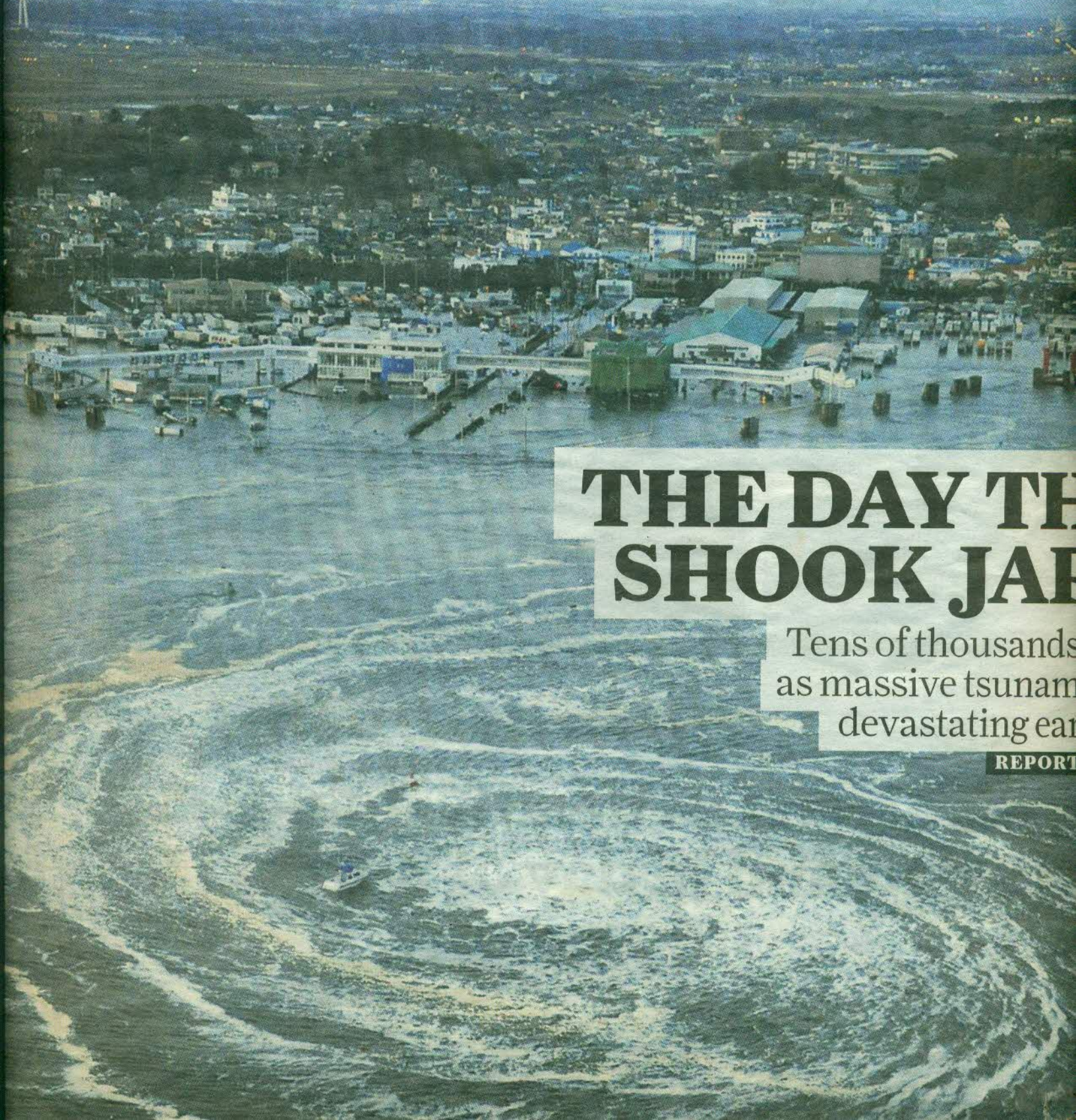


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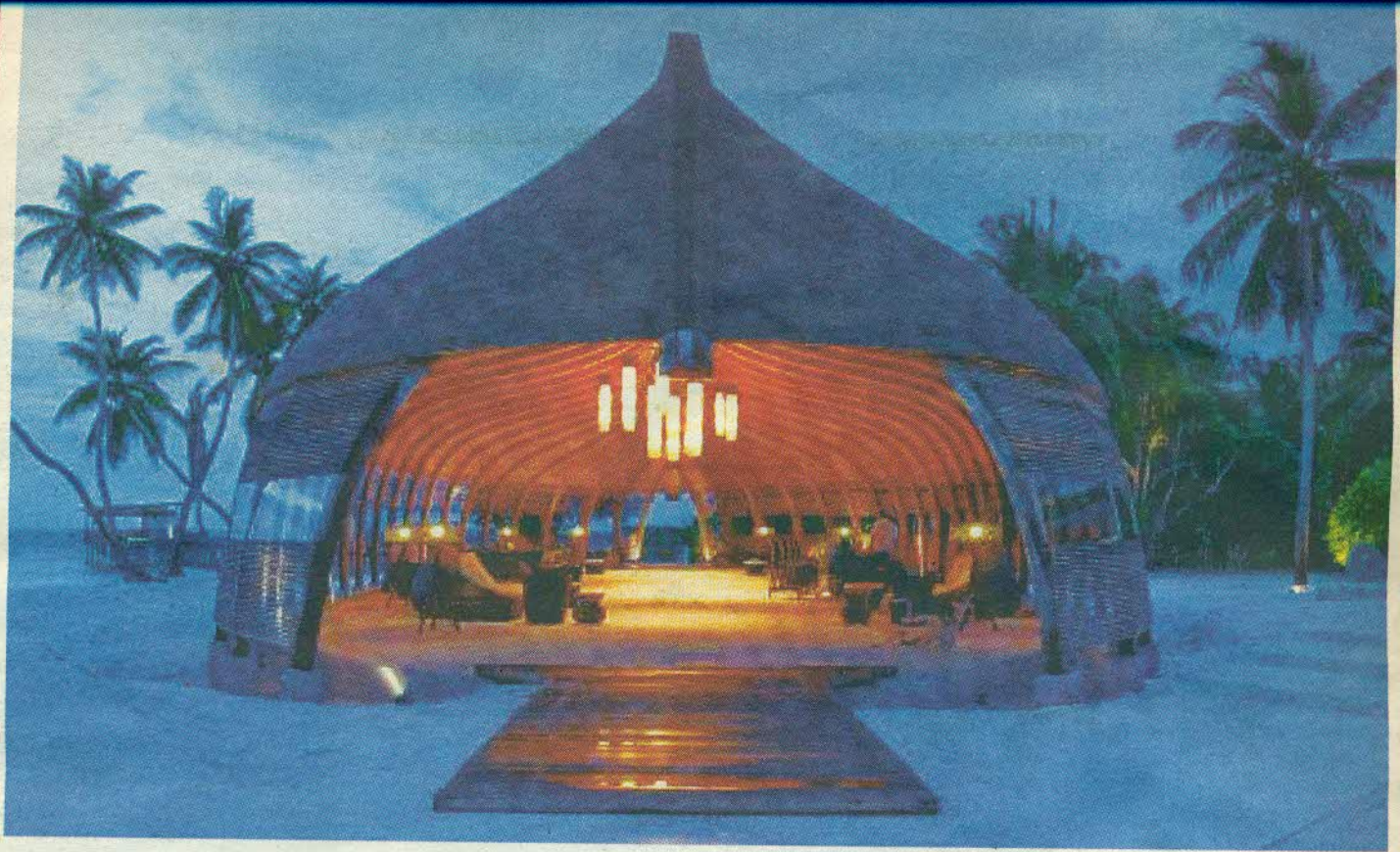
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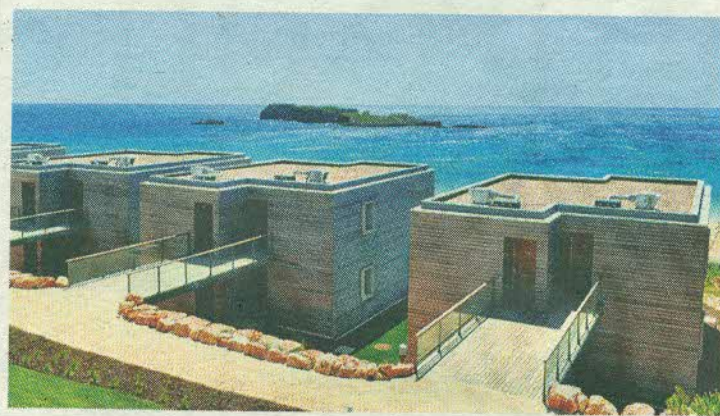
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Viceroy Anguilla

The first Viceroy hotel outside the US is making waves in Anguilla. Interior design queen Kelly Wearstler has spared little expense on the dazzling décor, which is flooded with light via picture windows and peppered with carved wooden objects, shells and other sculptural oddities. There are 166 suites and villas done out in dreamy, creamy hues, plus a cocktail bar for sundowners and four restaurants serving locally caught fish. Anguilla is also a hotspot for watersport fans and those who want to scour the coral reefs for which the island is known. Viceroy Anguilla, Barnes Bay, West End, Anguilla (001 264 497 7000; viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/anguilla). Doubles start at US\$716 (£477), including breakfast.



Hotel Martinhal Portugal

