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La Bahia Beach Hotel, Nicaragua:

This recently-opened hotel offers cool minimalism on Nicaragua's relatively undiscovered north Pacific coast. Volcanic rock, teak and hardwood salvaged from the devastating 2007 Hurricane Felix create a picture of sleek serenity. There are just four smart but simple cabanas (with no TVs or air conditioning), a restaurant, bar and pool, with views of the ocean and teak forest. It's the perfect retreat after a day out on the breaks that lie directly in front of the hotel.

La Bahia Beach Hotel, Chinandega, Nicaragua (00 505 8958 5075; labahiabeachhotel.com). Doubles start at US\$173 (£115), room only.

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