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## DESIGN AWARDS PREVIEW 2012

### Best new or renovated hotel Shortlist



#### Playa Vik José Ignacio, Uruguay, by Carlos Ott

Calle Los Cisnes y Los Horneros, Faro José Ignacio

**Key features:** A new beach resort cutting a fine figure on the South Atlantic coast. Outside, a black-granite infinity pool features a fibre-optic celestial map of the southern hemisphere.

**Number of rooms:** 4 suites, 6 casas

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Overlooking the dramatic South Atlantic coastline, Playa Vik José Ignacio is a contemporary marvel by Uruguayan Carlos Ott. Ott's key concern was integrating the building into the surrounding landscape, but he also kept it eco-friendly by minimising the use of energy, recycling water and employing innovative solar technologies. There are four guest suites, and six private casas, each with two or three bedrooms and an impressive collection of contemporary art. Indeed, the casas are like works of art themselves, with macassar-ebony ceilings, hand-painted floors, wooden baths carved by local artisans and retractable glass doors that open onto private gardens or terraces facing the sea.