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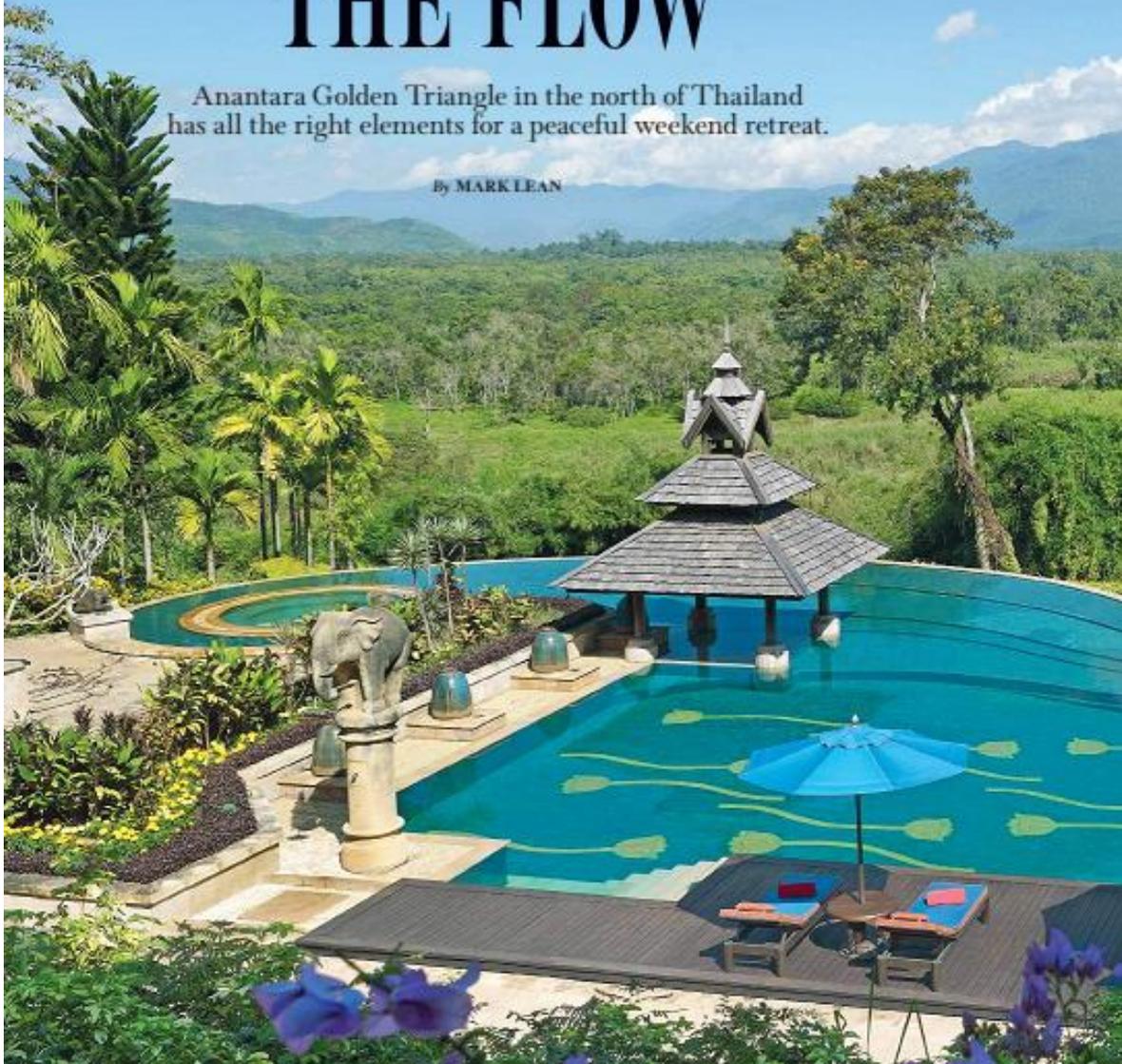
BRING ON TOMORROW
WITH NEW, COOL TECH



GOING WITH THE FLOW

Anantara Golden Triangle in the north of Thailand
has all the right elements for a peaceful weekend retreat.

By MARK LEAN



Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp and Resort is a gorgeous 77-room property near Ruak River. It's in a remote region such as this that conventional notions of luxury travel are fast recalibrating. Instead of gravitating to the most exclusive private member bars or guest lists at the hippest clubs, a new breed of luxury traveller is beginning to seek out peace and fresh air.

Among the resort's compelling attractions is its elephant camp, home to a collection of well-cared for and obedient pachyderms. One may explore the countryside slightly after sunrise with a mother elephant and her 24-month-old offspring Yuki or consider an hour-long yoga session with your elephant companion.

The latter is one of several activities focussing on wellness along with a healthful menu

devised by executive chef Paitoon Surawongpaiboon. The chef, who spent honed his skills in Italy, makes the most of the freshest local ingredients like black jasmine rice served with grilled chicken, succulent greens with pasta prepared in the lightest of sauces – dishes served in the property's two restaurants: Sala Mae Nam specialising in Thai cuisine and the Italian Baan Dahlia. www.goldentriangle.anantara.com

The big, curvaceous pool comes with a jacuzzi, sunloungers and serene views.

