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Jumeirah Royal Saray Bahrain



**E**STABLISHED IN 1993, WA International is a Dubai-based interior design studio which is renowned for creating exquisite interiors for the hospitality market.

The company has established an enviable clientele with longstanding relationships reflecting its superlative performance and commitment to unique interiors. The two award-winning projects featured here are prime examples of WA International's attention to detail and expertise.

Jumeirah Royal Saray Bahrain is a highly luxurious five-star hotel offering 174 guestrooms, four Royal Residences, a spa, gym and restaurants. The exterior of the building was inspired by the Andalusian Moorish style of architecture, while its interiors embrace a contemporary Arabic design. They have

been designed to reflect both the abundant pearl diving waters of the Gulf as well as the stunning patterns seen in the vernacular architecture and its detailing.

WA International's greatest influence for this project was from Sheikh Isa Bin Ali Al Khalifa's beautiful heritage home with its intricate Bahrani patterns. These wonderful layers of complex designs have been etched in rows in marble, wood, plaster and on glass. The overall colour scheme of the hotel features luminous marble and pearlescent specialist paint finishes. Almost white chenille fabrics have also been selected to further reference Bahrain's lustrous pearling industry. Royal blue and purple accent cushions are then added to provide a pop of colour throughout the interiors to great effect.

★★★★★ BEST HOTEL INTERIOR BAHRAIN Jumeirah Royal Saray Bahrain by WA International



Hyatt Regency Addis Ababa

The new Hyatt Regency Addis Ababa is located off Meskel Square which is the centre of the city, connecting artery roads to the heart of the capital. Within walking distance of the United Nations Conference Centre, the Hyatt Regency offers something not seen before in Addis Ababa: luxury with a design rooted in history, nature and the people of Ethiopia.

The property offers 188 keys including Regency Suites and Royal Suites, an all-day dining and speciality restaurant, wellness centre and state-of-the-art fitness centre, an outdoor heated swimming pool and exquisite landscaped areas. The client's brief was to create a five-star hotel with modern amenities, contemporary in design with a sense of location and Ethiopian pride. Catering primarily for the delegates of the African

Union and other diplomatic summits, the hotel had to provide a unique experience.

When translated, Addis Ababa means new flower and so WA International created a multi-faceted concept with inspiration from nature. The lily, which is the national flower of Ethiopia, contrasting landscapes of the country's vast highlands, valleys, rivers and the source of the Blue Nile have all helped to shape the design concept. Bird colours and characteristic feather markings also transcend conceptually into the interiors in a subtle and sophisticated approach. Last but not least, woven into the concept are beaded Ethiopian jewellery, indigenous body painting adornment and traditional Tibebe fabrics. The ensuing interiors have not only met all the necessary requirements but also created a truly exceptional guest experience.



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