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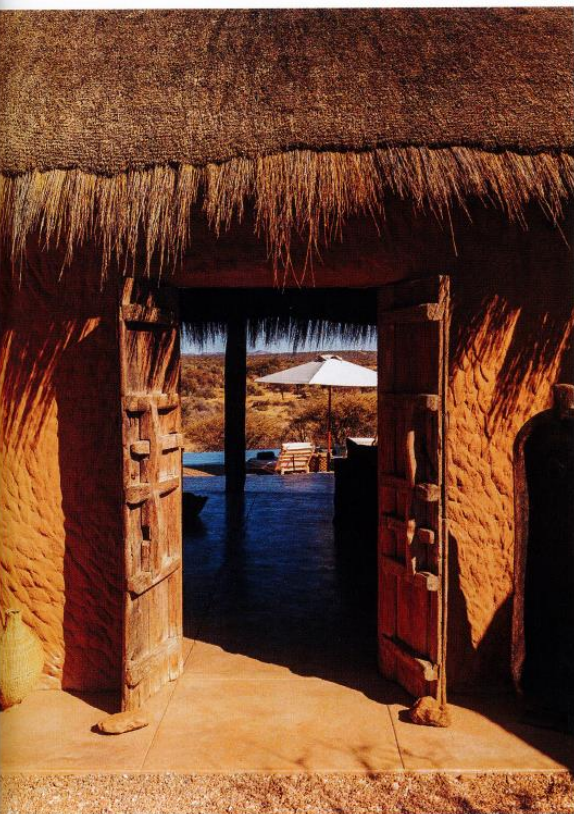
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NAMIBIA

OOMANDA, KHOMAS

Namibia's hotel scene is booming. And among the dozen newbies, this impossibly sleek place from Belgian hotelier Arnaud Zannier, the man behind the stylish Phum Baitang in Cambodia and 1898 The Post in Belgium, stands out for its elegance and focus on conservation. Zannier arrived in Namibia following the advice of Angelina Jolie. She introduced him to her friends Rudie and Marlice van Vuuren, who helped him secure a vacant expanse next to their sanctuary. The Zannier Reserve now abuts the van Vuuren's domain, so guests get near-impossible access to important conservation projects including rhino, elephant and cheetah rehabilitation. The lodge itself, however, is almost as impressive as the wildlife. It's a sexy synthesis of everything a top hotel should have now: locally inspired design, a meaningful setting, a serious spa and a firm focus on food – many ingredients, such as the feta cheese, are produced nearby. On top of the sanctuary access is the chance to shadow the van Vuurens in their conservation work. But a week could easily be spent just taking in the bush views from the bathtub. Nowhere else in southern Africa offers such a considered approach to immersive safari while staying somewhere so aesthetically sophisticated. **FLASH POINT** Styled like traditional tribal huts, the 10 lodgings demonstrate a careful attention to design – down to the ceramic espresso cups – and guests can book the entire place. +264 81 127 2425; zannierhotels.com. From about £500 per person per night

