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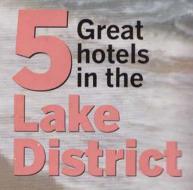
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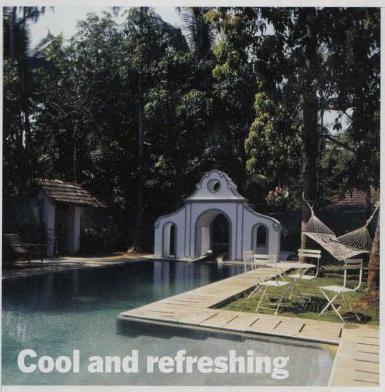


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#### A new hotel in Goa with colonial style and complimentary beer



Simon Hayward, scion of an old brewing family, knows how to please guests at his new hotel in Goa. **Vivenda Dos** 

Palhaços: he serves Hayward's 5000 beer for free. 'It's popular with north Indian lorry drivers,' he says. 'The record is three before you fall over.' Hayward planned to move to Goa and relax; instead, he became a hotelier and, together with his sister Charlotte, converted a Portuguese mansion into a sixbedroom hotel with peaceful gardens and a 12-metre-long pool. The siblings were born in Calcutta and have lived in India periodically throughout their lives, 'I saw the house for 15 minutes after a good lunch and then sent everyone I knew down to see it. They said buy it, so I did,' says Hayward. The house was originally a Hindu farm made from rammed (compacted) earth. Then a Catholic family bought it, grew richer and added a Portuguese-style façade in 1929. A designer friend of the Haywards from Poona created the new interiors using simple colours and textiles; the dining tables and door and window frames are made from mutti, a local hardwood. It's a 15minute walk to the village of Majorda and its famous 25km sandy beach.

Vivenda Dos Palhaços, Majorda, Goa, India (00 91 832 322 1119; www.vivendagoa.com). Doubles from £30 including breakfast







From top: the pool at Vivenda Dos Palhaços; owners Charlotte and Simon Hayward; the 'Ooty' bedroom; the sitting room



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