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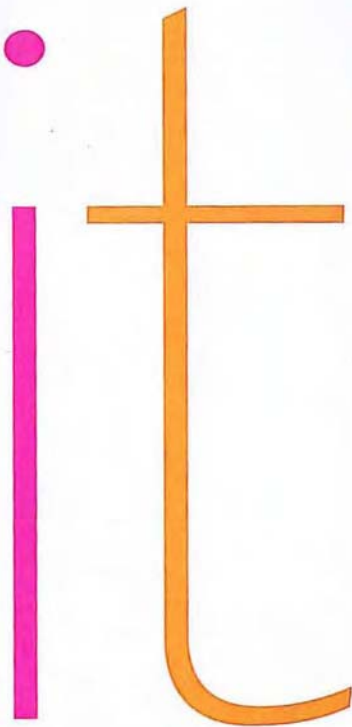
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rooms—the smallest is 730 square feet. There are limestone-covered bathrooms (beware of the toe-trapping floating steps leading up to the tub), shoji glass, glistening pale wood surfaces, and lacquered paper panels. All this, and a restaurant by star chef Gray Kunz, formerly of the St. Regis and Café Gray in New York. *88 Queenstown; 852/2918-1838; upperhouse.com; doubles from \$386.*

BEACH BALI, INDONESIA

Alila Villas Uluwatu

Bali's most seductive new hideaway has one foot in the air (an impossibly cantilevered pavilion seems to float skyward over a cliff) and the other firmly planted in the earth. Built

in accordance with Green Globe principles—all materials were locally sourced—the Alila sits on the southern coast of the Bukit Peninsula, a quiet corner known for fabulous surfing and even more fabulous temples; the resort's knowledgeable guides lead tours. In each of the 84 villas, the bedroom's fourth wall opens onto a frangipani-shaded pool and pavilion, with the Indian Ocean glittering in the distance. The highlight: Warung, the Alila's Indonesian restaurant, which serves authentic dishes such as grilled red snapper scented with lime, shallots, and lemongrass. *Jalan Belimbing Sari, Banjar Tambiyak, Desa Pecatu; 62-361/848-2166; alilahotels.com; doubles from \$750.*

BEACH ACAPULCO, MEXICO

Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués

Acapulco's scene is located along its coastal stretch, and the new Banyan Tree will turn savvy travelers' attention farther south along San Marqués cape. Asian-inspired rooms are accented with

Mexican artisan details (framed handwoven textiles from Oaxaca; honey-colored onyx lamps). Attentive staff whisk guests from cliff-top villas to the holistic spa, but at this secluded sanctuary, why rush? Perhaps to dine at Saffron, the resort's signature Thai restaurant, whose chefs just arrived from Banyan Tree Phuket. *Lot 1, Blvd. Cabo Marqués, Colonia Punta Diamante; 800/226-9262; banyantree.com; doubles from \$520.*

BEACH PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS AND CAICOS

Gansevoort Turks & Caicos

The Gansevoort, steps from the prized white sand of Grace Bay beach, exudes a confident sense of cool: guests recline on extra-wide chaise longues or on one of the "floating islands" that punctuate the infinity-edged blue-tiled pool, all to the sound track of Caribbean-inspired lounge music. The 91 rooms are South Beach mod (low-slung platform beds; glass-walled showers built for two), but vacationing urbanites usually prefer to spend time at the hotel's

The grounds at Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués, in Acapulco, Mexico, left. Below: Poolside at Gansevoort Turks & Caicos. Opposite: The English garden next to the lobby at Viceroy Anguilla.

