



W Hotel
Hong Kong

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Tile Adornments!

Glass mosaics have been in trend since time immemorial, and have become the sign of imperial opulence. With designers constantly experimenting and innovating unique ways to use them, their demand shall never wane. Here we take a look at three stunning projects that have used Bisazza glass mosaic tiles. We had a tough time choosing which to feature first.

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A **S** **A** **C** **H** **I** **L** **D** we all have played with water droplets, making shapes out of it, creating our own masterpieces. Footprints, horses, smiley faces, home layouts, flowers, mountains, the world could be visualised in these water droplets. Glass mosaic tiles are just like these droplets — tiny, reflective and versatile. Each drop reflects differently and each drop has a story to say. The world is your canvas with these resourceful tiles. Clad walls, floors, ceilings, furniture; create sculptures, cover what you would like. Every creation with these tiles would be a piece of art, and if you would like, the experts at Bisazza, the world leaders in the production of glass mosaic tiles are ever willing to help you.

Over years Bisazza has been helping designers create magical spaces and the legend continues. Some call them over priced, and some say jewels don't come with a price tag. Some say they

are what a designer may call his paint, when the space is his canvas. We say, try them on, history shows that they have brought spaces to life. Need proof? Check out these spaces we have hunted from world over just to justify all our adjectives.

Butterflies on my mind

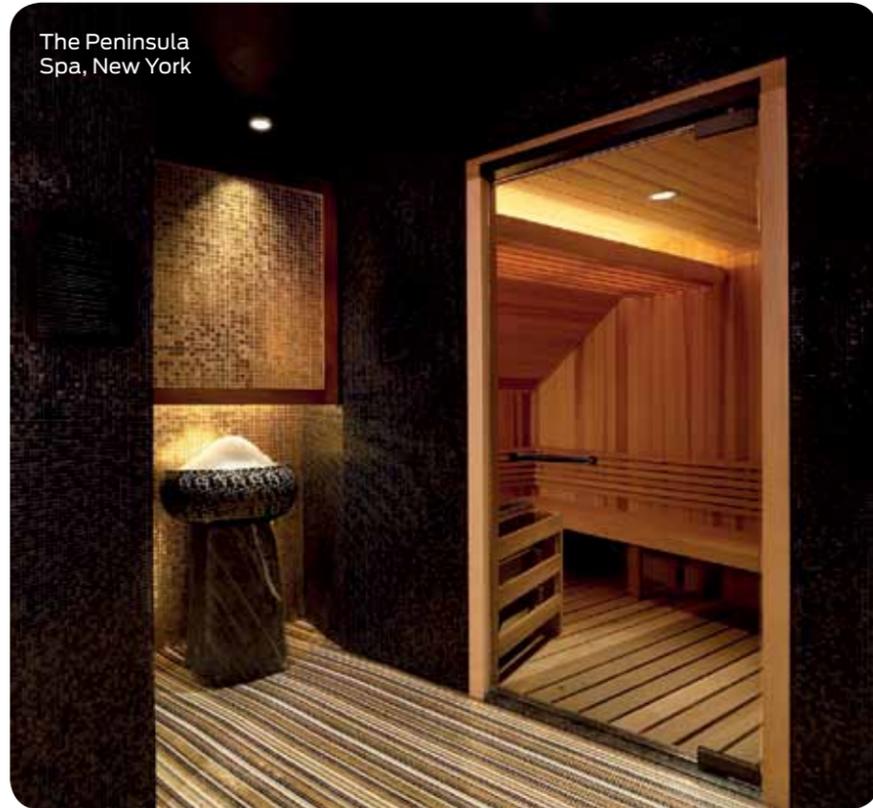
Freedom! That's what a swimming pool offers to you. You can let yourself loose in the water, drop your inhibitions and pace ahead without worrying about being pulled back. You can de-stress yourself, exercise your muscles and feel as carefree as you would like. You can feel like a butterfly.

Giving wings to this thought is the drop dead gorgeous butterfly wall at Wet, the rooftop pool of the **W Hotel in Hong Kong** designed by Italian designer Fabio Ongarato. With over 20,000 pieces of Bisazza tiles, the breath-taking mural showcases butterflies of different

sizes flying around freely symbolising an explosion of natural fantasy. In muted colours, the wall subtly draws attention without shouting too loud. A fantastic backdrop to the 211m high pool on the 76th floor that looks over the beautiful island, this giant-scale Bisazza tile mural wall has garnered much appreciation from design aficionados worldwide.

