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PROJECT: AUBERGE DU SOLIEL
FIRM: TUCKER & MARKS DESIGN



TOP: THE TRANSFORMATION OF AUBERGE DU SOLEIL WAS INSPIRED BY THE CASUAL LUXURY AND SENSUOUSNESS OF COTE D'AZUR LIVING. BELOW: ALL ROOMS FEATURE PRIVATE TERRACES, SOME WITH OUTDOOR BATH GARDENS.



AUBERGE DU SOLIEL

MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, CLAUDE ROUAS brought the magical light of the South of France to Auberge du Soleil with his design of the 50 rustic hillside maisons. Those original rooms and suites evoked the rustic charm of the Provence countryside with earth-toned colors and traditional shuttered French doors opening to private patios. In a multi-year transformation of the maisons, Suzanne Tucker of Tucker & Marks reinterpreted Rouas' vision for the "Inn of the Sun" with the effortless style and sophistication of the French Riviera.

The redesigned Maison Vence and Maison Mougins capture the generous light and spaciousness of a private villa with pale sand and limestone hues, while the bleached and cerused floors set the stage

for the newly opened layout in suites up to 1,300 square feet. Each suite is a romantic retreat with a private terrace offering stunning views, a cozy wood-burning fireplace and spa-like bathrooms. Hand-carved headboards of mirrored fretwork frame large California king beds covered in sumptuous bedding made of textiles such as Corsica and Saint-Tropez, custom designed by Tucker. The living areas feel like a home, having the collected look of the global traveler, with some offering private outdoor bath gardens that showcase deep sculptural tubs and open-air showers by Waterworks. "We are after timeless qualities here, and this thoughtful approach has felt very natural and organic, just as the Auberge and its surroundings are," said Tucker. — Annette Hanami