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AMALFI COAST, ITALY

BORGO SANTANDREA

It's not easy for a newcomer to make an impact on Italy's Amalfi Coast, an area known for iconic hotels that date back to the 1960s era of *La Dolce Vita*. But Borgo Santandrea—one of the few five-star properties to open on this stretch in the past decade—fits right in. Managed by hoteliers from nearby Ischia, it occupies a privileged position on the cliffs just outside the town of Amalfi. The resort's Midcentury Modern-meets-Mediterranean design pays homage to legendary Italian architect Gio Ponti, whose ceramics decorate the blue-and-white lobby: the floors of the hotel are tiled in more than 30 different geometric patterns. Throughout the property, custom-built furnishings sit alongside vintage pieces such as a concierge desk by Carlo Mollino. I started my day with breakfast on the terrace overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea, then moved to the hotel's beach club, which happens to be on the only private strip along the coast. The club's restaurant was perfect for a leisurely lunch that included *spaghetti alle vongole* and a glass of crisp Pinot Grigio. *borgosantandrea.it*; doubles from \$1,050.

—Laura Itzkowitz

The beach club at Borgo Santandrea.