This Algarve hotel ditches the neutral palette commonly preferred by beach retreats, opting instead for a bold-and-bright approach. A rainbow of vivid pastel rugs and cushions adorn each of the 38 rooms, which also come with Bose iPod docks and private balconies. Hotel Martinhal, Quinta do Martinhal, Sagres, Algarve, Portugal (00 351 282 240 200; martinhal.com). Doubles with breakfast from €152.

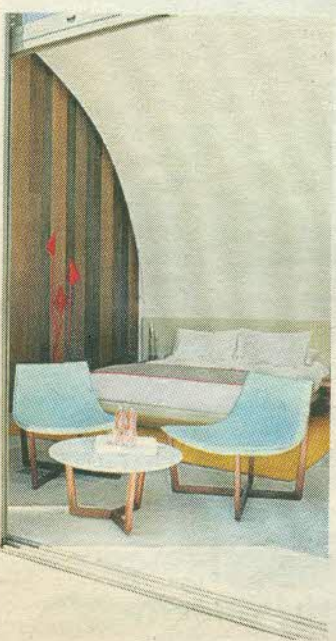
Long Beach Mauritius

A tropical gem that opens next month on the east coast. Breaking away from the refined traditionalism of neighbouring hotels, Long Beach is an all-singing, all-dancing resort of 255 stylish rooms, several pools, restaurants and bars. Long Beach, Coastal Road, Belle Mare, Mauritius (00 230 401 1919; long-beachmauritius.com). Doubles start at €350, half board.



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Casa de la Flora Thailand

This series of striking cubist villas offers clean lines, white linen and clutterless calm. The new property overlooks the Andaman Sea from Khao Lak beach. Inside, wood panelling stretches from floor to ceiling. Casa de la Flora, Khao Lak, Phang Nga, Thailand (casadelaflo.com). You can book through Design Hotels (00 800 37 46 83 57; designhotels.com). Doubles with breakfast start at 17,000 baht (£345).