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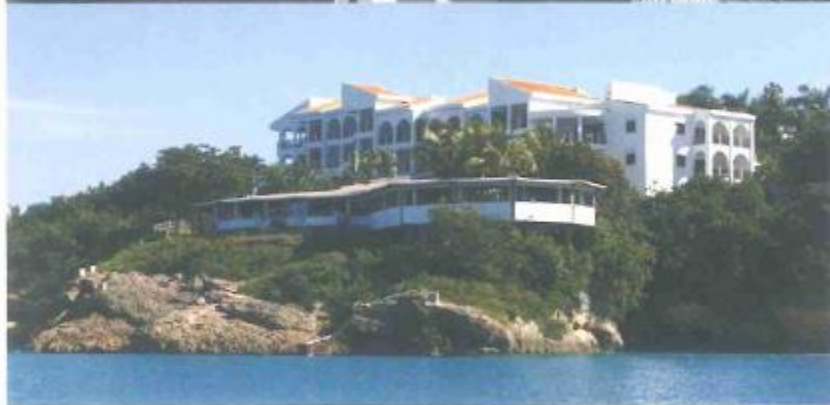
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A REFRESHED ICON

Sitting on the bluffs above Meads Bay and Turtle Cove on Anguilla, the Malliouhana has emerged from a three year renovation project for the Caribbean winter season. Set in 20 acres of prime beachfront, the Auberge Resort retains its original white buildings, tiled roofs and elegant Moorish arches. The renovation includes the creation of 46 spacious ocean-view rooms and suites, a two-tiered infinity pool, and a new open air cliffside restaurant fronted by New York Michelin-star chef Jeremy Bearman. Guests can also indulge in treatments at the two-storey Auberge Spa, or on one of the two white-sand beaches that crown the resort.

malliouhana.com

Above

The Caribbean island of Anguilla welcomes back a refreshed Malliouhana to its shores

A HOP, SKIP & JUMP

The waters surrounding the British Virgin Islands are regarded as some of the world's best cruising grounds, and getting there has just become easier as the BVI Tourist Board announces a new VIP air service. The new flights between Antigua and Beef Island in the BVIs connect with the arrivals and departures of scheduled British Airways and Virgin Atlantic flights between London Gatwick and Antigua. The twice weekly flights, on Fridays and Saturdays, are operated by VI Airlink. To ensure a completely stress-free journey, the new system also includes a personalised meet-and-greet concierge service, with guests being met after clearing immigration and escorted through the baggage hall, customs and security. viairlink.com



BELLE MONT FARM

Kittitian Hill on the Caribbean island of St Kitts has unveiled the first chapter of its luxury sustainable development with the opening of a brand new boutique property, Belle Mont Farm. A collection of guesthouses set within an organic farm, the property works harmoniously with its

surroundings. Located on the north coast of the island, amid 400-acres on the fertile slopes of Mount Liamuiga, Belle Mont Farm will immerse guests in local culture and heritage. Fruit trees grow abundantly in the grounds and there is even an 'edible' Par 71, 18-hole golf course, where players are encouraged to try the fresh fruits that



they see while playing the course. The cuisine is a farm-to-table affair using only the freshest of local produce at The Kitchen restaurant and The Mill bar. The famed Golden Lemon Inn at Dixppe Bay will be part of the Kittitian Hill development, offering a seafood restaurant, beach club and bar. kittitianhill.com



ECO-LUXE

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BEQUIA BEAUTY

Bequia Beach Hotel's latest addition, the newly built Estate Villa, offers the sanctuary of a private luxury villa while providing the lavish amenities of the hotel. Located a few steps away from Friendship beach, the Estate Villa's design resonates with the island's classic Caribbean charm. Featuring two twin and two master bedrooms, a large private infinity pool and a striking wrap-around terrace with unrivalled views to Mustique, the villa provides the perfect getaway for families. bequia.com

Above

The new Estate Villa offers privacy while guests can enjoy the amenities of the Bequia Beach Hotel



EASTERN ESCAPES

Belmond (née Orient Express) has added two new routes to their Eastern & Oriental Express routes. The five night 'Fables of the Peninsula' travels from Singapore to Bangkok and the two-night 'The Ancient Temples of Lanna' travels between Bangkok and Chiang Mai.

The Ancient Kingdom of Lanna overnight journey from Bangkok to the old capital of the northern Thai kingdom of Lanna, Chiang Mai, takes in a visit to Lampang for a tour of the city in its trademark horse drawn carriages, originally imported from England for use by Thai nobility. Tours include guided strolls through a quaint residential Soi (side street); Thai cookery demonstrations, shopping in the traditional markets for arts and crafts that represent Chiang Mai's Lanna heritage, and a visit to the Dhara Dhevi Tea House.

