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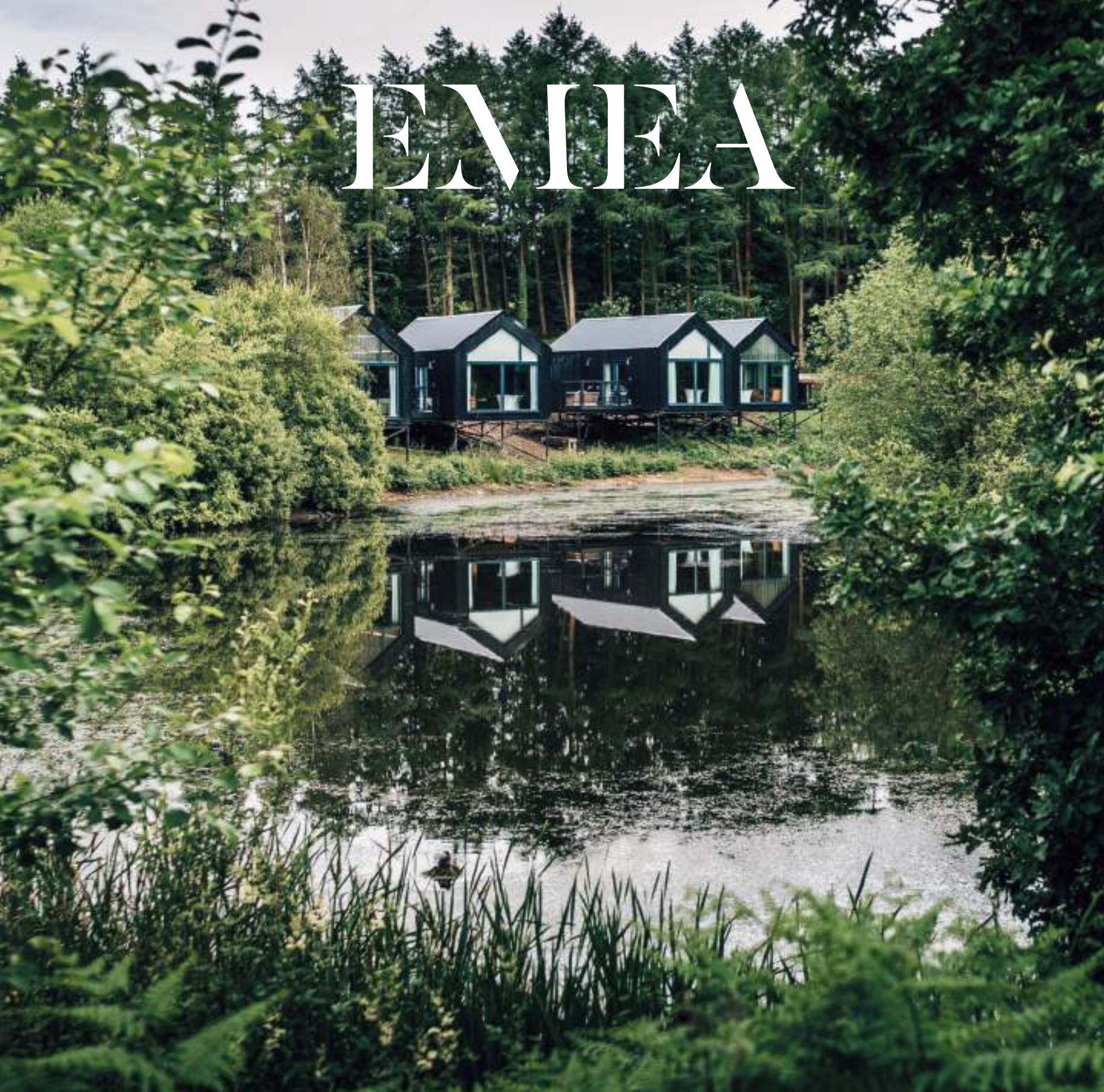
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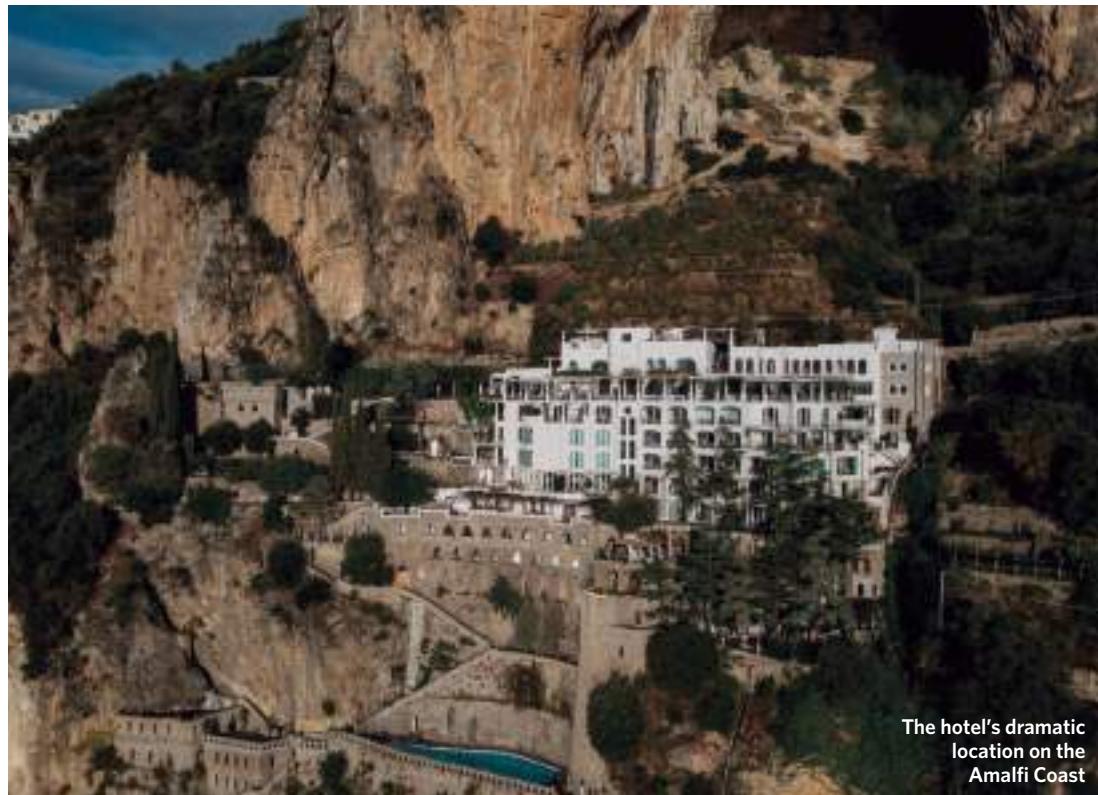
ENDEA



