

The Monsaraz

Where California Began

TILE: *Lisbon Azul**



LEGACY HAS IT that Point Loma, San Diego was the place “where California began”. Discovered by a Portuguese navigator commissioned by the Spanish crown, today it is home to the Monsaraz, a very special Tapestry Hotel by Hilton, offering the perfect blend of 16th century history and 21st century contemporary comforts.

True to its mission to connect with local culture, the Monsaraz has been thoughtfully designed by Amy Saenger Dehnert of KNA Design, West Hollywood, Los Angeles. Ms. Dehnert, inspired by details from the property namesake — the ancient village of Monsaraz, Portugal — intentionally connected historic references in her design approach. “One of the oldest settlements in southern Portugal, Monsaraz has a rich history. I wanted to bring some of its flavor and culture forward and celebrate the aesthetic tie to such a special place in Portugal. Of course, that meant incorporating beautiful ceramic tile in abundance!”

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Dehnert notes that Portuguese tile dates back centuries, and reverence for the timeless blue hand-painted patterns seen around the Portuguese countryside was important, but also needed to have a fresh look to complement the overall design direction. “I needed a partner who understood the importance of blending together the historic and contemporary. Emser Tile was able to bridge the gap by providing tile that felt modern but also timeless. And they delivered within our budget.”

PROJECT:

The Monsaraz,
Tapestry Collection by Hilton
Point Loma, San Diego, CA

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