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The Sarojin, Khao Lak, Thailand

The Sarojin is a lush, tropical, 56-room oasis dreamily positioned beside its own private beach, yet hidden away from prying eyes by dense foliage. Wake whenever you please (the à la carte breakfast is served until 2pm), take a gentle stroll through the fastidiously manicured gardens awash with the songs of birds and cicadas, catch your breath at the pond complete with darting fish and chirping frogs, then rest up by the beautiful pool in your own private cabana. The Edge restaurant is located right on the beach – a delightful place to enjoy tasty Thai cuisine as the sun sinks into the Andaman Sea. *Tatyana Leonov*

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