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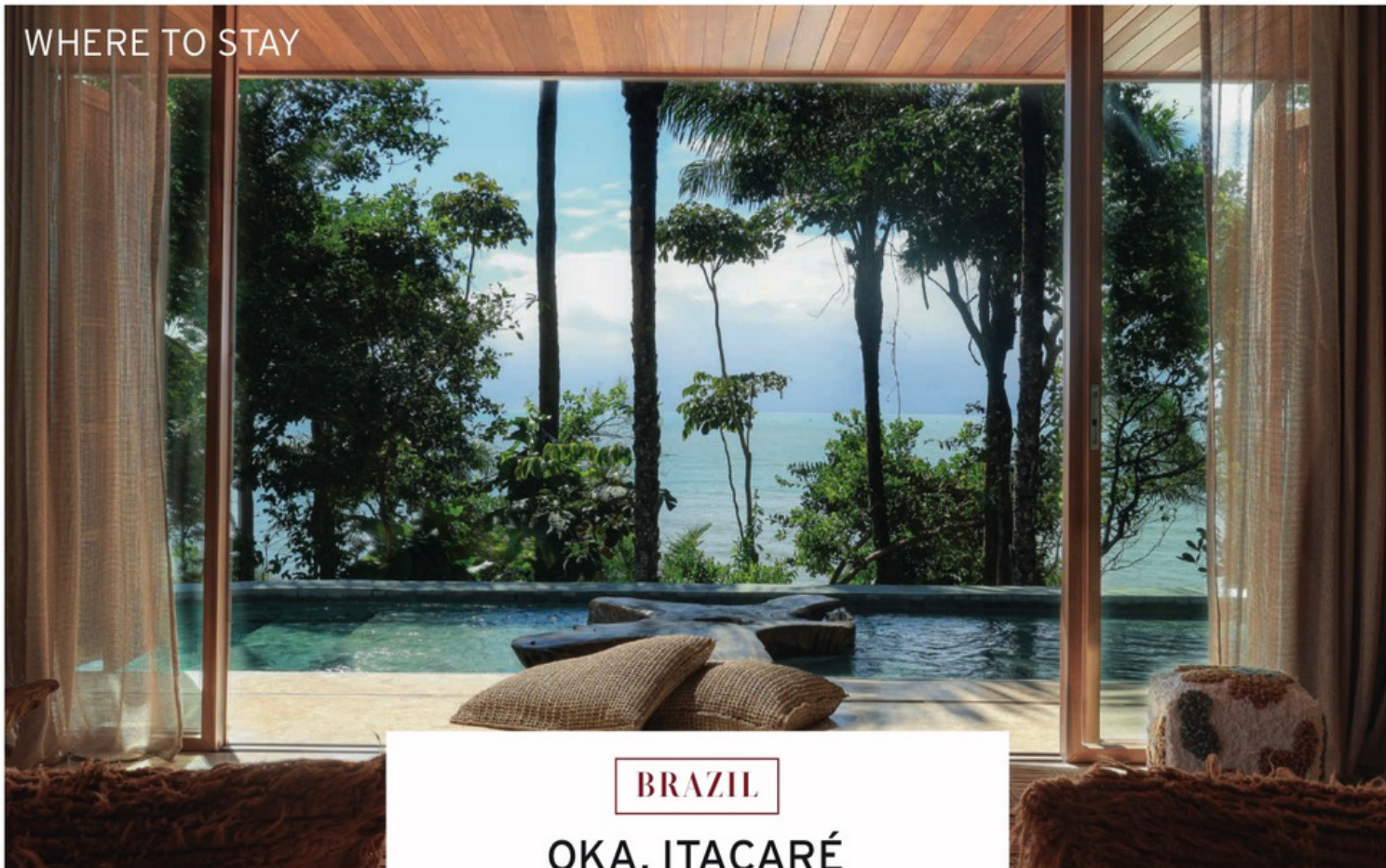
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BRAZIL

OKA, ITACARÉ

In 2004 São Paulo designer Juliana Ghiotto came to the magical Bahian surf town Itacaré and, after falling for pro surfer Daniel Lima, she stayed and founded a surf lodge and, eventually, Barracuda Hotel & Villas with a group of surfing Swedish entrepreneurs. Eduardo Leite and Janice Miguel, two more São Paulo-based designers, created a series of rentable private retreats for the group, and last year the eighth and final was completed. Nine-suite villa Oka is a superlative clifftop tribute to architect Oscar Niemeyer, Brazilian craftsmanship and Barracuda's sustainable ethos. With a 280-degree view of the surf, it hides in 64 acres of Atlantic Forest, part of a Unesco Biosphere Reserve. A solar-powered concrete structure with a river-like pool mimics the tree patterns that inspire the organic forms inside. Interiors are made by Brazilian artisans using responsibly sourced hardwoods and natural materials. A bench is sculpted from a pequiá log and sealed by a Yakisugi charring technique. A dining table is carved from a block of quartzite. Mid-century collectables by Jean Gillon and Niemeyer pose with works from Brazilian designers Carlos Motta and the Campana brothers. In the spa pequiá wood dumbbells are QR-coded with their provenance. Local chefs cook rootsy Baiano fare: wave-fresh seafood moquecas and shrimp bobó. Nearby are the pools and restaurant of the Barracuda Hotel; beyond, the glassy channels and cocoa farms of Rio de Contas, and 15 wild beaches on whose breaks champions are raised. STEPHANIE RAFANELLI thebarracuda.com.br

