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A HOME FROM HOME

Mantis – an award-winning collection of privately owned properties – has launched its new Mantis Owners Collection. Most of the 25 new properties – including villas and boats – have not been available to rent before and focus on giving guests an understanding of why its owners are passionate about the location and its culture. Jahazi House is a beach plot, with a boardwalk over the mangroves and an expansive view of Kenya's Mida Creek, while the profits from a stay at Residence on the Rocks in the Seychelles go towards the conservation work of its owner Karl Ammann. All properties also offer in-house services such as a house manager to plan excursions or a private chef and butler. mantisownerscollection.com



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TRAVEL NEWS



ONE FOR DOWNTIME

Overlooking the waters of Ornos Bay in Mykonos, Kenschō Boutique Hotel & Suites is now open. Many of the 25 rooms and ten suites have private plunge pools or jacuzzis but its airy, almost stark interiors are what make it stand out. Designed in accordance with Cycladic architecture, rooms feature predominantly white walls and natural stone and wood detailing – a non-distracting and peaceful haven. Yachts can be anchored in Ornos while other local beaches include surfer-friendly Korfos. *from £205 per room per night, kenschomykonos.com*

MOVE IN TO A MANDARIN ORIENTAL

If you're a fan of Mandarin Oriental hotels, its first residential building in Bangkok has been unveiled, due for completion in 2018. Expect river views and Mandarin Oriental-style services and facilities, from a pool and barbecue terrace to a library and sky lounge. *from £900,000, moresidencesbangkok.com*



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THE SAFARI WORLD'S PREDATOR CAPITAL

Chief's Island is part of the Moremi Game Reserve in the Okavango Delta, Botswana, and the safari camp has been fully refurbished for a June reopening. As well as a new fitness centre, a new solar energy plant will now provide 70 per cent of the camp's power and the size of its guest pavilions has more than doubled. Each will feature an outdoor seating area, plunge pool and outdoor shower. Take daily game drives or explore the byways created by seasonal flood waters in mokoros – traditional dug-out canoes – and it's likely you'll spot lions, elephants, buffalo, zebra and the recently reintroduced black and white rhino. The camp can also arrange special occasion dinners and cocktails and canapés at sundown. *from £676 for a three-night stay for two sharing, sanctuaryretreats.com*

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A GROWN-UP GROUP GETAWAY

Shangri-La's Le Touessrok Resort & Spa in Mauritius reopened at the close of 2015 and now its three redesigned beach villas are also open for booking. With dedicated staff including a 24-hour butler service, privacy and personalised service are the cornerstones of its offering, and each villa has three bedrooms, an infinity pool and private beach access. Ceramic wall-hangings and Mauritian lava stone sculptures add an indigenous touch to the interiors and group packages also include daily meals for all guests, personalised robes and use of an electric car, bikes and kayaks. *from £5,130 per night based on six sharing, shangri-la.com/mauritius*

Long haul



BEACHSIDE IN BARBADOS

As well as a new 60ft pool enclosed by tropical gardens and Harold's Beach Bar for sunset cocktails, The Sandpiper resort in Barbados has just opened its two refurbished beach suites. Each has grand views of the Caribbean Sea, a separate living area and a patio with a wet bar and sun deck, and can be connected with the Curlew Tree Top Suite to create a three-bedroom villa. *from £860 per night for double occupancy including breakfast, sandpiperbarbados.com*

Short haul



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WINE REGION RETREAT

Just a 30-minute drive from Florence, this 12th-century countryside castle retreat in Tuscany's Chianti wine region is celebrating its 10th anniversary as a luxury hotel this year, and offering a celebratory package for two guests. The three-night stay includes a daily breakfast, a 75-minute limited-edition spa treatment using Tuscan Extra Virgin Olive Oil and a four-course à la carte dinner at the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant, La Torre. *2016 anniversary package from €1,737 (approximately £1,367), castellodelnero.com*