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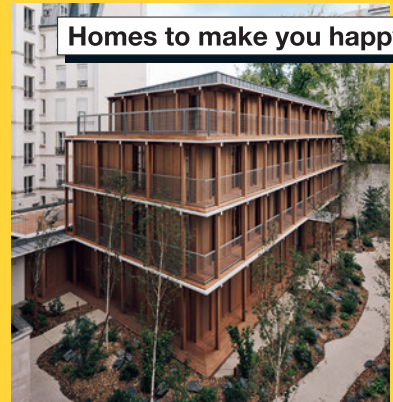
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TRAVEL BRIEFING
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The world is starting to get going again, so make sure that you're in prime position to explore it in style by getting to know new openings from Mexico to Mozambique and a retreat in California's wine country.



The Pig at Harlyn Bay
CORNWALL, UK

"Even though each Pig hotel has its own personality, you'll always know you're in one," says Mark Jones, director of the newest member of the porcine pack at Harlyn Bay in Cornwall. This 30-bed hotel is the seventh in the collection, which was started by Hotel du Vin founder Robin Hutson in 2011. Each premises has a sizeable kitchen garden and each has been designed with care by Judy Hutson, who has an eye for antique furniture.

The Hutsons have brought this 15th-century house back to life, restoring interiors and adding two additional barn-like blocks clad in Cornish slate, which will soon start to blend with the original buildings. There are views of the nearby beach, plenty of coastal paths to explore and real pigs to visit. But don't get attached, says Jones, as the pigs will soon find their way onto the menu. It's all about local produce here: anything the kitchen gardener can't grow or forage is found within a 40km radius.

Visitors won't go hungry, especially as the on-site Lobster Shed serves locally netted crustaceans. There's even an outdoor shower so surfers can rinse off and get stuck in. For those seeking peace and quiet, The Pig has four garden wagons dotted throughout the grounds, which look weathered on the outside but have been constructed especially for the hotel: each comes with its own log burner, king-sized bed and en suite bathroom with monsoon shower and free-standing bath. — sz thepighotel.com



The Bull and Last

LONDON

The Bull and Last pub in Hampstead Heath has reopened with bedrooms. Guests can hire pétanque, croquet or tennis racquets or have a dip in the ponds on the Heath before a warm beef sandwich or Suffolk chicken and ham hock pie. Many pubs are hellbent on modernising but owners Ollie Pudney and Joe Swiers took a different approach. "Pubs are the glue of local culture," says Swiers. "We want to embrace that. The pub is bigger than us; we're only looking after it, so what right do we have to change it?" — AK thebullandlast.co.uk



Habitas Bacalar

QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO

This spring, Oliver Ripley, Kfir Levy and Eduardo Castillo launched their third property (their second in Mexico) in the form of the idyllic Habitas Bacalar. Its 35 A-framed cabanas overlook the Bacalar Lagoon and are replete with earthy interiors and awe-inspiring views. There is a restaurant with an open-air kitchen and a spa spread across Mayan-style straw houses. Four hours from Cancún airport and less than 40 minutes from Chetumal International Airport, in the state of Quintana Roo, the escape is surrounded by stromatolite rock formations, thick mangroves and mineral clay banks. The thoroughly modern escape takes its cues from Mayan culture and the botanical garden yields medicinal herbs, cacao and melipona honey – all put to excellent use by the restaurant and in spa treatments. — JAF ourhabitas.com



Hotel Waleia

MAUI, HAWAII

Guests at the Hotel Waleia, opened on the Hawaiian island of Maui's picturesque southern shore in 1991, will be familiar with unexpected guests at the hotel's lobby bar. The most notable are the island's tropical birds, known to flit in and out of the partially open-air space and nestle on the rafters. This inspired the bar's recent renovation, which was completed during Hawaii's lockdown last year. "We wanted to celebrate the open air," says Marion Philpotts-Miller, whose eponymous Honolulu-based studio, founded in the 1960s, undertook the renovation. "We melded indoors and outdoors in a slightly eccentric way." The room's striking centrepiece, a locally designed bar, has a fine cocktail menu, guaranteeing that it isn't only the avian patrons who are left feeling chirpy — TLE hotelwaleia.com



Sussurro

VILANKULO, MOZAMBIQUE

On a peninsula north of the coastal town of Vilankulo in Mozambique, Sussurro is a six-bungalow lodge on a glimmering lagoon. A celebration of craft and design, it is decorated with carved items such as *senifo* stools and woven baskets. Almost everything – from the woven palm roofing to the stone baths, doors and window frames – has been handmade. "It's very minimal, which is key to showcasing the items," says co-owner Sarah Birkett. Better still are the views of the mangrove-filled lagoon and the magical sunsets that streak the sky right in front of the lodge. You might spot dolphins too. — MHO sussurro.co



Fynbos House

PAARL, SOUTH AFRICA

The bright five-bedroom Fynbos House is a fine new addition to the Babylonstoren farm and wine estate. It is centred on a courtyard with a long pool surrounded by rattan daybeds to match the overriding Cape Dutch style. The all-white rooms have pitched ceilings with skylights that gaze down onto four-poster beds. In the en suite bathrooms, accessed through giant barn-style doors, oversized white tubs take centre-stage. There is plenty of communal space in the house: a kitchen with a long wooden dining table and a glass wall overlooks the courtyard and there is a living room with sleek couches and basket chairs. The front patio spills out onto a sprawling fynbos garden so fragrant that you can almost smell the indigenous plants from the sunbeds. — MHO babylonstoren.com



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