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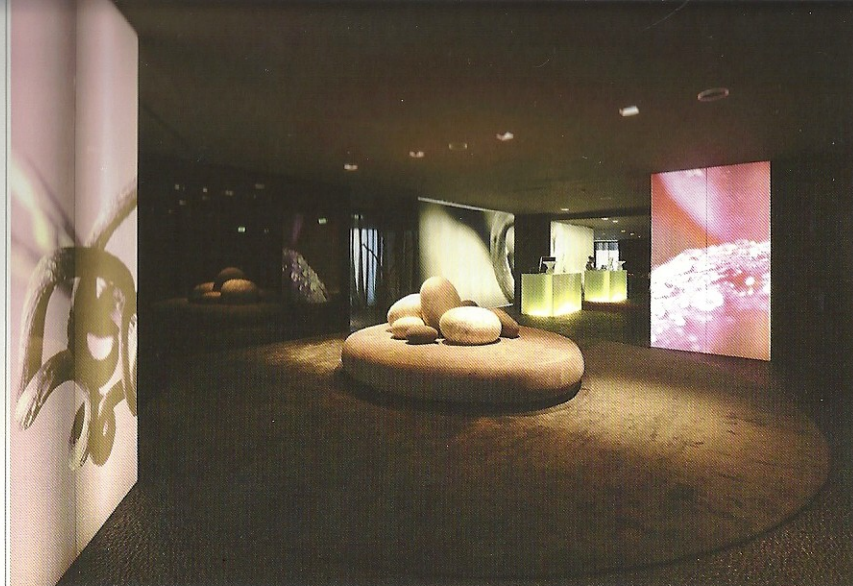


FREEING THE SOUL

EVERY INTERIORS PROJECT CARRIED OUT BY
TALENTED DESIGNERS ATELIER NINI ANDRADE SILVA
DISPLAYS STYLE, CREATIVITY AND PASSION

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Atelier Nini Andrade Silva is a Portugal-based architecture and interior design firm led by Chief Designer, Nini Andrade Silva, who has established herself and her firm as a brand of international reference. With a high level of quality and service, the company has a well earned reputation for excellence in the international world of architecture and interior design and is a several-times award winner.

The firm's work includes design, furniture design and interior architecture consultancy with an emphasis on the hospitality sector. Directed by the designer herself, the team's work is carried out by assistants, architects, interior designers and graphic designers throughout Lisbon and Funchal, and they are currently engaged in several projects worldwide, working with hotels, private residences, restaurants and offices.

VISIONARY: Recent projects have included the The Aquapura Douro Valley Hotel, which was selected by *Harrods Magazine* as one of the best 100 hotels of the world and was also recently included in *Tatler Travel Guide* 2009, which makes a selection of the top 101 hotels of the world. The five-star hotel is in Portugal's wine region, which is reflected in its design, combining eco-friendly philosophies with contemporary styles. The hotel uses earthy colours

and natural materials to evoke tranquillity and calm. Each room glows with soft, natural light and is finished with bronze-lacquered furniture, four-poster beds and steel lamps. The hotel is a wonderful demonstration of Nini's work and unremitting search for the perfect conjugation between the human needs and the soul of the spaces she conceives and creates. 'I like to make an impact, a statement,' she explains. 'I take my inspiration from nature and add the unique and unusual.'

The Fontana Park Hotel, which has been considered by the judges of the European Hotel Design Awards as the Best Interior Design for Bedrooms and Bathrooms 2008, is also a member of the Design Hotels, which are both visionary and unique.

DEFINING: Nini's work is a living illustration of her work and continues to define her talent, as is illustrated by The Vine, a luxurious hotel in her birthplace, Madeira Island. It was nominated in the award category of Interior Design from the European Hotel Design Awards 2009 and also achieved the Best Design in Europe, as well as being selected as a candidate in the shortlist of the World Architecture Festival 2009.

The Theater Hotel, located in the historical downtown area of Oporto, is the latest architectural and interior design project of Atelier. As the name

suggests, the Theater Hotel was developed around a concept directly related to its previous function, the legendary Teatro Baquet, which was the cultural hub of the city for more than 100 years.

'The interior architecture and design project integrates all its history and respect for the space's soul,' explains Nini, 'and what has come to life is an elegant and subtle environment.' The hotel is already a serious candidate for the European Hotel Design Awards 2010, the World Architecture Festival 2010 and the European Property Awards 2010, and it is set to bring Nini further acclaim.

ENDLESS: Nini's creativity seems endless and the demand for pieces created especially by her has resulted in the development of design collections of unique pieces for international brands, as well as the production of the firm's own interior and exterior furniture collection – Garota do Calhau – which ensures that it can supply all the design needs of its projects. In addition to this, Nini has been actively engaged in developing a private painting collection also called Garota do Calhau, which means 'girl of the pebbles' and is the name used to describe the free children walking on the pebbled beaches of Madeira Island. @

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