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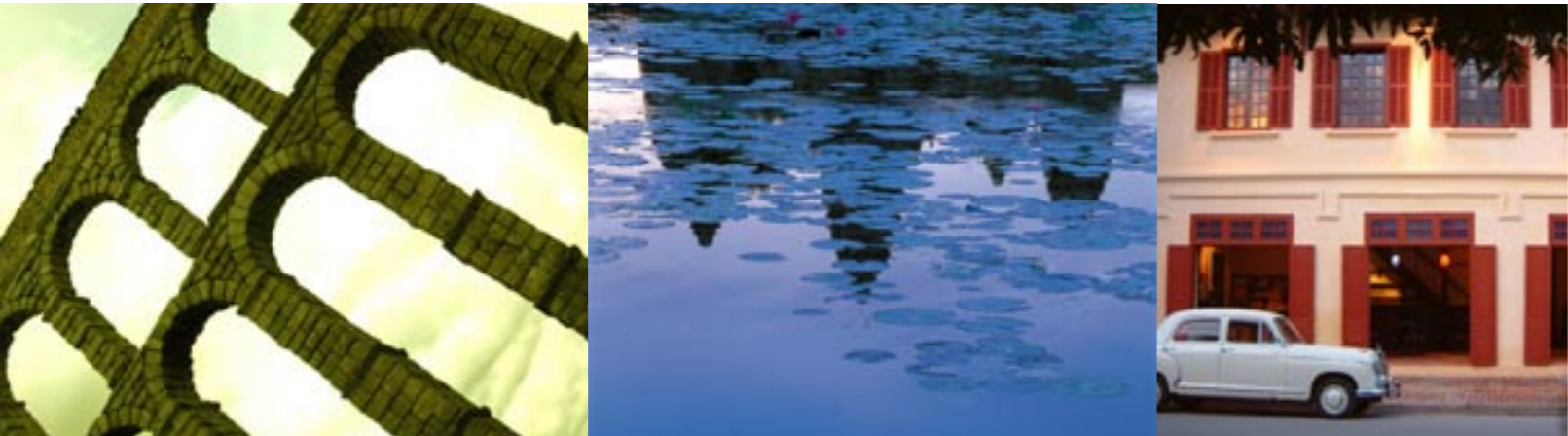
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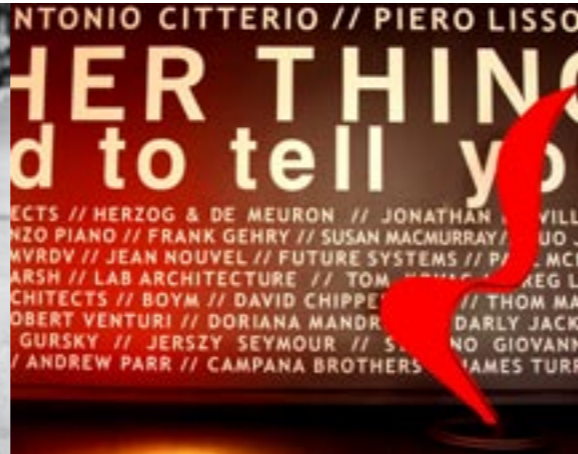
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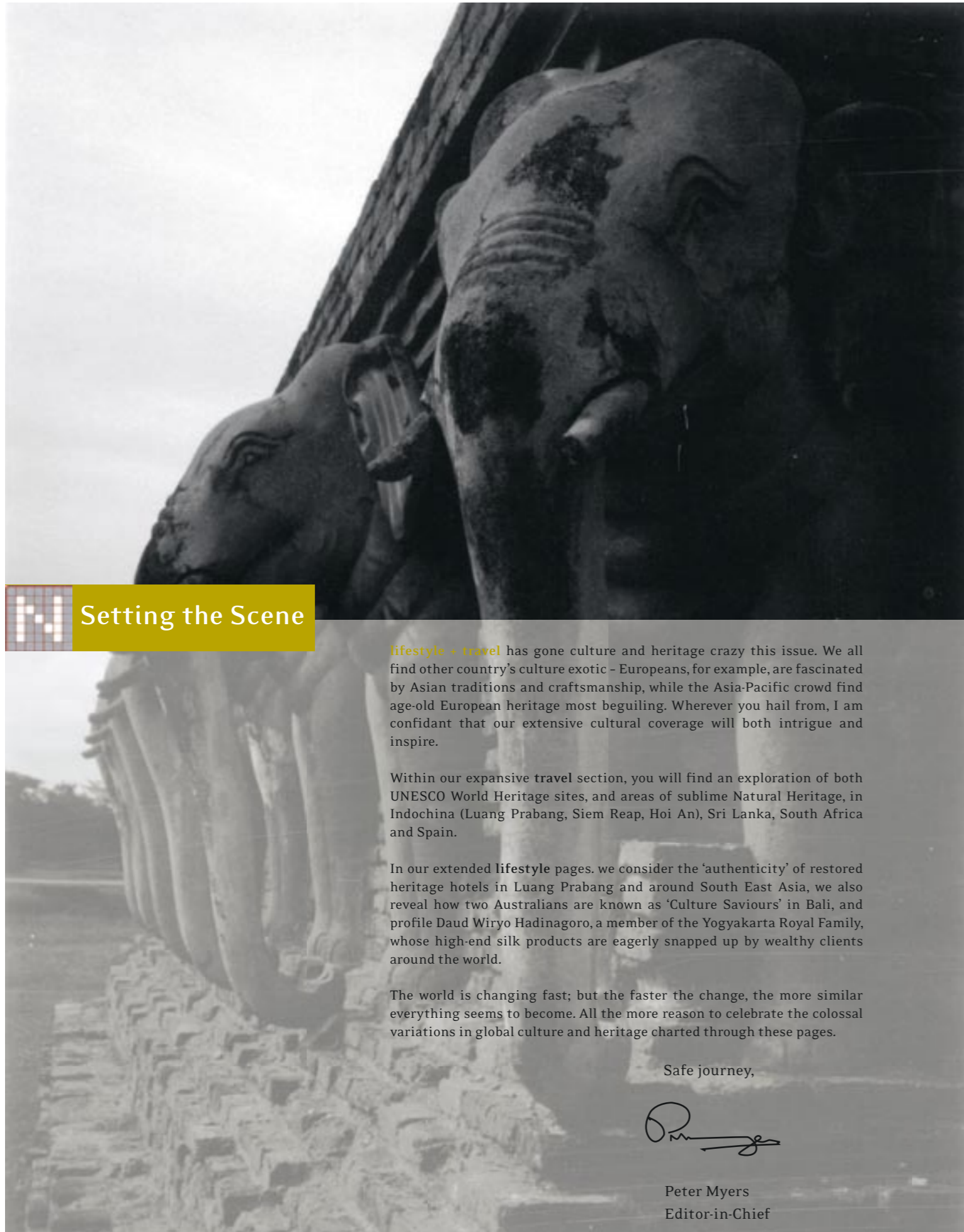
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Setting the Scene

