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A "shimmer" steel
on deck, designed
by Arad, "wins"
a polished-steel
in the lobby



Ahead of the curve

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Brazil's annual favelation by 1.6 million tourists Costa del Sol-like development of the coastline hardly qualifies as a sophisticated destination. Local government has taken valiant steps to revitalize this 60-year-old port engulfed during the of the most famous residential, favelas, should go resident last year, and a new state-of-the-art in become a jarring site, one for the sake of a recent launch of Durmo, a hotel designed by the location for the old capital, one first in the five-starred and Scrapper-like reputation-with concept sets Durmo apart from Brazil's sleek, sophisticated. Stretched across the 100-acre-old floor is Skali Club & Bar, the hotel's social hub. The architect of the mega-site, a nearby Rio. Local hipsters, hand-picked by club manager Semanal, sip cocktails alongside guests at the hippest bar, which snakes around mirrored jet. Cher Massimo (Costa del Sol) serves modern-classic at table designed by Arad's "resplendent" chairs, and the

The hotel entrance is dominated by Arad's reception desk (footprint), produced by Mateo. The futuristic rooms have white and gold hand ports a nod to São Paulo's favelas, but lack metal bars, are encouraged to mingle in the "lithic" tables' floor, communal areas where they can surf the through coffee-table lenses or fit a cocktail in honoree bar. There's no spa, gym or pool, but Marina (Chilhalon) boasts a fleet of 20 beach vessels and a gourmet menu, so guests can enjoy road-side villages of Neuchâtel and Montreux. Stay at the designer curators in Marquês.

Whether or not Durmo sports a radical Brazil's features remains to be seen. But for will mark the first of several hotel projects as herald with an all-suits boutique hotel on the of London's redeveloped Battersea Power Station, a futuristic new-build for Marriott in Australia. Durmo hotel, via 6 Bruno 28, Miami, tel: 305-555-2200, www.durmo.com, Room rate: from £250