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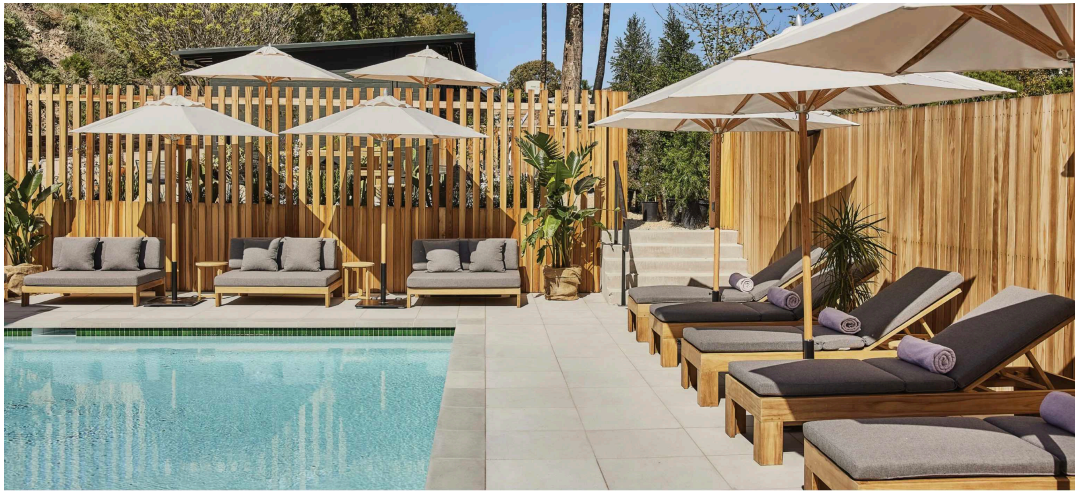
REBIRTH OF A MALIBU ICON

Hotel June manages to feel modern and fresh while still paying homage to its storied Point Dume past.

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It was once the Malibu Riviera Motel, famous for hosting Bob Dylan as he wrote his 1975 album “Blood on the Tracks,” in Room 13, a space where area folklore says that many creatives, who often don’t even know about the room’s legacy, feel inspired and productive.

Since the hotel was built by newlyweds Wayne and Helen Wilcox in 1947, countless luminaries have graced the property, including James Dean and Marilyn Monroe. For a short time, the business operated as The Native Hotel. However, the



HOTEL POOL Hotel June's heated pool situated amidst the lush grounds provides a private, relaxing retreat for hotel guests.

hotel sustained significant damage in 2018's Woolsey Fire.

Now, after five years of meticulous restoration efforts, Malibu's Shaun Gilbert and co-owners Reem Al-Zahawi and Sam Shendow have teamed up with Proper Hospitality to curate a new iteration of the motel. In doing so, they kept true to its mid-century, minimalist architectural features: think Frank Lloyd Wright Usonian architecture meets the Eames era's streamlined aesthetic.

The hotel's airy minimalist ease is echoed in the design of the lobby, a space evoking the property's famous

JAMES DEAN AND MARILYN MONROE ARE AMONG THE STARS WHO STAYED AT THE PROPERTY.

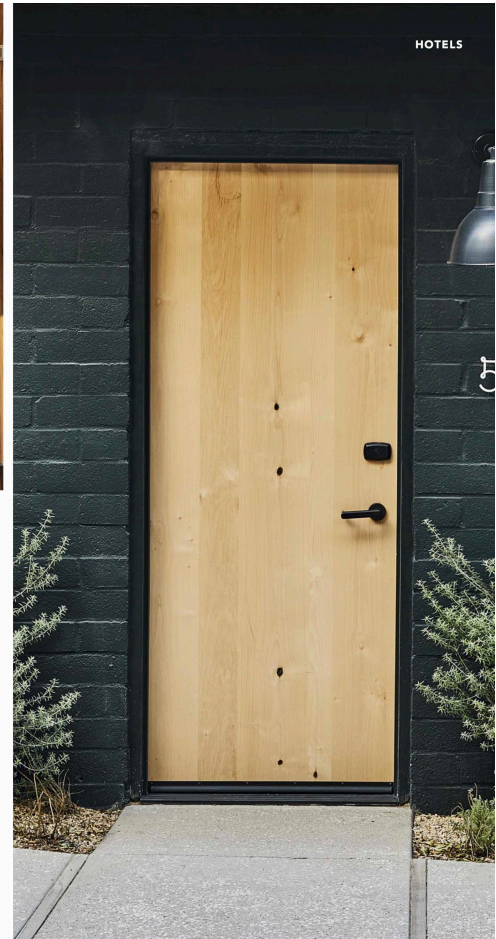
past. Gilbert and Shendow restored the mixed stone fireplace originally built by "Old Man Peterson" in 1949 and kept the original redwood beams milled in Santa Monica in 1947.

Modern features add special comfort and charm to the hotel lobby, including Basaltina stone and louvered white oak wood accents. The front desk seconds as a pick-up counter, where guests can grab culinary offerings that include seasonal salads, sandwiches, and muffins that guests can enjoy in the property's lush, generous patio filled with custom tables and chairs made in Mexico.

Each bungalow features a private patio and art produced by local, emerging artists, with select rooms also offering private hammocks and bunk beds.

When guests enter one of the bungalows, they are greeted by the mix of alder, African mahogany, and American white oak which add depth and intrigue to the spaces, while Greta Grossman sconces, George Nelson bubble lamps, and antique furniture give a nod to the property's storied past.

Black and white photographs of Malibu shot by the original proper-





OUTDOOR PATIO The hotel's spacious patio provides a wonderful venue to enjoy the bar's light eats.

ly owner, Wayne Wilcox, highlight the walls of each room. Marmarino plaster walls add texture and warmth and bathrooms feature white clé tiles and unlacquered brass, creating a light-filled, warm feel. Amenities such as Casper beds, Aesop bath products, custom-made deadstock, African fabric robes, curated mini-bars, high-speed Wi-Fi, and on-site parking provide additional comfort.

Hotel June Malibu's inviting heated swimming pool and deck embody Malibu's relaxed coastal lifestyle. Landscaping flush with indigenous plants and trees cascades down the length of

THE HEATED POOL AND DECK EMBODY MALIBU'S RELAXED COASTAL LIFESTYLE.

the property to the pool, which is only available to guests and those booking the space for special events. The pool's elevated lounge deck provides guests with a secluded space to relax on adjustable lounge chairs.

Hotel June celebrates its iconic history, while embracing Malibu's lively vibes. Before you go, make sure to linger just outside Bungalow. **MJM**

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