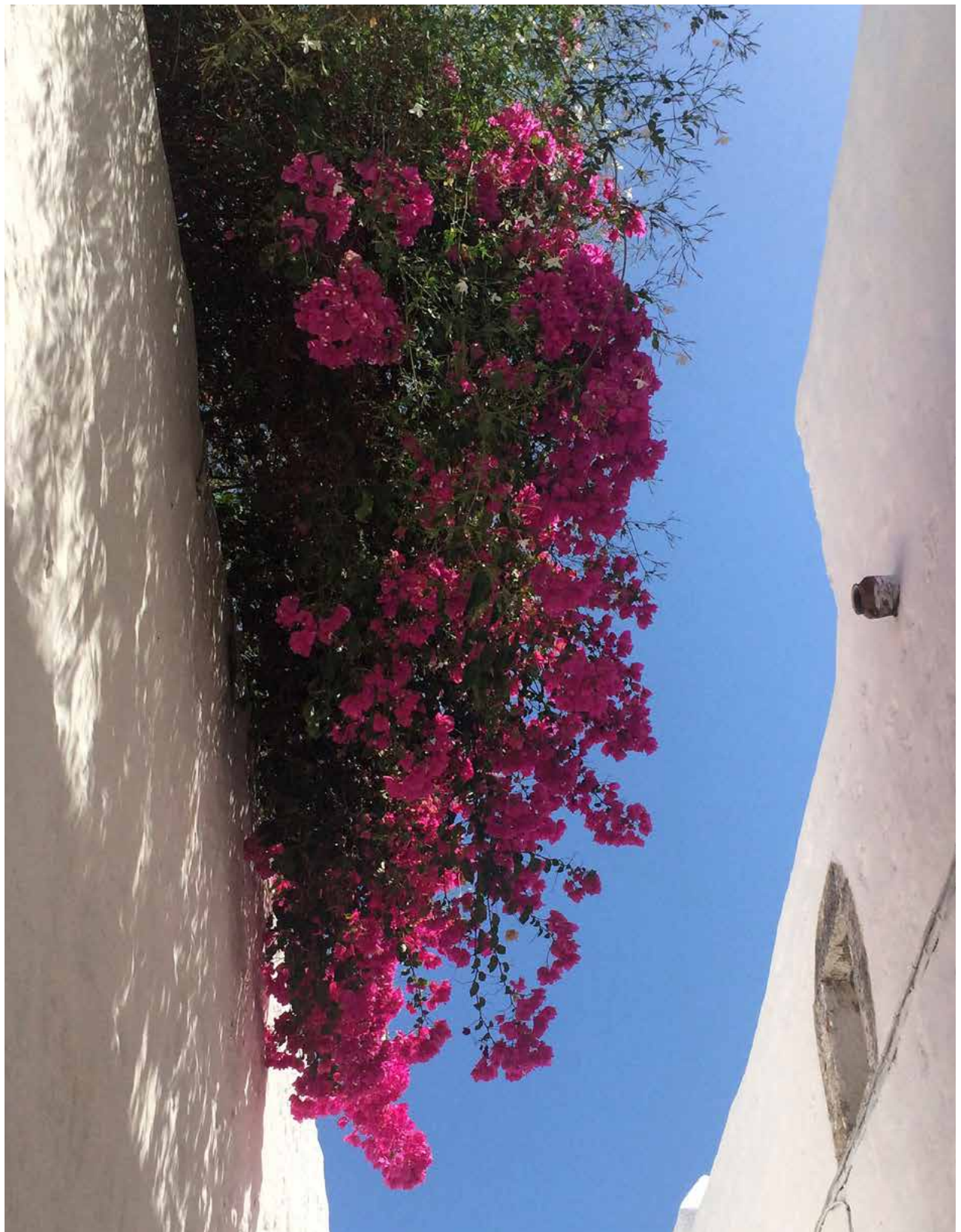
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