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Every year, T+L editors reach out to our network of hospitality professionals, trusted writers, and hotel addicts in search of the finest new (and newly reimagined) properties around the globe. Then we log tens of thousands of miles checking in to dozens of them, from far-flung islands to mountain lodges (and this year, for our 14th It List, more than one renovated church). Here, 19 of our favorites—find the full collection for 2019 at tandl.me/it-list.

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HOTELS IN THE WORLD

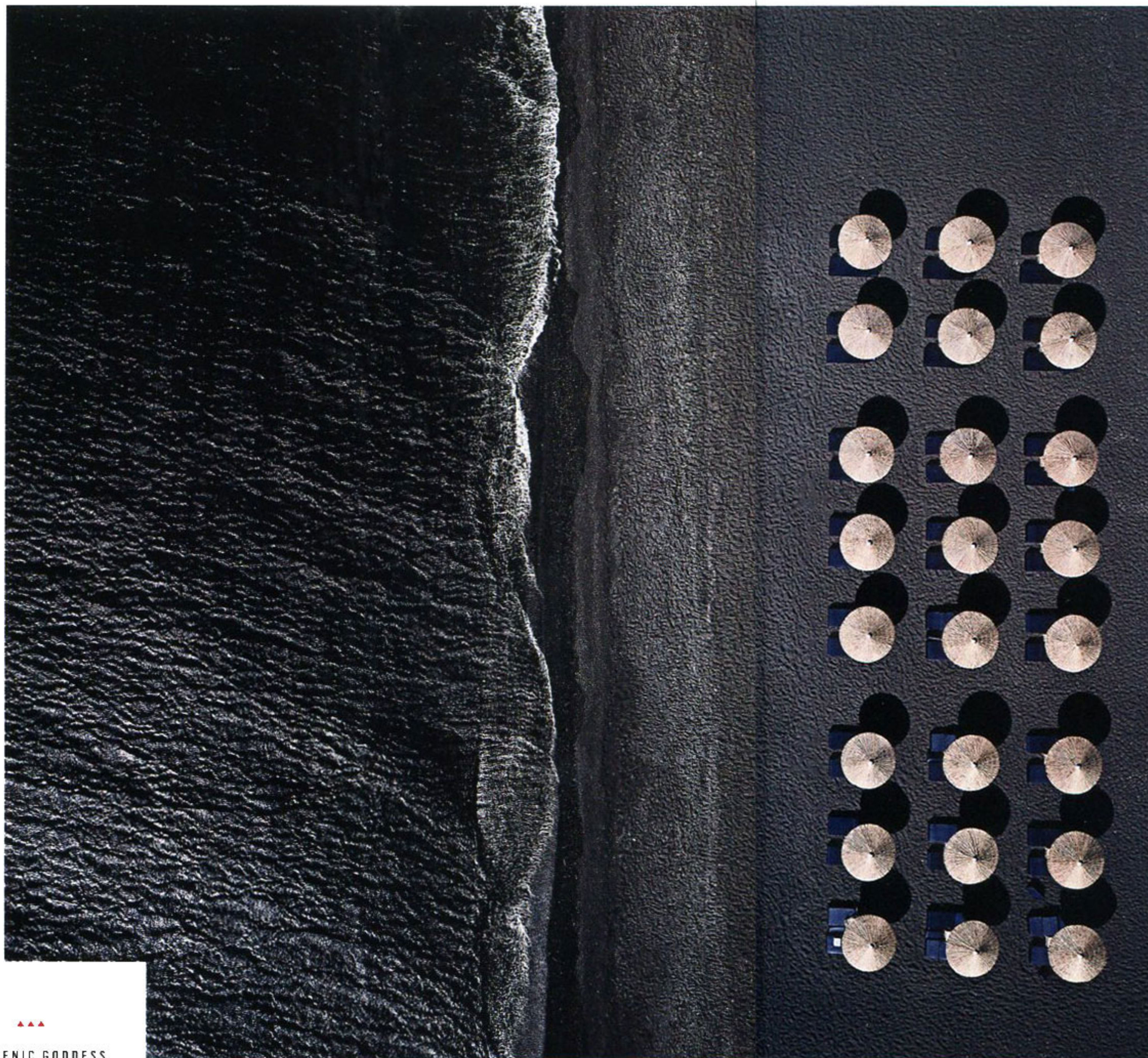
A guest-room daybed at Isteria, which overlooks Santorini's secluded Perivolos Beach.



MAGIC TREE HOUSE

Awasi Iguazú
MISIONES,
ARGENTINA

You check in to this stylish, 14-villa property in the Argentinean jungle with one thing in mind: seeing Iguazú Falls, a series of 275 towering cascades on the Brazilian border that attract more than 1 million visitors every year. And you will see them, with early access to beat the crowds, and accompanied by a private guide, an expert naturalist assigned to you for the duration of your stay. But just as special is Awasi's roster of activities beyond the star attraction—all of which are included in the price of your visit. Kayak down the Yacuí River, through remote Atlantic rain forest; meet an indigenous Guarani community; and wander the ruins of the Jesuit mission at San Ignacio Mini, a UNESCO World Heritage site (the full-day road trip is well worth it). Each excursion brings a new perspective to this well-trodden destination, just as the thoughtful, seemingly effortless service from the Awasi team raises the bar for hospitality in an area long lacking in luxury hotels. awasiiguazu.com; from \$1,050 per person, all-inclusive, two-night minimum. — Jacqueline Gifford



HELENIC GODDESS

Istoria
SANTORINI, GREECE

Beach, one of the island's most serene stretches of volcanic black-sand coastline. The third Santorini property from husband-and-wife hoteliers Antonis Eliopoulos and Kalia Konstantinidou, this 12-suite retreat had a

former life as a three-story Cycladic mansion—the domain of an eccentric Greek socialite with a passion for horses. Elements of the original estate can still be found throughout; the ground-floor stables have been converted into guest rooms, each with its own private patio and plunge pool or hot tub, and the interiors have been modernized with bespoke furniture, mosaic floors of locally made tile, handcrafted textiles, and Aegean accents.

FRANÇOIS COQUEREZ

The massive pool (which the resort claims is the largest at any on the island) and tranquil spa make it all too tempting to hunker down at the hotel—but one alfresco meal at the property's patio restaurant, or a short walk down to the private loungers on the secluded onyx beach, will remind you of the striking natural beauty at your doorstep. istoriahotel.gr; doubles from \$448. — Jessica Klingelfuss



RIVE GAUCHE GRANDEUR

Lutetia

PARIS

This Left Bank institution—opened by the Boucicaut family in 1910, across the street from their department store Le Bon Marché—has been restored to its former glory after a four-year closure and a \$230 million revamp. The result is the epitome of understated luxury, with original stained-glass windows and Art Deco chandeliers tempered by sleek mirrored surfaces and custom-built furniture in dark blues and caramel. A new interior courtyard suffuses the common areas with light, while the all-marble subterranean spa—home to a hammam, a sauna, and a 55-foot indoor pool—is an oasis of calm in the busy St.-Germain-des-Prés neighborhood. Bar Joséphine, named for Josephine Baker, a frequent guest of the hotel, is the pièce de résistance: the frescoed Romanesque ceiling took a painstaking 17,000 hours to restore. hotellutetia.com; doubles from \$836. — Siobhan Reid

