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With its elusive fusion of high-tech architecture, cool design aesthetic and a hot location, a stay at the The Layar is sure to set pulses racing

The Layar in Seminyak features distinguished pitched roofs that slope dramatically to the ground, like the triangular rigging of traditional fishing boats – hence the name derived from nature (layar is Indonesian for sails). Cutting-edge contemporary architecture and super-chic interiors characterize the 23 villas, which offer stunning open-plan tropical living under the architects' signature angled, overlapping roofs. Each individual villa is set within a private landscaped garden with large swimming pool, and includes anything from one to four spacious bedroom suites.

Light-filled, spacious and with an open-plan layout for easy entertaining, living areas at each of the villas flow smoothly out to the swimming pool and Jacuzzi deck. Many of the villas

have mezzanine-level media rooms, and all have plenty of comfortable seating areas. The lavish bedroom suites are oriented for an idyllic retreat. Each and every room, even the en suite bathrooms, enjoys a foliage-fringed shower, a statuesque stone bathtub and garden views.

While each villa has a well-equipped kitchen, there's also an excellent room-service menu. Guests can also book a chef for a delicious poolside seafood barbeque or dine at the fabulous Italian Restaurant, Settimo Cielo, perched at the front of the villa.

The Layar's innovative design, great location and five-star service are definitely for those with strong aesthetic principles who are seeking original experiences.

For booking information, please visit thelayar.com.