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The exterior of
The Brando's
Varua Te Ora
Polynesian Spa

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BRANDO'S CHARM For the ultimate luxury stay in the aptly named Society Islands of French Polynesia, book a villa at **The Brando**. The all-inclusive resort was inspired by Marlon Brando's original vision to create a venture of sustainable development. As such, the property employs technologies such as a deep seawater air conditioning system and a biofuel thermal power station fueled by locally produced coconut oil. The uberexclusive enclave is located on the private atoll of Tetiaroa, composed of 13 islets surrounding an idyllic lagoon. Even getting to the resort is a luxury in itself. After checking in at the private Air Tetiaroa terminal at Fa'a'a International Airport in Tahiti, you hop on a plane for the 20-minute flight to the island. (Psst ... United begins nonstop service from SFO to Tahiti later this year.) The Brando is composed of only 35 deluxe villas, each with its own private beach and plunge pool. The resort's two restaurants feature the cuisine of chef Guy Martin of the two-Michelin-starred restaurant Le Grand Vefour in Paris. Meanwhile, the Varua Te Ora Polynesian Spa specializes in holistic treatments inspired by ancient Polynesian traditions. Be sure to book a couple's massage: It takes place in a special spa suite high up in the palm trees. *One-bedroom villas from \$2,393 per night, two-bedroom villas from \$3,589 per night, thebrando.com —Misty Milioto*