

THE MOST STYLISH BEACH HOTELS 2020



FROM THE CARIBBEAN TO ASBURY PARK, FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND ITALY TO KEY LARGO, MEET 10 STUNNING HOTELS THAT PUT ART AND DESIGN ON A PEDESTAL. SOME GORGEOUS BEACHES DON'T HURT, EITHER **BY TRACEY MINKIN**



ISLE OF GLAMOUR

Mezzatorre Hotel & Thermal Spa

ISCHIA, ITALY

Yes, the Italians invented *la dolce vita*, but Italian hotelier Marie-Louise Sciò prefers its linguistic countryman—*il dolce far niente*, the sweetness of doing nothing. Already in full deployment at Sciò's Hotel Il Pellicano on the Tuscan coast and La Posta Vecchia hotel near Rome, this cultivation of stylish repose has now colonized the quietly chic island of Ischia on the Gulf of Naples. Here, Sciò took over an early-1980s hotel with timeless gifts that include a wild, rocky setting; cinematic water views; and its namesake 16th-century tower straight out of a Patricia Highsmith novel. To this feast, the young visionary brought assured, lively touches like sea blue ikats and other bright prints in her 52 guest rooms, and freshened the hotel's two restaurants, spa, and parasol-flanked pool (the perfect spot to work on one's own *dolce far niente*). Rates start at \$584; mezzatorre.com.