



Above: an apartment at the new Cordée des Alpes in Verbier.
Below: the 16-room Tre Ville in Positano

hotel with a world-class restaurant from owner Uri Jeremias – the name behind the city’s (if not the country’s) greatest seafood eatery, Uri Buri.

→ For a private island in the Tyrrhenian, the hot rental to note is Li Galli, off Italy’s **AMALFI COAST**, which is available through specialist Emily FitzRoy at **Bellini Travel** (www.bellinitravel.com; price on request). This spectacular archipelago, in sight of Positano, was once home to Rudolf Nureyev. The accommodation, sleeping 14, is on the largest island, split between a 15th-century tower, the one-suite White Villa and a three-bedroom main villa, all mosaic-tiled in Arabic style and gracefully restored by the current Italian owner – the same person who turned film and opera director Franco Zeffirelli’s Positano home, **Tre Ville** (www.villatreville.com; from £880), into a 16-room hotel.

→ If great places to stay are about their owners’ passion, then **Fazenda Nova** (www.fazendanova.eu; from £193), in **PORTUGAL**’s eastern Algarve, is a prime example: a 10-suite, modern-rustic hotel converted from a country house by a British couple who upped sticks from their fast lives in London. Opening this month, and just 25 minutes from Faro airport, it sits in 10 hectares of orchards and gardens, whose produce is used in the restaurant.



Above: a private island rental on Li Galli, off Italy’s Amalfi coast

A lazy summer on the Med might be occupying you now, but winter is coming, and with it a new address in **VERBIER**. **Cordée des Alpes** (www.cdaverbier.ch; from £230) is a 34-room, ski-in, ski-out hotel (plus 14 penthouse residences for sale – two designed by Kelly Hoppen) with trustworthy provenance (the owner, Marcus Bratter, is behind the resort’s Farm Club and Nevaï hotel). When it opens in December, ski antiques will mix with whites, slates and woods to create a luxurious alpine aesthetic. ✦



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