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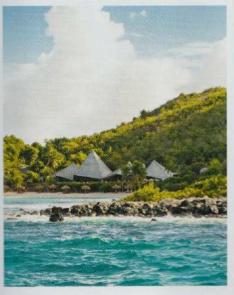


GUIDE TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HOTELS IN THE WORLD



- BEACH -

Cobblers Cove in Barbados – a stalwart of pastel-pink, genteel Englishness – has stepped up a gear design-wise, employing Lulu Lytle and her team at Soane to redecorate the hall, the drawing room and a handful of suites. Her signature use of rattan furniture and lighting plays an important role, as do hand-printed fabrics and wallpapers. The result is as perfect for a Caribbean hotel as an English country house.



ROUND-UP

In the British Virgin Islands, Rosewood's Little Dix Bay (left) was about to relaunch after a major refurbishment when Hurricane Irma delivered her devastating blow. Now, three years on, the hotel is back with a bounce. One & Only boasts a clutch of new openings, among which are Mandarina - a collection of clifftop villas and treehouses above the palm-fringed sands of Mexico's Pacific coast Riviera Nayarit - and Portonovi at the entrance of Montenegro's Boka Bay. In Indonesia's Lombok, The Legian Sire promises beachfront chic, Balinese-style when it opens in June. Truly off the beaten track, however, in Indonesia's Riau Archipelago between Malaysia and Borneo, Bawah Reserve will launch six new lodges on the neighbouring and previously untouched island of Elang. Vietnam welcomes two new beach resorts - LUX Phu Quoc on the eponymous island off the country's southwest coast in the Gulf of Thailand, and Bai San Ho from Zannier Hotels on a barely developed peninsula on the east coast midway between Hoi An and Nha Trang. To Africa, where Mozambique's Benguerra Island welcomes high-end wilderness beach retreat Kisawa Sanctuary, which boasts a light touch on the land and a deep engagement with local culture. In Europe, the Greek island of Mykonos sees the launch of Kalesma, a 25-suite, village-style hotel in Ornos Bay with minimalist rustic interiors and sea views from every room. And in Italy, the characterful Ligurian seaside town of Portofino will see a major renovation of Belmond's 14-room converted townhouse, the Splendido Mare, in the main piazza overlooking the harbour.