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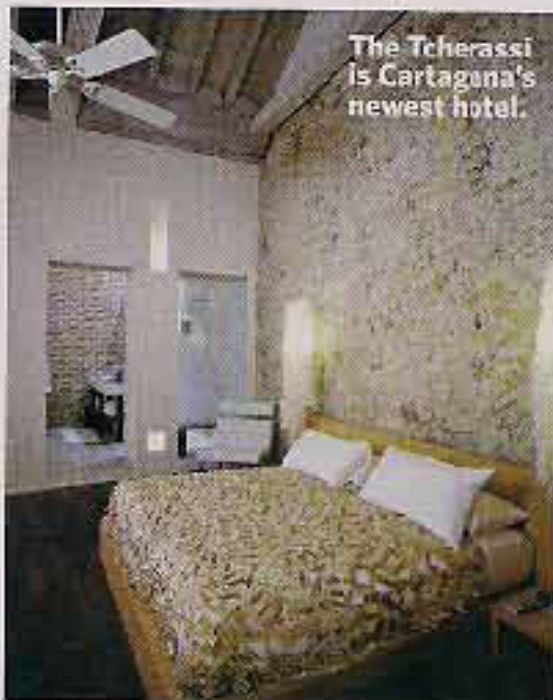
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## HOTEL CENTRAL

### Cartagena's Colonial Chic

New boutique hotels transform the Old City. By JOHN ROSENTHAL

The **Tcherassi Hotel and Spa** ([www.tcherassihotels.com](http://www.tcherassihotels.com); from \$295) is a converted, 250-year-old mansion named for Silvia Tcherassi, a Colombia-born designer located in Miami. Her goal was to fashion a hotel that "captures the Caribbean spirit and magic surrealism of Cartagena." Her imprint is everywhere in the seven large guest rooms, from the Egyptian cotton linens to the bathroom amenities to the fabric of the "Do Not Disturb" signs. The hotel's restaurant Vera serves Italian coastal classics like risotto pescatore.



The Tcherassi is Cartagena's newest hotel.