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ABRAHAM SAADE AND ABRAHAM ROFFE, EL SECRETO

The address sounds like the beginning of a magical story: “11 miles north of San Pedro Town, Ambergris Cay.” That is where you will find El Secreto, created by the two Abrahams—Saade and Roffe, childhood friends from Mexico City—on a lacy spit of land where Belize dissolves into the Caribbean. This is not, strictly speaking, a street address. El Secreto’s thirteen thatched-roof villas are accessible only by boat. It was in fact during their adventures in underwater diving that Saade, an architect, and Roffe, a clothing manufacturer, found the place they would make their own. “We fell in love with it,” Roffe says. Inspiration struck. They thought: “Can you imagine if we could build a hotel here?!” Happily, you no longer have to imagine it.

PIET BOON, PIET BOON BONAIRE

The renowned Dutch director of the global design firm that bears his name, Piet Boon has borne his signature tactile, crafts-heavy style in apartments from New York to Tokyo. In the first of its kind, he now brings his soulful craftsman’s touch and all his experience together in this namesake property, made up of nine private villas on the shore of Bonaire in the former Netherlands Antilles. Boon got hooked on the island decades ago. Its tie-dyed waters and sugary beaches are ideal for kitesurfing, one of the rugged designer’s favorite pastimes. For a man who has created so much of the best the world has to offer, there is only one word to describe it: “It’s simply paradise,” Boon says.

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