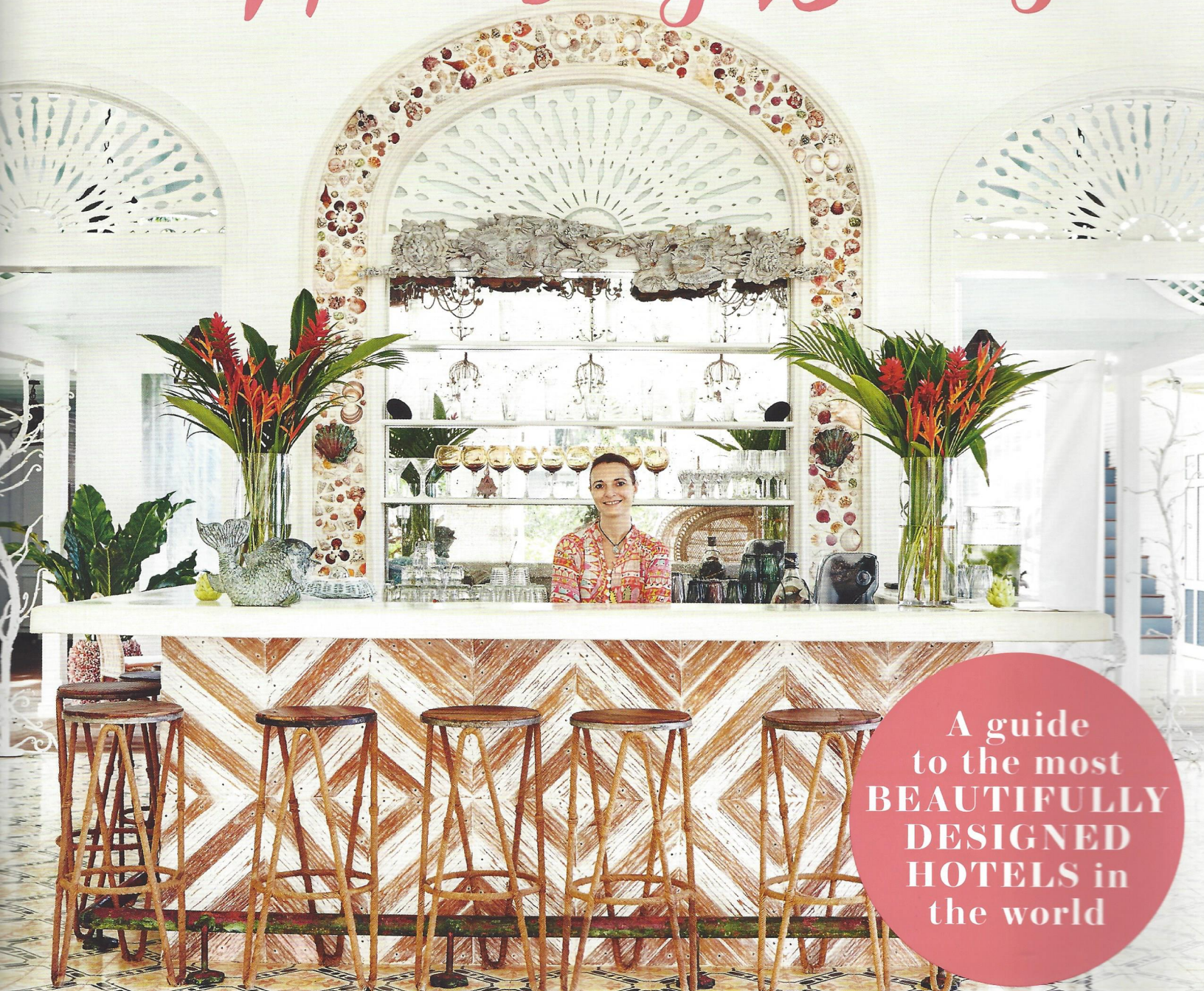


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# BREAKING NEW GROUND

FROM A SIX-BLOCK OCEANSIDE  
HOTEL AND CULTURAL CENTRE IN  
MIAMI TO BOUTIQUE NEWBUILDS  
IN RAJASTHAN AND CLEVER  
CONVERSIONS IN PUGLIA, **KATE  
PATRICK** ZOOMS IN ON THREE  
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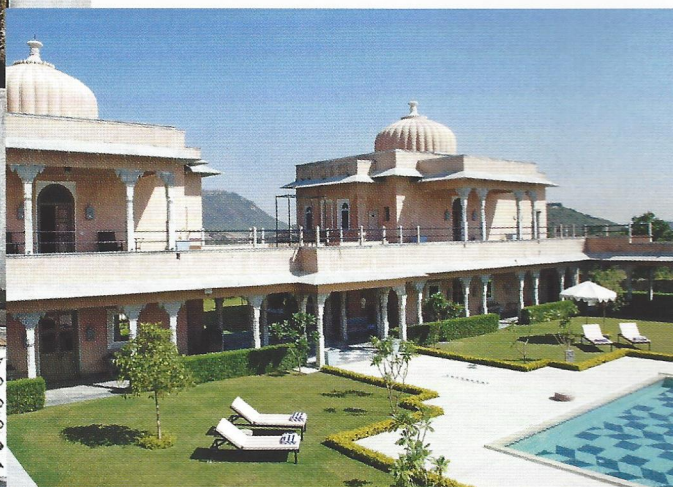
Somewhere between the grand former palaces reinvented as five-star accommodation and the few-frills, family-run guest houses in haveli-style buildings, two new kids on the block are changing the dynamic in the state of Rajasthan. Opened in October 2015, away from the hectic urban triangle of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur, both newly built hotels take hospitality within chic, beautifully designed boutique settings to a new level for the area. As a tantalising bonus, they're located just three hours apart, so you can combine them in one trip.

Equidistant from the main cities, Dev Shree at Deogarh is the creation of Shatrunjai and Bhavna, who may be remembered for their warm hospitality at their previous property, Deogarh Mahal. In a tranquil lakeside setting full of colourful bird life, Dev Shree looks like a miniature,

The traditional haveli-style architecture of Dev Shree features deep verandas from which to take in the natural surroundings

saffron-coloured palace, with carved stone pillars, marble floors and spacious verandas crafted over two years by locals, in traditional style. But it feels like a home: seven spacious rooms fanning out from a pretty central courtyard, each one furnished by its owners. On the roof terrace or the lawns, there's yoga at dawn and sundowners at dusk; food is light and authentic, using fresh produce from the gardens and the family dairy next door, and you can eat informally, al fresco, in private or with the family.

Just 15 minutes outside Udaipur, in the fresh air of the Aravalli hills with views over Udaipur's palaces, Bujera Fort has been six years in the making. Choosing to build a boutique hotel in the style of a traditional fortress gave its British owners Trish McFarlane and interior designer Richard Hanlon the scope and scale to be as joyously creative as they liked. Fourteen spacious, artfully decorated rooms are divided between the Fort, the House and the Bungalow, focused around a courtyard pool and peaceful Mughal gardens. Windows and doors are made from salvaged timber, adding to the sense that the dusty pink buildings and cloisters have been there forever. Despite the name, Bujera Fort could not be less military: luxuriously comfortable and run like a private house, it has unobtrusive service, home-cooked Indian and European food and an ox cart to take you exploring in the village. *Greaves Travel* (020-74879111; [greavesindia.com](http://greavesindia.com)) offers bespoke holidays throughout India ▷



From left: The interior of Bujera Fort is decorated with an eclectic mix of antiques and artwork sourced from around the world by its British owners. In the courtyard, a heated pool takes centre stage