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Founded in London in 1978, interior design firm WA International established its Dubai-based studio in 1993, to serve the Middle East's hospitality sector. Since then, the acclaimed company has completed numerous briefs for elite hotel and resort brands worldwide.

The Address in Downtown Burj Dubai is flanked by the world's tallest building, largest shopping mall and highest fountain, so its interior design scheme needed to impress. And impress it does. The 65-storey hotel is based upon a series of linked arcs, with interior plans inspired by dramatic Gulf landscapes: the rugged Hajjar mountains, azures of the Arabian gulf and golden reds of the desert dunes and sunsets.

Bespoke furniture and fabrics have been sourced from across the world, and stunning glass, marble, wood and metal pieces accentuate The Address's originality. Glass droplets are suspended from sensuous curves cut into the ceiling, and concealed cove lighting combines with over 200 custom-made chandeliers to add real glamour.

The lobby features decorative woven-timber walls, double-height glazing, oversized furnishings, light sculptures and huge artworks. Soft timber curves frame guest room entrances, wherein organic and contemporary Arabian influences complement warm red and burnt umber colour schemes.

The ballroom showcases colourchanging mood lighting for increased ambiance, whilst Hukama, the signature Chinese restaurant, impresses with its bold blue backlit glass show wall and dynamic 'shark's teeth' lighting features. Farzaris, a chic all-day eatery inspired by nature, blends cool organic features with contemporary chic.



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