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Manhattan Beach hopes to lure even more visitors to its increasingly ritzy Riviera this month with the launch of **Shade**, the city's first designer-sleek boutique hotel. Discovery network decorating guru, **Christopher Lowell**, has dolled up the atmosphere with a chic nautical vibe. A muted mint color scheme and round, porthole-style windows evoke dreamy days at sea. Tempur-Pedic beds and Lavazza espresso makers are fixtures in each of the 38 rooms, which are as much a party destination as the beach town itself— there are even built-in blenders for in-room Margarita mixing. Or head down to **Zinc**, the hotel's Schrager-chic wine bar where a Martini lunch is served with a wink. The house cocktail is a chilled Ciroc Martini with raspberry-balsamic reduction drizzled over bacon-feta olives. 1221 Valley Dr., Manhattan Beach, 310.546.4995 or www.shadehotel.com.