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Best New Hotel Openings 2021

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This is our first #BoldHotels List 2021: 10 newcomers that are leading the charge and pushing the boundaries of what makes a great hotel. These aren't just brilliant places to bed down. They're also interesting creative hubs, eco-conscious camps, slick stays giving back to local communities and extraordinary hangouts that are drawing us off the beaten path.

The list that follows is our definitive guide to the hotels that aren't just gateways to a place, but destinations in their own right.

1. KALESMA MYKONOS

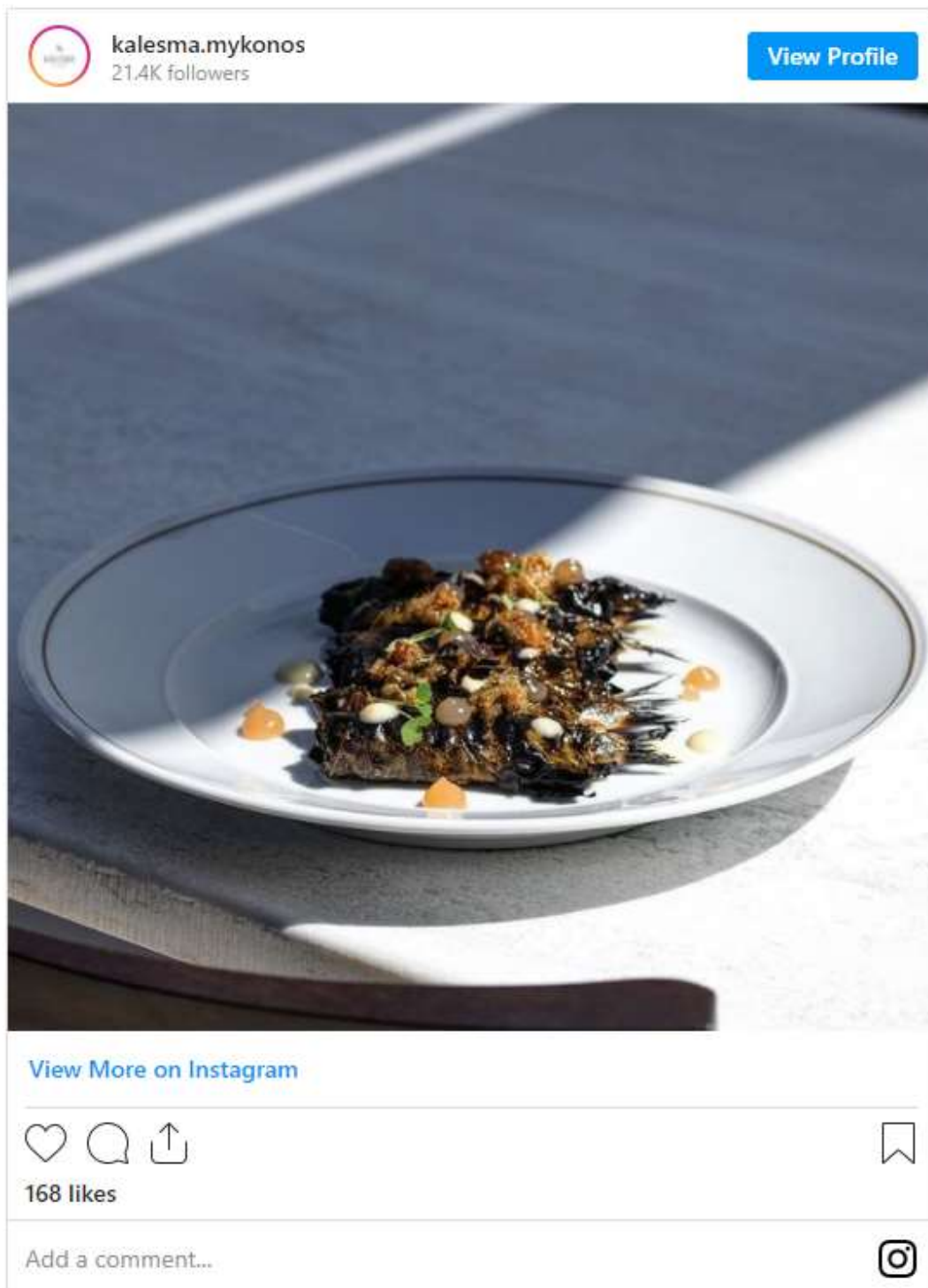
Mykonos, Greece



You're watching the sunset over the brilliant blue Aegean Sea from your hilltop whitewashed villa, the night-blooming jasmine perfuming the evening air. This is where the Greek god Apollo is said to have kept his horses — and at this moment you feel like you're in the land of gods. [Kalesma](#) was inspired by the laid-back glamour of the Greek island of Mykonos, with a neutral, earthy colour palette, Cycladic whitewashed aesthetic and bougainvillea-filled archways.

Greek designers K-Studio and Studio Bonarchi used local materials such as wood, marble and stone to give a contemporary look to the traditional Cycladic style, with custom artwork by Serbian artist Aleksander Vak. The hotel's 25 suites and two villas blur the line between indoors and out; all have a sprawling terrace and full-sized pool with unobstructed views of the Aegean Sea.

Venturing further up the hill, [Pere Ubu](#) serves up locally sourced Cycladic specialties such as cheese saganaki, spicy honey and toasted octopus with sun dried tomatoes and olives, with an emphasis on Greek wines (try Assyrtiko from Santorini).



While Mykonos is known for its social life, beaches and artisan shops, the friendly proprietors can recommend hidden coves that are off the beaten tourist path or arrange a private yacht charter to nearby Delos.

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