lifestyle + travel has gone culture and heritage crazy this issue. We all find other country's culture exotic - Europeans, for example, are fascinated by Asian traditions and craftsmanship, while the Asia-Pacific crowd find age-old European heritage most beguiling. Wherever you hail from, I am confident that our extensive cultural coverage will both intrigue and inspire.

Within our expansive **travel** section, you will find an exploration of both UNESCO World Heritage sites, and areas of sublime Natural Heritage, in Indochina (Luang Prabang, Siem Reap, Hoi An), Sri Lanka, South Africa and Spain.

In our extended **lifestyle** pages, we consider the 'authenticity' of restored heritage hotels in Luang Prabang and around South East Asia, we also reveal how two Australians are known as 'Culture Saviours' in Bali, and profile Daud Wiryo Hadinagoro, a member of the Yogyakarta Royal Family, whose high-end silk products are eagerly snapped up by wealthy clients around the world.

The world is changing fast; but the faster the change, the more similar everything seems to become. All the more reason to celebrate the colossal variations in global culture and heritage charted through these pages.

Safe journey,

Peter Myers
Editor-in-Chief



Contributors



Contributing editor and photographer **Justin Eeles** has been working in publishing in South East Asia for over ten years, based initially in Jakarta and Bali, and more recently in Bangkok. For this issue, Justin travelled to Cambodia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Spain, and came back with some incredible pictures.



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Exchanging the Big Apple for the Big Mango, **Nissara Horayangura** returned to the country of her passport last year, after a lifetime overseas; in the Philippines, Bangladesh, and the US. Her wanderlust remains untamed, however, and from her Bangkok base, she contributes regularly to the *Bangkok Post*, *Sawasdee* and other regional publications.



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