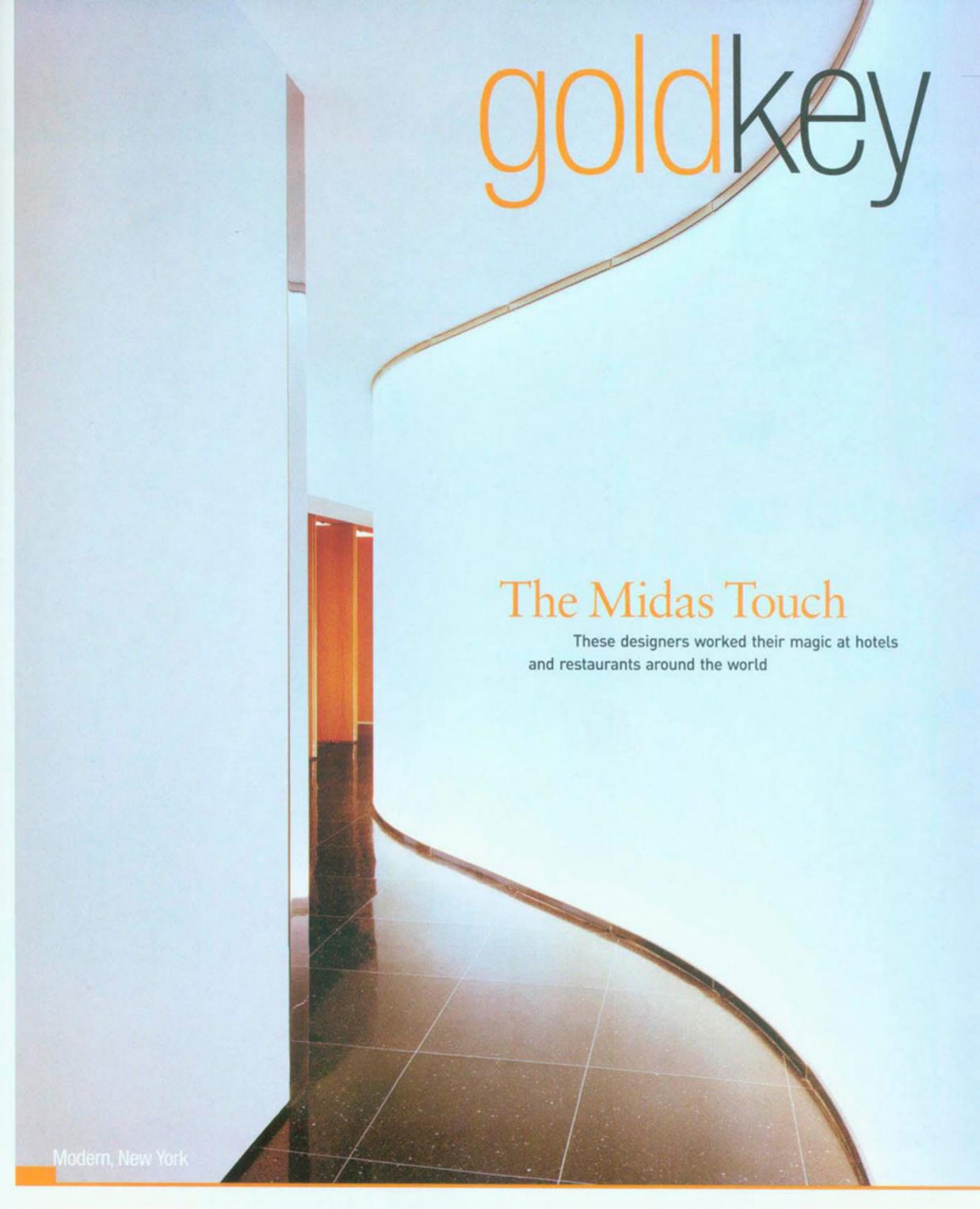




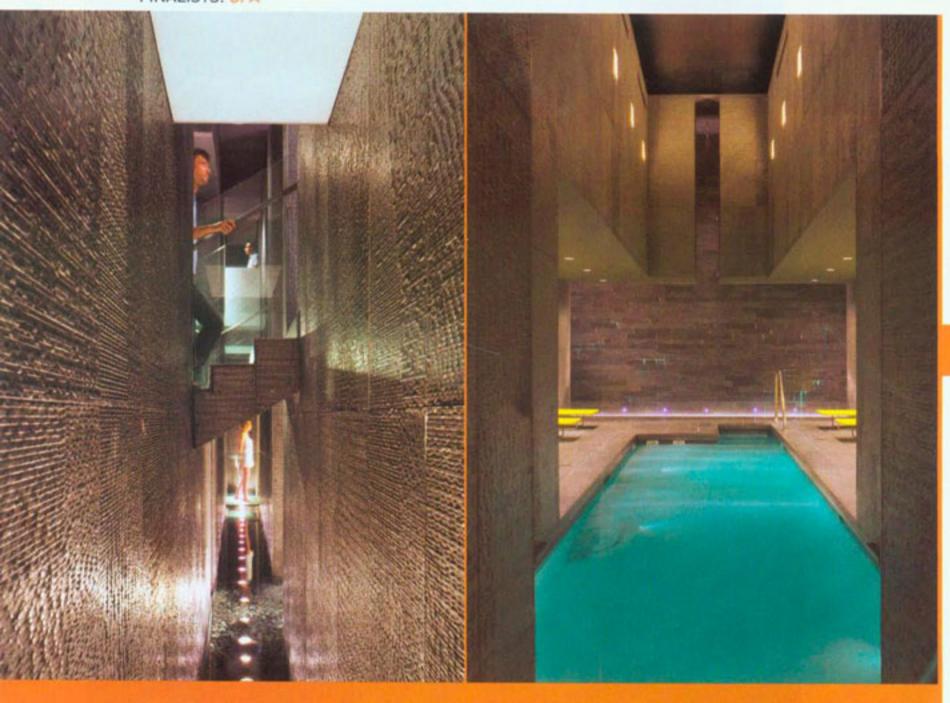
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FOR THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOLD KEY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN Hospitality Design—presented by the International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant Show—a jury composed of interior designer Karen Daroff, architect David Ling, Tocqueville restaurant owner Jo-Ann Makovitzky, and Mandarin Oriental hotel general manager Rudy Tauscher pored

over 170 entries to select 23 projects as finalists. On November 15, winners will be announced at the Mandarin Oriental, at a breakfast sponsored by *Interior Design* and *Hotels*. The Designer of the Year has already been announced: It's the in-house teams at Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. —Sheila Kim-Jamet





Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas

DESIGN: Richardson Sadeki.

STANDOUT: The Bathhouse Spa's walls of black Brazilian slate transform bathing into a grottolike experience.



Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, South Carolina

DESIGN: Wilson & Associates. STANDOUT: Screened porches blur boundaries between the bath and a picturesque pond. →