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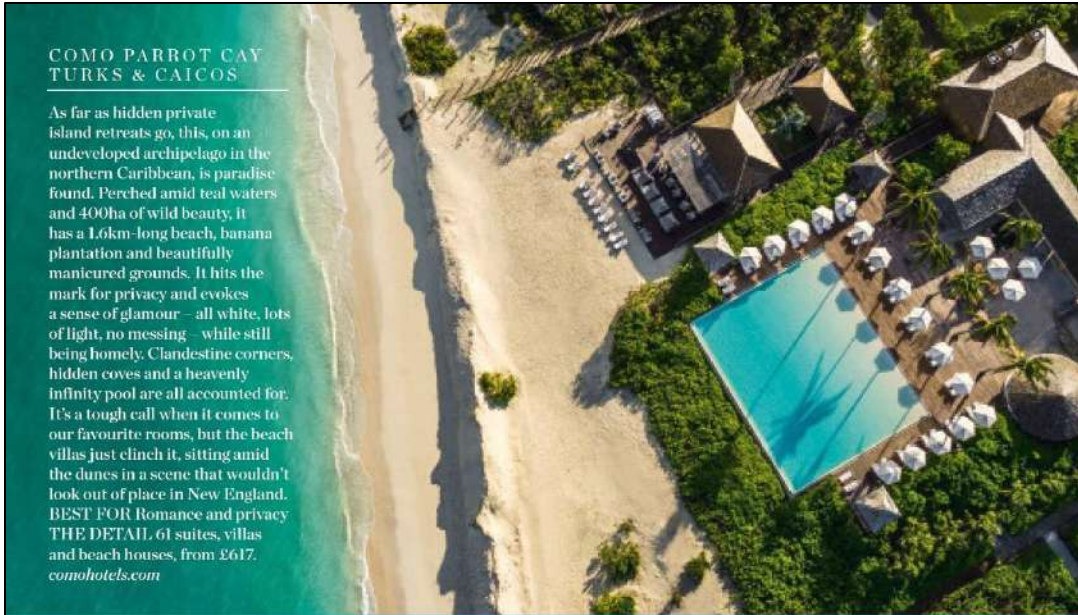
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COMO PARROT CAY TURKS & CAICOS

As far as hidden private island retreats go, this, on an undeveloped archipelago in the northern Caribbean, is paradise found. Perched amid teal waters and 400ha of wild beauty, it has a 1.6km-long beach, banana plantation and beautifully manicured grounds. It hits the mark for privacy and evokes a sense of glamour – all white, lots of light, no messing – while still being homely. Clandestine corners, hidden coves and a heavenly infinity pool are all accounted for. It's a tough call when it comes to our favourite rooms, but the beach villas just clinch it, sitting amid the dunes in a scene that wouldn't look out of place in New England. **BEST FOR** Romance and privacy **THE DETAIL** 61 suites, villas and beach houses, from £617. comohotels.com



TOP NEW HOTELS – THE CARIBBEAN

The Caribbean has seen a flurry of fresh properties as the region bounces back from consecutive years of hurricanes. Blossom Green and Fleur Rollet-Manus have traversed the islands to bring you the addresses worth checking out, before checking in



SILVERSANDS GRENADA

Just launched on the south-west coast of the Spice Island of Grenada, sublime Silversands packs a punch. It's the newest on our list and the property is the first to be built on this golden stretch of Grand Anse Beach in 25 years. A bona fide design hotel, its cool Japanese-leaning style, sharp lines, an abundance of blonde wood and brilliant white offer a change from the colonial properties elsewhere on the island, while its cabana-flanked 100m pool that leads out to sea forms the focal point of any stay. There's plenty to do nearby – think rugged national parks, waterfalls and vibrant reefs – while the dining room features a menu paired with small-batch local rums – just the thing to enjoy over those emblematic Caribbean sunsets. **BEST FOR** Modern design enthusiasts with a hankering for outdoor adventure **THE DETAIL** 43 suites, from £590. silversandsgrenada.com



HOT PROPERTIES

CHABLÉ MAROMA MEXICO

Floating amid a dense emerald thicket on Mexico's chic Riviera Maya, Chablé sets the bar when it comes to striking a balance between luxury and nature. It puts local culture front and centre, with open-sided thatched casitas creeping up the hillside in a swathe of rustic-luxe. Each has its own private grounds and features xucum stone, marble and plenty of glass, alongside a traditional Mayan colour scheme, spacious living area, hammock and outdoor shower. Below, a sleek pool and 200m of celestial-white sand invite with the promise of lazy days. Local ancestral rituals abound at the truly enormous spa. Elsewhere, one of the country's top chefs, Jorge Vallejo, is behind the fine culinary offering, which takes its cue from what's yielded from the land and ocean surrounding, with true Mexican flavours. If you don't leave this place feeling thoroughly revived, we'll eat our sombrero. **BEST FOR** Authentic Mexi-Carib cuisine **THE DETAIL** 70 casitas with private pools, from £454. chablemaroma.com



FOUR SEASONS THE OCEAN CLUB BAHAMAS

The plushiest address on Paradise Island received a root-and-branch makeover in the wake of Hurricane Matthew in 2016, re-emerging as an entirely new resort. Its 8km stretch of Colgate-white sand is a draw, while the sultry Martini Bar and swanky restaurant by Michelin-starred chef Jean-George Vongerichten will nourish the epicure. In a change of pace for the Caribbean, it's flanked by Parisian gardens (tended by 200 gardeners, no less). We love the luxe courtyards, while elsewhere you'll find three pools, tennis courts, a Balinese spa and a golf club. **BEST FOR** A fresh look at trad Caribbean style **THE DETAIL** 108 suites, villas and cottages, from £845. fourseasons.com



SANDALS ROYAL BARBADOS

Last year, Sandals added the most luxurious property yet to its dreamy roster of award-winning all-inclusive resorts. Set next door to its original Barbados base, guests here can dip in and out of the facilities both afford. Its huge and varied range of activities (from diving and waterskiing to yoga and ten-pin bowling), room categories (17), restaurants (17) and bars (12) offer something for nearly every type of traveller and have earned its spot on our hotlist. Expect vibrant island design across the rooms – we are digging the infinity pools on the balcony. **BEST FOR** Super-high-quality all-inclusive **THE DETAIL** 222 suites, 7 nights from £5,300pp. sandals.co.uk

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