The Fables of The Peninsula land cruise starts with an overnight stay at the legendary Raffles Singapore Hotel followed by a five night journey through Malaysia and Thailand. Daily excursions include the lively city of Kuala Lumpur followed by complete relaxation in the mystic, rolling hills of the Cameron Highlands with an overnight stay at the Cameron Highlands Resort in the famous tea plantation. There is also a visit to historic Penang and tours of the rural community of Huay Yang.

belmond.com

THE STORY SO FAR...

The Belmond Grand Hotel Europe, Russia's first ever five star hotel, has unveiled six magnificent new suites including the largest presidential suite in St. Petersburg and five Avant-Garde Suites inspired by 20th century Russian artists. The lavish Presidential Suite is accessed through a grand lobby with a gold leaf ceiling. It offers views of Nevsky Prospekt and Mikhailovskaya Ulitsa and features two bedrooms, two marble bathrooms and a hammam sauna. It also has its own exclusive fitness centre, a games room, dining room, living room with bar, and a combined study and library. There is also

a kitchen and a music room with antique Carl Schroeder grand piano.

Designed in homage to Russian art of the 1900s, the five Avant-Garde Suites are named after famous artists from the era. Opulently decorated with high ceilings, each space is individually designed to reflect its namesake artist and features specially commissioned artwork that is reminiscent of their work. The creation of the Presidential and Avant-Garde Suites is the latest phase in an impressive refurbishment plan at Belmond Grand Hotel Europe, which also saw the restoration of the hotel's neo-baroque facade in 2013. belmond.com



TEA+SEA

Late 2014 marked an exciting new chapter for Sri Lanka's tourism industry as the country welcomed the glamorous beach resort, Cape Weligama. The second hotel venture for Resplendent Ceylon, the new resort follows the success of iconic sister hotel, Ceylon Tea Trails, to offer the perfect complement of 'Tea and Sea'. Located south of Galle Port on Sri Lanka's south coast, Cape Weligama overlooks the bay of Weligama, an area which is famed for whale watching. Spread over 12 acres of landscaped grounds, the 40-room and suite resort has a number of dining options, along with a cliff top infinity pool, in-villa spa services, and a fully equipped gym. For those wishing to experience Sri Lanka's legendary tea country, a seaplane service connects Cape Weligama with Ceylon Tea Trails.

capeweligama.com



UNDERWATER ADVENTURES

The Fijian Island resort, Laucala Island, has become the first resort in the world to offer a Deep Flight Super Falcon submersible experience. Just 40 minutes from the resort is one of Fiji's most legendary dive sites, the Great White Wall, a vertical wall blanketed in soft white coral. On board the submersible, which is available to guests at a cost of US\$2,000 per hour, guests will have 360-degree views of magnificent coral reefs, abundant fish, and sharks, among other marine life while sitting comfortably in the craft. For those looking for a shallower diving experience, Laucala Island is surrounded by lagoons, colourful reefs and tropical fish, such as coral trout, angelfish, lionfish and octopus, making for an unparalleled underwater adventure.

laucala.com



SUMBANESE VILLAS

Twice the size of Bali yet virtually undiscovered by tourists, the Indonesian island of Sumba lies 250 miles southeast of Bali. A pristine landscape with stunning beaches, tropical scenery and a fascinating tribal culture, Sumba is home to the Nihiwatu retreat. After a major refurbishment programme, Nihiwatu introduced nine new villas to complement the existing 12 villas on the estate - all hand built by local craftsmen using material indigenous to Indonesia, including along along teak and rattan. Tucked away amongst the trees, Nihiwatu's villas overlook the Indonesian waters and offer the epitome of eco-friendly, understated luxury. Sandy floored bathrooms, private pools and open-air, open-plan living, reflect the simplicity and beauty of Sumbanese architecture, allowing the wild natural surroundings to take centre stage. The resort is set within 500 acres of land (only 10% of which is developed) and overlooks one and a half miles of pristine beach. Along with the new and existing villas, the resort also comprises a bar and restaurant pavilions, boathouse and jungle spa.

nihiwatu.com



ESCAPE TO THE INDIAN OCEAN

The AVANI Seychelles Barbarons Resort & Spa on the west coast of Mahé has been through an extensive redevelopment and boasts 124 revamped guest rooms and suites, restaurants, bars, pool areas and landscaped gardens. Located along the calm secluded bay of Barbarons Beach, guests are treated to unobstructed coastal views with direct access to a 600-metre stretch of beach and turquoise waters.

avanihotels.com/seychelles-barbarons



DOUBLE IMPACT FOR FOUR SEASONS
 The Four Seasons Hotel, The Westcliff Johannesburg, recently opened its doors to visitors to the vibrant city of Johannesburg. Located just minutes from the major business centres and tourist attractions, the hotel is nestled among eight acres of lushly landscaped gardens. With 117 guest rooms and suites scattered through nine low rise buildings, the hotel is a welcome respite from the bustling city.

The Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach is a green oasis amid Dubai's soaring towers. Located close to the key business hubs, the resort is in the prestigious Jumeirah neighbourhood and is flanked by Dubai's longest stretch of natural beachfront. The 237 guestrooms and suites, dining options galore, pool and a spa area are all indulgently housed in the brand new property.

fourseasons.com

Above
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 The new Four Seasons in Johannesburg provides a welcome retreat

Below
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 The Four Seasons Dubai at Jumeirah Beach is a green oasis amid Dubai's soaring towers



CLASSIC PARIS
 From award-winning hotel group, La Réserve, comes the much anticipated opening of La Réserve Paris Hotel and Spa - a 'hotel particulier' with 40 rooms and suites, hidden between Avenue Montaigne and Faubourg Saint-Honoré. Within a Haussmann style mansion, this new hotel is imbued with the chic and confidential feel of a private club, or an early 19th century private apartment. There are more suites than rooms, all of which have been designed in a graceful, classical style by Jacques Garcia. The hotel also has a library, a 16-metre indoor pool, a gym and spa, and a restaurant serving contemporary French cuisine. Classic Parisian views of the Elysees Gardens, Le Grand Palais and the Eiffel Tower are the pièce de résistance.

lareserve-paris.com



A FRESH LOOK
 Situated in the French ski resort of Avoriaz in the heart of the Portes de Soleil ski area, the Hotel des Dromonts has reopened the doors of this boutique hotel. Fifty years after first opening, the hotel has been totally re-configured to incorporate state-of-the-art facilities in the Sibuel's signature style. Featuring three very different restaurants and a spa with indoor pool, Hotel des Dromonts is the only hotel in Avoriaz. Perfectly positioned at an altitude of 1800m for guests to explore the vast Portes du Soleil ski area of over 650km of



runs. Avoriaz is located above the French resort of Morzine and is linked with 12 other resorts either side of the Swiss-French border.

hoteldesdromonts.com

BALINESE BEAUTY

Opening early in 2015, The Chedi Club Jimbaran is a private estate nestling in 22,000 square metres of tranquil grounds in the southern region of Bali. Encompassing 34 butler serviced pool villas, each is equipped with in-room dining service, a full kitchen, and a Balinese pavilion for al fresco meals and barbecues. The resort's spaces are the creation of Robert Nation, principal of Nation Architects, and Jaya Ibrahim, one of Indonesia's foremost interior designers. Guests can look forward to all day dining at The Restaurant, choose from in-villa dining or enjoy a bite by the 25-metre-long U-shaped pool. The luxury resort will also feature a spa and health club to cater to guests' wellness needs as they find rejuvenation in this secluded oasis.

ghmhotels.com/en/jimbaran/



FOUR SEASONS HEADS TO BAHRAIN

Opening in February, the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay will be a magnificent urban resort. Occupying its own private island, the new hotel has already become an iconic building for Bahrain. The 68-storey structure features 273 spacious guest rooms and suites suspended from the 11th to 28th floors - providing every room with elevated views of the Arabian Gulf and the Manama skyline.

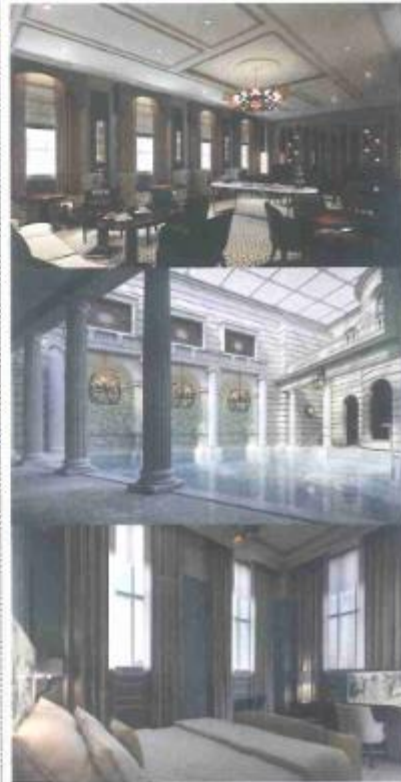
Four Seasons has extended its long standing relationship with Wolfgang Puck with the opening of two signature restaurants and a new bar and lounge from the legendary chef at the new property.

fourseasons.com

BATH & SPA

The Gainsborough Bath Spa is one of the hottest UK openings for 2015. Like a potted history of English architecture, the hotel boasts a Georgian façade and Victorian wings, all housed in an Elizabethan building, which sits atop 19th century vaults beneath which are original Roman baths, upon which the very city of Bath was founded. The original baths, which are fed by natural thermal waters, have been revived and are to be used in a newly built colonnaded bathing atrium. The hotel itself is equally splendid, with 99 bedrooms, of which three will be dedicated spa suites with thermal water that springs directly from underground.

thegainsboroughbathspa.co.uk





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