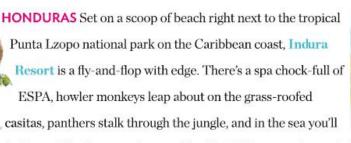
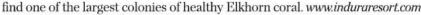


## **Hotel confidential**

A troop of adventurous arrivals is shaking up the Latin American scene. By Issy von Simson





COLOMBIA Bogotá is fizzing right now with hotels such as Click Clack and B.O.G. This in on the action with **W Bogotá** in Usaquén, with an up-and-coming restaurant scene.



cool art galleries and groovy summer, Starwood is muscling a historic colonial district New York style team Studio

Gaia (which whipped up Thompson Toronto and Ws Seoul and Mexico City) is in charge of the interior design, so we can expect some pretty slick city vibes. www.starwoodhotels.com



COSTA RICA Andaz, Hyatt's diffusion brand, has cleverly got in on the act with a new property on the unspoilt Papagayo peninsula, thick with rainforest and blessed with empty stretches of sand. So the new Andaz Papagayo

is not just the funkiest place to stay, but the only place. Alexa Chung has already booked in; if she forgets her bikini, she can pick one up from the Zimmerman vending machine in the lobby. www.papagayo.andaz.hyatt.com





## Citta dei Nicliani GREECE

Citta dei Nicliani is proof that something beautiful can flourish in the inhospitable Mani region of the Peloponnese. The Sepsas family have created a rustic hotel of seven bedrooms from a jumble of ruins set around a fortified tower house. In a previous life, Ilias Sepsas was a director of BP in Greece; now he's at the stove, roasting lamb and tossing oranges in olive oil for a salad. His wife, Tania, found the ornate marble basins and deliciously soft linens for the rooms; their daughter, Zaira, takes the bookings and their son Panos is everywhere and anywhere, driving guests to see a tiny Byzantine church you would never find yourself, or a sandy cove only he seems to know about. At night, dining by candlelight, you can watch owls come and go. In the morning, throw back the shutters, see the pomegranates glisten in the sunshine and feel the warmth of the terracotta floors under your feet. Rooms are big and small, some with balconies, but all are enriched with an extraordinarily strong feeling that you are most welcome here. MARY LUSSIANA +30 27330 51827; www.cittadeinicliani.com. Doubles from £70