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A contemporary seaside resort, it presents 30 suites, each with its own private plunge pool and terrace. The 30 suites are identical in layout and design, and divided into two categories based on their location. All range along the hillside facing the sea, but Ocean Suites are closer to the beach with uninterrupted ocean views. Linked by pathways through the coconut grove, suites are situated to the west of the public areas. The spa suite is sited near the top of the hill.

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modern architect, Geoffrey Bawa. A colonnaded, open-air structure, it overlooks a grass courtyard and a reflection pool surrounding the free-standing library. On either side of the library are the Restaurant and the Lounge Bar – both open on all sides and offering spectacular views of the bay. The Restaurant serves Asian and Mediterranean cuisines with an emphasis on fresh seafood.

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The Beach Club is located closer to the western end of the beach, beyond the suites. Shaded by coconut palms, it features an open pavilion with a wooden deck for lounging and informal dining on Asian and Mediterranean fare. Watersports equipment and dressing rooms are available.

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The contemporary design of the suites incorporates local materials, including distinctive terracotta roof tiles and hand-hewn stone on the walls. Terrazzo floors finished in muted, sandy tones reflect the beach setting. Designed for

seamless indoor/outdoor living, suites open on both sides to let in cooling sea breezes. Floor-to-ceiling glass and latticed panels reveal a private walled-in courtyard and pool on the entrance side of the dwelling, and on the other side they open onto a spacious terrace with a double sun lounger, an alfresco dining area for two and expansive views. Plunge pools measure six by four metres and courtyards feature a banquette for lounging and dining.

Large timber sliding panels separate the interior space into a combined sleeping and living room, and an open-plan bathroom. The sleeping/living room features a king-size bed, writing desk, armchair, daybed and credenza housing a personal bar with refreshments. The spacious bathroom beyond the sliding panels includes a free-standing bathtub, twin vanities, a dressing area, toilet and shower.

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