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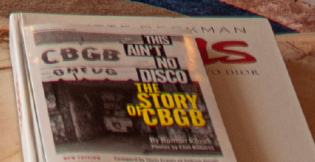
Shanna Gatonis mixes New York's edge with Florida's soul



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under the bahia light

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Designed by architect **Beatriz Henriques**, this Trancoso residence embraces the rhythms of its tropical setting, where natural materials, filtered light, and lush greenery come together to create a quiet retreat shaped by a deep sense of place and belonging.





The L-shaped plan connects the house's private rooms to the gardens and pool through a covered walkway, where timber shutters, broad openings, and a bamboo pergola create a fluid sequence between intimate interiors and the surrounding landscape, linking spaces naturally throughout.



Light and breeze move quietly through the spaces, while wood, woven fibers, stone, and greenery create a relaxed atmosphere. The covered circulation becomes an extension of the garden, reinforcing the sense of privacy, pause, and retreat.



Everything seems to breathe at the same rhythm as the landscape.

Cross-ventilation, abundant daylight, and expansive openings keep the interiors fresh and luminous, while natural materials lend tactile depth.



Throughout the private areas, the traditional “biribinha” roof, wood-framed openings, woven textures, and soft textiles create intimate rooms. The suites remain connected to gardens and daylight, while dressing areas and bathrooms continue the restrained, tactile language of the house, with privacy preserved through carefully framed openings throughout.





In the social areas, expansive retractable doors disappear, merging the living room with the veranda and pool. Woven accents, wood, and sculptural lighting create a setting for gatherings, meals, and moments surrounded by the landscape.



Rather than imposing an architectural statement, the project responds thoughtfully to its setting. By reinterpreting the vernacular traditions of southern Bahia through a contemporary lens, it transforms simplicity, nature, and a profound sense of belonging into its most enduring expression.