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17 FACE TO WATCH

Vaimiti Teiefitu

Self-described "island child" Vaimiti is the founder of Wavehine, a female-led surf collective in Tahiti that runs empowering retreats and workshops. **She's excited about...** "The Olympic surf events coming to Tahiti, of course, when we'll have two Tahitian surfers competing [Vahine Fierro and Kauli Vaast]. I'm also really excited about the new camps we're planning for 2024, especially the ones aimed at older women and beginners. All over the world, more and more women are daring to surf, and it's incredible to foster that energy right here." @wavehine



18 CANARY MODERNISM

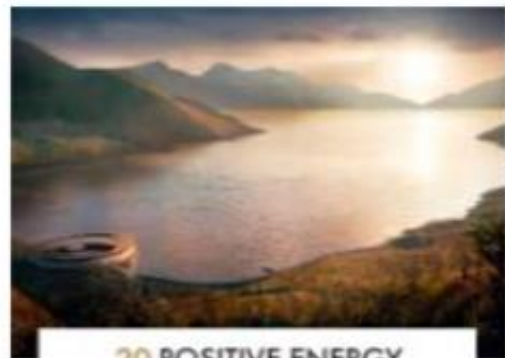
With its epic black volcanic landscapes and the Bond-esque aquamarine modernism of architect César Manrique, Lanzarote – especially the go-slow interior – has always been cooler than it's given credit for. The new 20-room **César Lanzarote** (pictured), in a whitewashed finca with a show-stopping pool area that echoes the surrounding black ash vineyards, has brought a new dimension – adding to favourites such as remote, retro-cool **Finca Malvasia** and boutique **Palacio Ico** in cobblestoned Tegüise. manrique.com; fincamalvasia.com; hotelpalacioico.com

19 CLASSIC COMEBACKS

For a while in London, all the talk was of iconic dining venues biting the dust. In 2024, some will rise from the ashes – such as Jeremy King's **Arlington**, a reboot of Le Caprice on the same site, with "old favourite" dishes and the return of legendary maitre d' Jesus Adorno. The venerable restaurateur is also said to be planning a revival of pandemic casualty **Simpson's in the Strand**. See also the smart comebacks of various storied capital boozers, from Notting Hill's **Walmer Castle** to Soho's **The Devonshire** and **The Mitre** in Holland Park. walmercastle-nottinghill.co.uk; devonshiresoho.co.uk; themitre11.co.uk



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20 POSITIVE ENERGY

It feels like we've been staring at the renders forever, but this should be the year that we'll finally see **Six Senses Svart** take physical form as a futuristic, doughnut-shaped structure suspended on stilts above a fjord, overlooked by Arctic Norway's Svartisen Glacier. It will claim to be the world's first energy-positive hotel when it opens as a 94-room stay that's self-sufficient in energy, water and waste management. sixsenses.com

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