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Going for five-star style, developers spent \$300,000 on authentic Balinese touches such as pottery, carvings, water features, hand-carved sculptures and tiling. The judges were also impressed by the high level of attention to design, detail and finishes, as well as energy and water efficiency.

The resort's additional facilities include a distinctive owners' and guests' pavilion, five-star restaurant, a 24-hour DJ, conferencing and meeting rooms and a day spa.

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