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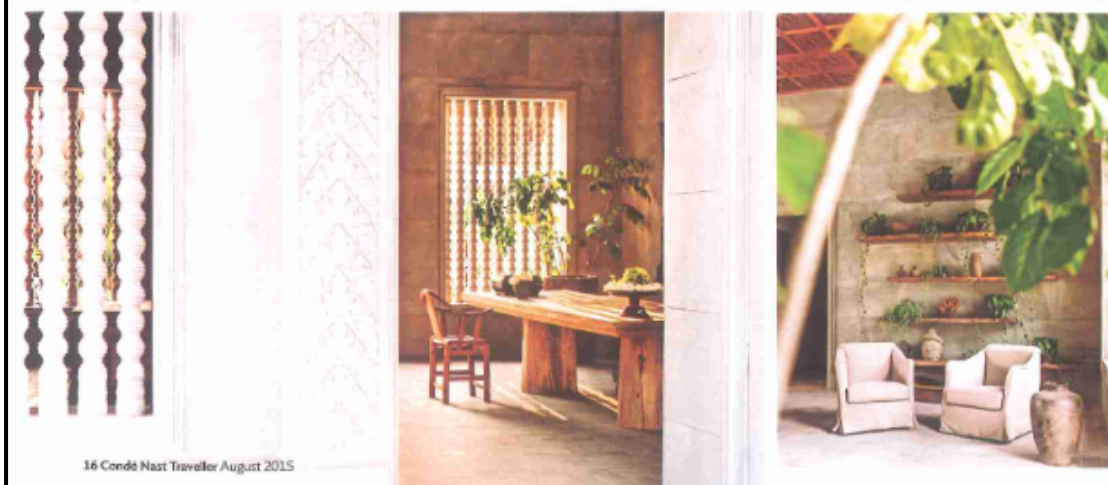
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## SAY WAT?

Near the temples of Siem Reap there's a fresh place to linger and kick back in

A short tuk-tuk ride into the verdant countryside from Angkor Wat is new retreat Phum Baitang, which aptly translates as 'green village'. Parisian-based architectural firm AW<sup>2</sup> (also behind Alila Villas and Six Senses Con Dao in Vietnam) reimagined a traditional homestead as 45 stilted, wooden villas set among the fecundity of the paddy fields. 'Most people just fly in for three days to see the temples and I think that's a real shame,' says Arnaud Zannier, the eponymous hotel group's driving force. 'We wanted to create a destination where people can come and experience real Cambodian life and culture, and explore beyond Angkor.' There is plenty to stick around for: a spa inspired by the local surroundings; a restaurant that's a riff on a street-food market; a huge infinity pool and forays to lesser-visited spots such as the floating village of Tonle Sap lake. A family affair, Zannier Hotels is part of the French fashion behemoth founded by Arnaud's father Roger, and is considered a rising star of the travel scene. Phum Baitang is its second opening, following Le Chalet Zannier in the chic Alpine village of Megève, and there are more in the pipeline, including a château in the gulf of St Tropez. [www.phumbaitang.com](http://www.phumbaitang.com); doubles from about £185 including breakfast AOIFE O'RIORDAIN







Spa Temple at  
Cambodia's Phum  
Baitang, with the cocktail  
bar, below, and open living  
rooms, below left

