

ultra-exclusive **Akatsuki** (57/8 Moo 2 Lipanoi; akatsuki-resort.com; 66-77/485-704; entire resort US\$2,000, single bookings only), which has five airy pavilions that combine Japanese screens with beachfront-chic wicker chairs. In Hua Hin, **Cape Nidhra** (97/2 Petchkasem Rd., 66-32/516-600; capenidhra.com; doubles from Bt12,100) offers 59 spacious pool suites with day beds, balconies and private gardens.

INDULGE Phuket's Indigo Pearl unveiled **Coqoon** (Nai Yang Beach, 66-76/327-006; indigo-pearl.com; treatments from Bt2,000), an eight-room spa designed by Bill Bensley, this year. The spa's showstopper is "The Nest"—a midair suite hoisted onto a banyan tree. The jasmine rice scrub incorporates papaya as well as ground rice, while the signature coconut wrap deploys coconut oil and *plai*, a local ginger root.



VIETNAM

EAT Six-month-old **Southgate** (28 Tong Duy Tan St.; 84-4/3938-1979; southgatehanoi.com; dinner and drinks for two VND800,000) and its modern Mediterranean cuisine and innovative cocktails (claimed to be the Hanoi's best) has quickly become one of the capital city's go-to spots for quality Western nosh. In an Asian-contempo setting—geometric screens, cherry red walls, ambient lighting—tuck into dishes like chicken, sage and zucchini ravioli and a seafood hotpot in carrot-ginger broth. Saigon gets a taste of Hanoi with **Mam Son** (35 Ton That Thiep St.; 84-8/3915-3653; dinner for two VND400,000), located in a shop house designed with charming colonial tiles and French doors. Look for northern delicacies cooked the traditional way, like *cha ca*, grilled fish with dill and turmeric, and delicately assembled fresh spring rolls packed with shrimp and herbs. Also in District 1, pizza lovers should make a beeline for **Pizza 4P's** (8/15 Le Thanh Ton; 84-8/3822-9838; pizza4ps.com; pizza for two VND400,000), housed in a renovated home, for superb wood-fired pies: classic, with homemade buffalo mozzarella, or Japanese-inspired, with interesting toppings like edible flowers.

DRINK Named for the Czech motorbikes that once roamed Hanoi's streets, moody **Barbetta** (34C Cao Ba Quat; 84-4/3734-9134; cocktails for two VND140,000) welcomes hipsters with its old-school theme—vinyl records displayed as art, secondhand sofas—and beer cocktails,

like the rocket beer, a potent blend of tequila and draft ale.

STAY Hyatt's second property in Vietnam, the month-old, beachfront **Hyatt Regency Danang Resort & Spa** (Truong Sa St.; 84-511/398-1234; danang.regency.hyatt.com; doubles from US\$190) offers 200 rooms with terrazzo floors, pedestal baths and doors that open out onto views of the Marble Mountains or the South China Sea. Further down the coast is the secluded, eco-friendly **Mia Resort Nha Trang** (Bai Dong, Cam Hai Dong; 84-583/989-666; mianhatrang.com; doubles from US\$140), a seaside getaway about 20 kilometers from Nha Trang's buzz, with tranquil granite-and-wood rooms; villas offer four-poster beds with direct sea views.

SHOP The effortlessly stylish Vo Thi Li Lam and her simple, retro-inspired women's wear is the latest arrival to District 7's booming Phu My Hung neighborhood. At **Lam Boutique** (4 My Duc, Nguyen Duc Canh St.; 84-8/5142-3981; lam-boutique.com), the big sister to her petite District 1 outlet, you'll find Audrey Hepburn-inspired necklines and lace shifts surrounded by vintage memorabilia. +



REGION ON THE RISE Clockwise from above: Akatsuki, on Koh Samui; the Hyatt Regency Danang Resort & Spa, Vietnam; the Hansar Bangkok; a wood-fired pie at Pizza 4P's, in Saigon.



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