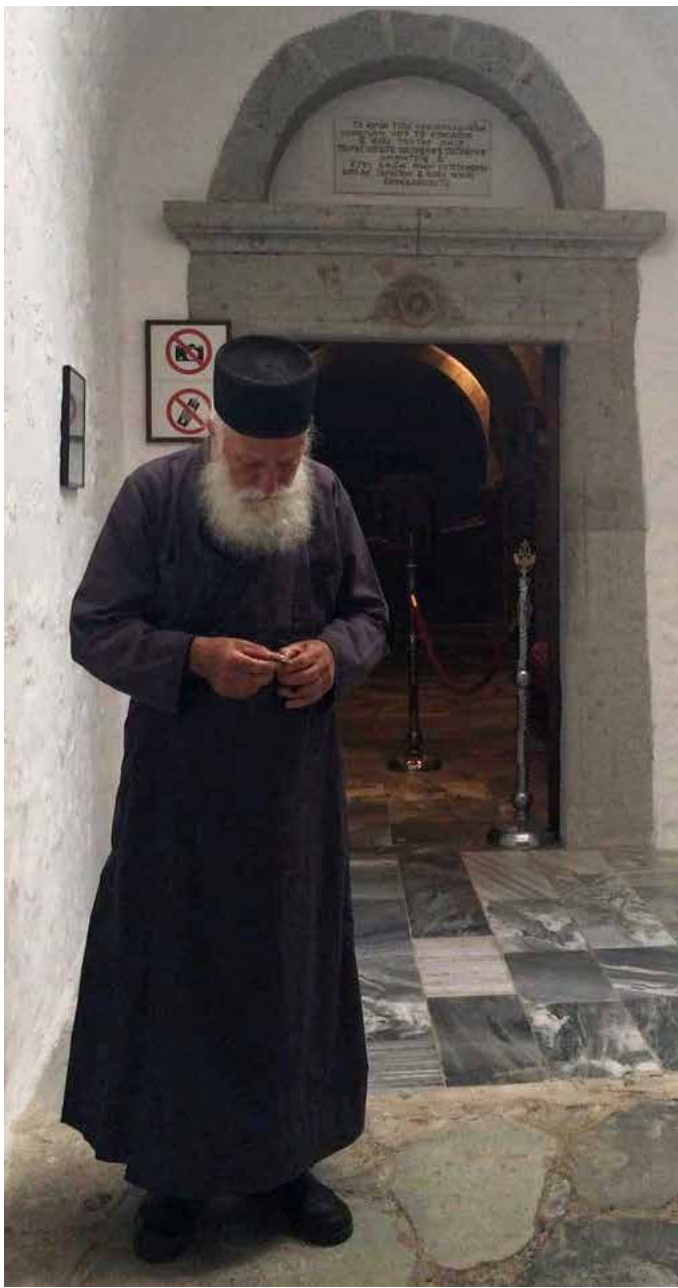


