



A living room at the Viceroy on Anguilla

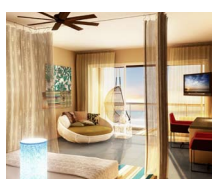
On our radar

## WHITE-HOT Caribbean

The playground of the western world has a sumptuous array of new destinations for the new decade, says **PETER SWAIN**

**T**he most delicious new offering is **Hotel Chocolat** in St Lucia. On the eponymous chocolatier's very own working cocoa plantation, six deluxe "cocoa pod lodges" at the edge of the rainforest promise a unique confectionery fantasy. From bean to mellow praline, guests can indulge in all things *chocolat* – who, after all, can resist cocoa-infused massage therapy? Hedonists should head to Anguilla's new **Viceroy**, where 166 contemporary beachfront and blufftop villas, with a palatial two-storey spa, overlook the pristine white sand of Barnes and Meads Bays. The soignée design features driftwood lamps, Indian metalwork and African beaded artwork. On Grand Bahama, Eastern ornamentation is also the leitmotif of **Nandana**, which has just opened its opulent Thai beach-mansion doors. With waterfront pavilions, garden bungalows

and a lavish 185sq m canopy suite, this palm-fringed paradise also features a grandly proportioned infinity pool and a deep-sea-fishing yacht. On a 120ha private island two miles off Antigua, **Jumby Bay** is equally exclusive. A breezy mélange of romantic Caribbean colonial and South Beach chic, the new five-bedroom estate homes each have a pool, tennis court and chef. A-listers in these and 28 smaller suites can observe endangered Hawksbill sea turtles on the windward side of the island. Natural beauty and authenticity are also the hallmarks of **Le Sereno** on St Barth, where Parisian designer Christian Liaigre has integrated glorious views of the coveted Grand Cul-de-Sac beach with warm textures in three new villas and 37 sumptuous suites. A day's sailing west, the 26 modish rooms at the new **Scrub Island Resort** in the British Virgin Islands are a perfect haven, particularly for yachtsmen using the private island's 53-slip marina.



**ALSO OPENING:** *The recherche Artist's Villa is Amanyara's latest in its plush portfolio in the Turks and Caicos; chef Alain Ducasse headlines Starwood's new W Retreat and Spa on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques; and Hyatt Regency is launching its Curaçao Golf Resort, Spa and Marina at Spanish Waters Bay.*

### MED UPDATE

The latest seaside openings for those who want to stay closer to home



#### AMAN SVETI STEFAN

When it opens this summer, the fortified 15th-century former fisherman's village of Sveti Stefan in the tiny Balkan state of Montenegro will become home to Aman's second European property, complete with 47 rooms and suites tucked among olive groves overlooking the Adriatic. [amanresorts.com](http://amanresorts.com)



#### TIARA YAKTSA

With just 13 airy rooms and eight spacious suites, each done-up Moroccan-style with handcrafted metalwork and vibrant silks, this new peach-coloured retreat, on the Esterel bluffs near Cannes, promises coastal vistas and exclusivity. [tiara-hotels.com](http://tiara-hotels.com)



#### VERDURA

Set on 1.8km of private coastline near the village of Sciacca in southwestern Sicily, the 203-room Moorish-looking resort, the first from hotelier Rocco Forte, features, among others, a pair of championship Kyle Phillips-designed golf courses. [verduraresort.com](http://verduraresort.com)

**Hotel Chocolat, St Lucia**, [hotelchocolat.co.uk](http://hotelchocolat.co.uk). **Viceroy, Anguilla**, studios from \$695 per night; [viceroyanguilla.com](http://viceroyanguilla.com). **Nandana, Grand Bahama**, up to 6 persons costs \$6,500 a night; [nandanaresort.com](http://nandanaresort.com). **Jumby Bay, Antigua**, suites from \$1,144 per night; [jumbybayresort.com](http://jumbybayresort.com). **Le Sereno, St Barth**, rooms from \$689 per night; [lesereno.com](http://lesereno.com). **Amanyara, Turks and Caicos**, Artist's Villa from \$10,400 per night; [amanyaravillas.com](http://amanyaravillas.com). **W Retreat, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico**, rooms from \$461 per night; [whotels.com/vieques](http://whotels.com/vieques). **Hyatt Regency, Curaçao**, rooms from \$219; [curacao.hyatt.com](http://curacao.hyatt.com).