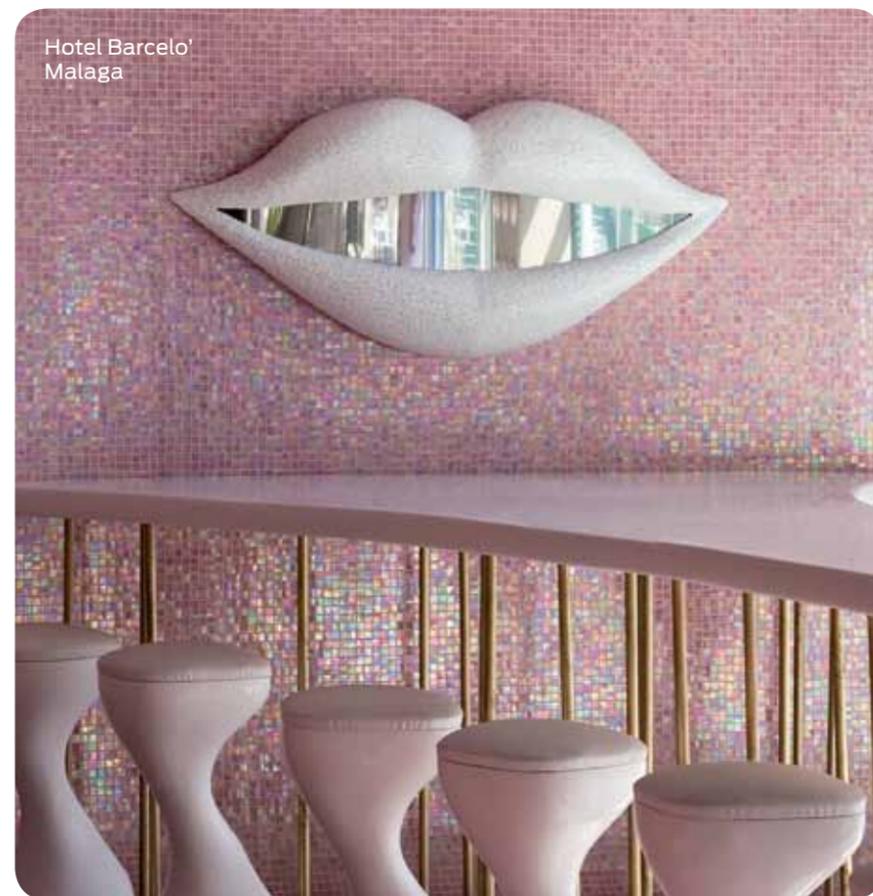
Gold class

Spas mean indulgence and ambience plays a major role in this indulgence. While mosaic murals are common in spas worldwide for they do more than just spike up the ambience, they are also easy to maintain and last forever. Like this 24-karat gold one-of-its-kind tile mural which can be found at one of the most acclaimed spas in New York. **The Peninsula Spa** by Espa designed by Alexandra Champalimaud for Champalimaud & Associates. Made with 24.karat gold Bisazza tiles, this mural serves



The Peninsula Spa, New York

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Hotel Barcelo Malaga

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as an awe-inspiring backdrop to the spa's thermal Suites, featuring aromatherapy steam rooms, saunas, "experience" showers, and ice fountains. Appropriately framed luxury is the experience of being wrapped in gold. Indulgent as the spa itself, it pulls a gold class clientele!

Sin like this

Spain is all about colour, an element inherent to any design. When these colours are presented through glass the reflections create a multitude of shades, a cascade of dimensions. **Hotel Barcelò** located at Malaga and designed by Jordi Torres an inventive Catalan designer, plays around with colours in its avant-garde B-lounge. the B-lounge is a unique lobby concept that makes you want to stand up and dance. It uses pink bisazza glass tiles that reflect throughout the space enriching the charm of the modern space. A perfect backdrop to the white bar stools, the whole space



Hotel Una Vittoria Florence

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is wrapped in this mosaic lending a very feminine appeal that might just be too much for men to resist. Sinuous elements like kiss-worthy lips dramatised with the play of light create reflections on seductive Bisazza glass tiles making this lounge an A-lister!

Wrapped in art

There are no second thoughts over first impressions being the most lasting impressions, and designer Fabio Novembre clearly agrees so. At the **Hotel Una Vittoria** at Florence

designed by him, he has managed to grab the guests' attention at the lobby itself. He successfully marries cutting edge design technology and art to showcase a captivating, ironic and breathtaking harmony of forms and colours. The Bisazza mosaic clad carpet like fluid sculptural cladding envelopes one in a mystical world where even dreams seem to come true. First a den like cladding flowing into the floor and then suddenly rising up to the reception desk and then bleeding on to its backdrop.

The impact is unmatched. The floral design chosen is artistic and ensures the mind is hooked. The balance created by using wood in the rest of the space is spectacular.

That space you always wanted to transform into a unique corner built right out of your dreams, it is time to act. Cover it up Bisazza glass tiles, dreams can be made to come true!

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