IN GREECE WITH MINA

instastories from #Patmos

Atmospheric, mysterious and calm, Patmos, the island of the Apocalypse, has a unique energy about it which differentiates it from all the others. Under the imposing castle-monastery of Saint John in Chora, a medieval settlement with labyrinthine cobbled roads and whitewashed mansions, which are, along with the monastery and the Holy Cave of the Apocalypse, included in the World Heritage Sites. If Chora is the heart of the island, Skala, the port, is where it beats, with the greatest cosmopolitan vibe and the plethora of restaurants and cafés, where one deserves to enjoy two of the gems of the local gastronomy, the Patina cheese pies and 'Sweet Pouches'. Impressive beaches with colourful or black pebbles or fine sand, cultural events, refined accommodation choices and the ultimate sense of relaxation has made, and fairly so, Patmos a greatly loved destination of the conscious traveller.

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MEET THE ARCHITECT

Stefanos Skandalis

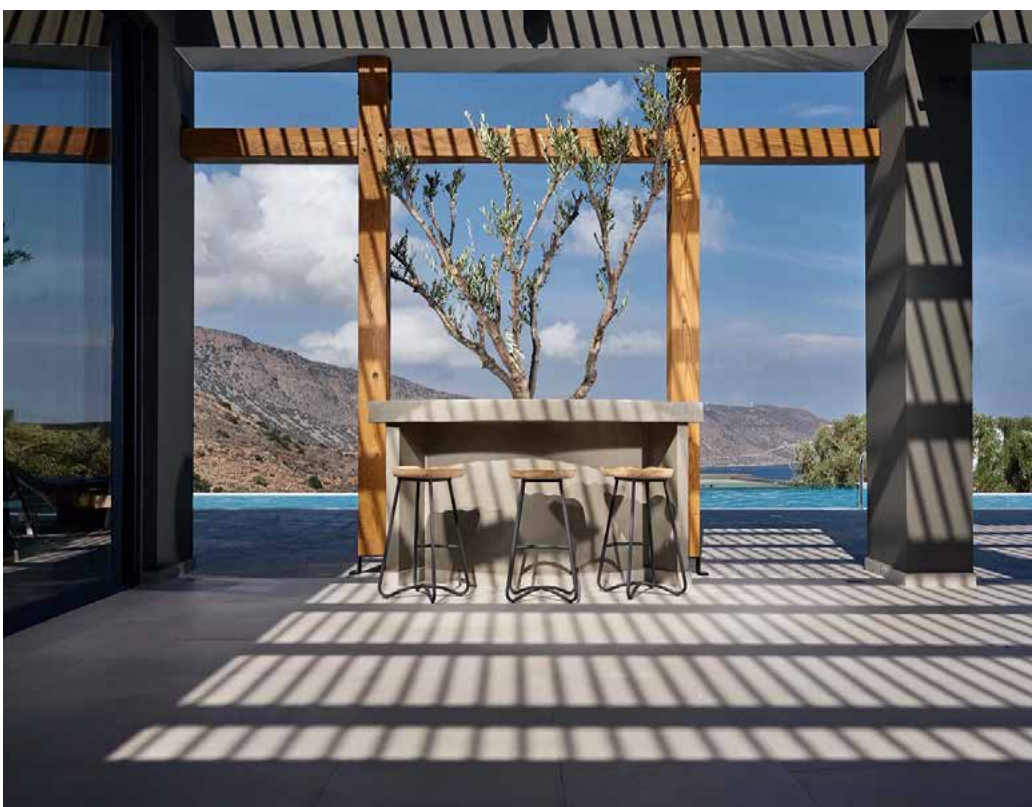
Stefanos Skandalis is an acclaimed architect with a significant career in the field. In the last fifteen years he has managed to create hotel complexes of high aesthetics, always focusing on people, and introducing a new philosophy in Greece, that of 'Glocal'. It represents a marriage of global and local elements which result in modern units with strong local aspects. Stefanos showed his inclination towards architecture very early in life. Influenced by the surrounding artistic atmosphere that existed in his close environment, as he was very attached to his aunt, the known painter Joanna Asmani; he began to study architecture from very young. He studied in Italy and his first project was the renovation of a holiday home on the outskirts of Florence. He worked for a few years there and when he returned to Greece he settled in Rethymno, where he opened his architectural office, while in 2008 he began his cooperation with the Ledra Hotels and Villas group, as head of the architectural team.

As a young boy, his dream was to build cities; and he seems to have done just that, as, this is what the hotel complexes he creates look like: as small towns, giving particular emphasis to public spaces; where visitors can meet and chat, to the high standards, the district and the natural environment.

Awards

It is not a coincidence that 2 hotels of the Ledra Hotels and Villas group that he had taken on, are members of the Marriott Hotels & Resorts and Autograph Collection and rank among the top luxury hotels of the world, having received significant distinctions and won international awards.

A few days ago, this renowned architect earned yet another significant distinction for his work "Residence in Southern Crete" at Agios Vassilios, Rethymno, at the 2020 Greek Architecture Awards. The residence was declared as the best implemented residential architecture in Greece.





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