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Hotel Básico at Playa Del Carmen

Mom always taught us to make the best of what we had. Some took that literally and built Hotel Básico a luxury Mexican getaway built almost entirely out of recycled materials. The walls are made with sand from local beaches, the two rooftop pools were once petroleum oil tanks, the cabanas are made from recycled truck beds, and the floors, room curtains, and even inner tubes are constructed of old tires. The restaurant also buys from local fishermen and the rooftop juice bar serves locally-grown organic fruits. If that's not enough, there's the whole lying on white sand beaches and swimming in sparkling blue waters part. Mom was definitely onto something.

Check it out at hotelbasico.com.

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