

Making a statement

BOLD, INNOVATIVE DESIGN enables these four *HOTELS* – in Botswana, Chicago and London – to stand out from the crowd



The rolling curves and overlapping, plate-like scales of the pangolin – often known as ‘scaly anteaters’ – were the inspiration for the architectural shape of the main lodge at andBeyond’s SANDIBE OKAVANGO SAFARI LODGE in Botswana, rebuilt during 2014. In a compelling, organic design that seems to writhe and rise from the flood plains, architect Michaelis Boyd used various native eucalyptus and cedar, created curves and space, opened up the view and built eight suites that evoke weaver-bird nests. Despite its dramatic arches, the main lodge feels an intimate sanctuary at the end of a long day scouting for giant horned kudu, secretary birds, cheetah, African wild dog, elephant and hippo out on the delta. 00-27-113 094 300; www.andbeyond.com