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The roster of resorts on the island of Mauritius is a who's who of luxury accommodation. In recent years, the likes of SO Sofitel, LUX* and Shangri-La have amplified their design aesthetic to reflect the rich cultural heritage of this island nation off Africa's east coast.

New to the Mauritian barefoot-and-boho fray is Anantara Iko Mauritius Resort & Villas, an all-new property created by the award-winning Freo firm, GKA (the Datai Langawi and St Regis Bali are its work) and Thailand interiors experts Abacus Design, a frequent collaborator with Anantara among others. They worked in collaboration with the Office of Global Architecture in Mauritius.

Drawing reference from both the natural

and historic built environments, the design employs natural, locally sourced volcanic stone, basalt and driftwood crafted by Mauritian artisans.

The resort is on the south-eastern coast of Mauritius Le Chaland beach, south of the old capital, Mahebourg, and a 10-minute drive from Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport.

The 164 guest rooms and suites have bathtubs and a terrace or balcony with a day bed overlooking either the resort's gardens or the Indian Ocean. Eight luxury pool villas – two with two bedrooms and six with four bedrooms – will launch in the first half of this year.

The onsite Anantara Spa features a Turkish hammam and a focal point of the resort is a 30-metre swimming pool.

Its ozone filtration system is one of many

sustainable technologies in the resort, alongside solar water heating reused water for irrigation and cleaning and zero use of plastic straws.

The property is family-friendly, with a kids' club. Priced from \$616 a room a night. See anantara.com

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