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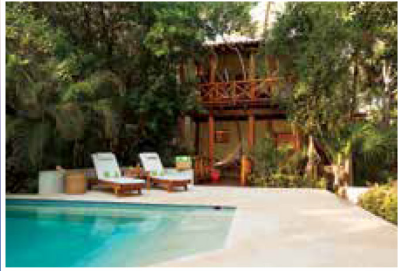
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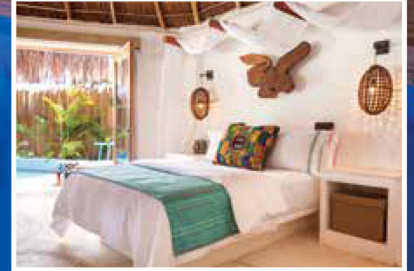
# fresh. fancy & footloose

Whether brand new or recently refreshed, these Caribbean resorts promise glamorous stays, carefree days and complete physical and mental renewal. *Words by Natasha Were*



## MAHEKAL BEACH RESORT, MEXICO

Cradled between the jungle and the Caribbean Sea, the reimagined Mahekal Beach Resort mixes Mayan-inspired design and with an upscale bohemian vibe. Tucked into lush garden areas or looking out across the beach, the organic styling of the bungalows, tree houses and ocean front suites includes vibrant textiles, woodcarvings and local ceramics, offset by white stucco walls and pale floors. A comprehensive three-year renovation has added an ultra-soothing spa and fitness centre, a revamped dive centre and a new beachfront restaurant offering farm-to-fork regional cuisine prepared over a wood-fired grill. [www.mahekalbeachresort.com](http://www.mahekalbeachresort.com)



## KIMPTON SEAFIRE RESORT + SPA, GRAND CAYMAN

Kimpton's first international resort, the Kimpton Seafire is a state-of-the-art lifestyle resort whose bold design and funky décor set a new standard for luxury resorts in the region. Inspired throughout by the allure of the sea, windows that reach the ceiling embrace cerulean views and rooms and bungalows cocoon one in comfort with plush bedding, soaking tubs and luxury amenities. By day the toughest choice is whether to linger by the freeform pool, swim from the white sand beach or let the spa therapists transport you one step closer to nirvana. [www.seafireresortandspa.com](http://www.seafireresortandspa.com)

