

Hotel *news*

As the season gears up in Europe, Greece welcomes brand-new **Abaton Island Resort & Spa** hersotels.gr which is bringing Cretan cool in spades. Expect all the usual Greek-chic trappings: Colgate whites, more glass than Murano and boho-luxe styling with aplomb. Of the 152 rooms, spread over a whopping 14 categories, 71 have pools and all have terraces or balconies. The design of the sleek split-level suites, which feature an airy bedroom atop a glass-and-tile staircase, are our pick when it comes to design, but the seafront rooms are really the stuff spring flings are made of. Elsewhere, you'll find two pools making their way down to the beach, tennis courts, an Elemis spa and five restaurants. Pick your favourite, pull up a pew and watch the sea turn to liquid gold come sunset over a glass of local wine.

On the other side of the continent, **Royal Hideaway Corales** barcelo.com in Tenerife is the latest feather in Spanish hotel

Clockwise from top:
architectural wonder
Como Uma Canggü;
one of the hotel's
penthouse rooms
with private pool;
an Abaton Island
Resort loft interior;
every shade of
blue in the 'Beach'
section of Royal
Hideaway Corales

group Barceló's cap. Set on the south coast in the Costa Adeje area, the sprawling resort is split into two equally divine concepts – 121-room 'Beach' is adult-only, while 114-apartment 'Suites' is family friendly. Island architect Leonardo Omar and design studio MKV London is responsible for the look. Guggenheim-like curves meet militantly modern crisp exteriors which champion sea views from various infinity pools and frosted-glass balconies. Rooms are spick-and-span havens of blonde wood, ornate partitions and decent outdoor spaces, while Suites' apartments offer a separate lounge, and kitchens, should you wish to plunder the

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