

## DIANA SIMPSON DEFINING TRENDS



Rendering of the Diana Simpson-designed lobby at The Aryaduta Hotel Surabaya

Renowned Australian designer Diana Simpson has made her mark in almost every Asian and Australian metropolis, including Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Guangzhou, Delhi, Bangkok, and Taipei. Some of her finest work can be seen at the Park Hyatt Sydney, Hyatt Regency Phuket Resort and restaurants at the Hyatt Regency Danang, Vietnam.

More recent projects include the creation of exquisite interiors for the apartments of the Chairman and Honorary Chairman of Hyundai as well as their head office in Korea.

Following projects in Bali and Jakarta, Surabaya is now graced with Diana's beautiful and stylish interior design at The Aryaduta Hotel, to which she brings her passion both for design and for defining the latest trends.

"The combination of the shopping complex below, and the international 5-star hotel above, plus adjacent towers containing residences and office space create a self-sufficient lifestyle destination," says Diana. Always focusing on the unique features of the architecture to see which elements should be highlighted, her impeccable design will radiate from the moment we step into The

Aryaduta Hotel lobby.

Conscious of the lobby's role as the first introduction to a hotel's quality, hospitality, and class, Diana emphasizes the grandeur of the 3-storey high space, with large windows facing onto the landscaped gardens and pool area beyond.

"We wanted to break up the bulk of the large columns, and decided to turn them into unique features by cladding them in various sized panels of antique mirror, which reflect the sparkle of the crystal chandeliers - inspired by the famous "Hall of Mirrors" at Versailles Palace in France - the gentle stepped curves of the ceiling in silver gum timber veneer bounces daylight into the lobby. To create a warm background palette, we selected 'walnut' travertine marble floors, in rich golden color and pattern, contrasting with deep mahogany granite walls and timber, and oversized contemporary classic styled furniture in ivory, taupe and black with intricate hand-made wool rugs."

Boldly raising the bar in Surabaya's hospitality industry, Diana Simpson creates an ambience of refined and timeless elegance at The Aryaduta Hotel Surabaya.