The Tawny, UK

A new opening in the heart of rural Staffordshire (around three hours from London), The Tawny sits inside Consall Hall Estate, a 70-acre plot with a history that dates back to the 13th century. *Page 77*

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The hotel's dramatic location on the Amalfi Coast

BORGO SANTANDREA

AMALFI COAST, ITALY

This newbie glamorous hotel on the Amalfi Coast has caused quite a stir. It's the first hotel to open on the wildly romantic coast in 15 years. The chance to create this family-run hotel came when the aging Il Saraceno Grand Hotel went up for sale. Four years of painstaking renovations later — with a few delays due to Covid — a dramatic new hotel was revealed to the Amalfi glitterati, with 45 supremely modern sea-facing rooms and suites; floors draped in artisanal tiles; and grand, plant-flecked terraces that have a whiff of Ravello in the air. A celebration of Italian design also takes center stage, especially in all the public hangouts, where creations from artisans Rubelli and furniture design emporiums Tosconova and Lisar stun, and Venetian glass lamps and coffee tables are stacked with every Assouline



The pool overlooking the beach

title under the sun. The concierge desk is even an original Carlo Mollino glass-topped dining table with a Gerald Thurston table lamp atop the elegant check-in desk.

STAY

All rooms and suites are inspired by the Hotel Parco dei Principi in Sorrento, the work of Italian designer Gio Ponti. Think: walls and floors dressed in exceptionally blue and pristine white tiles, gargantuan bathtubs and tables crowned with glossy books. If you're in one of the huge corner suites, there's floor-to-ceiling windows that look out on to plunge pools eyeing the dramatic Amalfi coastline and Sophia Loren's former holiday pad. Everything, from the large balconies to the slick fixtures (the groove dressers especially), play on natural light, and nothing ever feels too artificial, strained or acted out to a stuffy script. Instead, expect mid-century design, minimal fuss and playbook southern Italian simplicity. Elsewhere, you'll find a cool library, the

Cupido treatment room for two; a sauna; and a sea-view terrace for outdoor massages, plus a neat gym with Technogym workouts that look out onto the glittering sea.

DINE

Chef Crescenzo Scotti, whose restaurant Il Flauto di Pan in Ravello has a Michelin star, oversees three restaurants: the Aliche, La Libreria and Al Borgo. The patio-graced Aliche with its spectacular views is all about a modern spin on classics, from deep-fried zucchini flowers to Amalfi's *delizia al limone* (a mini sponge cake filled with oozing lemon custard). La Libreria is Borgo's top-notch dining spot — and where Scotti naturally likes to show off his culinary talents. Eight-course tasting menus dabble in the perks of regional coastal freshness and seasonality: lemon smoked risotto, lobster cappuccino laced in milk cream and smoked scamorza cheese baked on leaves are just a few of the tasty standouts.

EXPLORE

Go down the zigzag paths and you'll discover the beach, a perilous 295 ft below Borgo's rather dreamy jasmine-, rose- and blue myrtle-flecked pergola. Some 300 steps down, it's a bit of a workout, especially in the summer heat, but the reward is worth it: a private hotel beach, which no other hotel on the coast offers. The stylish beach club has the added perk of round-the-clock lounge-chair drink service, a bonus come aperitivo hour. And if you want to escape further afield, jump aboard the complimentary hotel boat to nearby Amalfi to walk its narrow-cobbled streets and discover its famed medieval cathedral. Other thrills include the tiny Grotto dello Smeraldo cave, famed for its emerald waters. *By Luke Abrahams*

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The Italian-inspired decor