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GREECE: Santorini's New Mystique

There's an arriviste on Santorini that's set to up the ante for the island's luxury hotels. Mystique, carved into a cliffside in the picturesque village of Oia, consists of 18 suites spanning 30 to 70 square metres. Each is furnished with a modern take on traditional style with whirlpool bathtubs. But it's the panoramic private terraces overlooking the ocean that makes the resort stand apart. Aromatherapy massages and spa treatments are offered in-suite. The main infinity pool and Aura terrace bar are only an elegant stagger away while gourmet restaurant Charisma conspires to keep you within the confines of the hotel. That said, break out for a sailing trip to the Aegean Caldera, a dramatic, sea-filled crater created by the collapse of a volcano. www.mystique.gr

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UMBRIA: Medieval Moderne

In the Italian countryside, try the new Torre di Moravola in Umbria which offers sleek design in a traditional setting for up to 14 guests. Architect Christopher Chong and designer Seonaid Mackenzie took a 12th-century watchtower on the ridge of a mountain overlooking the Carpini valley and transformed it into a unique retreat where modernism meets Medieval masonry. Seven split-level suites with sunken baths made of local Pietra Serena stone wrap around the original tower. All have access to the public areas at the tower's core, the four terraces that surround it and the 25m infinity pool with 360-degree views of the Umbrian countryside. Extra services include a driver, maid, chef, holistic spa treatments and guides.

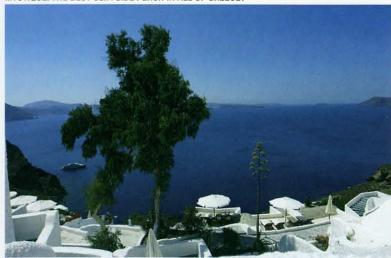
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CALIFORNIA: Life's a Beach

California's Malibu Beach Inn has just reopened after a multi-million dollar facelift bankrolled by its media mogul owner, David Geffen. The slick, top-down makeover includes a contemporary exterior of glass, stone and polished steel. The expanded dining room features an impressive menu with Mediterranean tapas, modern, locallyinspired cuisine and a wine list of premier limited edition Californian wines. All 47 rooms are furnished with high-tech facilities and minibars stuffed full of delicacies from Dean & Deluca and the six suites have balconies and fireplaces for year-round comfort. The Carbon Beach Club has a full range of machines to keep quests and members lean and trim - an essential in Malibu where life is the beach.

www.malibubeachinn.com

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