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CHIC BOUTIQUE HOTELS

THE RADAR JEWELRY

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SPRING GLEAMING!

Fellini said that "all art is autobiographical, the pearl is the oyster's biography." The same could be said for the works of an active group of Hawaii-based and -born jewelers that seem to have drawn great inspiration from the Isles' flora and fauna. While no one would think to gild a lily, the glint of precious metal adds new dimension to a coral branch in Kiki Designs' weighty necklace. The same goes for Wings Hawaii's hinged crab claw and seahorse pendants, which are made from casts of the real thing. And the intricacies of nature are unveiled in a leaf pendant—dipped in 24K gold—by Midori Jewelry. Mahina Pearls re-interprets the usually staid string of pearls with a jolt of color and unexpected shape while imposing banana leaves find grace as adornment in Paradisus' sterling silver choker. Even pearly shells get heavy on the metal with Rue Belle's shoulder-duster earrings. So get elemental and pick your favorite! ■



Clockwise from top: Sterling silver banana leaf choker, \$420, and malleable leaf bracelet with moon stones, \$270, both at www.myparadisus.com; First Leaf necklace, \$80 at www.midorijewelry.com; Sterling silver seahorse pendant, \$450, at Wings Hawaii; Rue Belle 14K gold-filled earrings, \$145 at Mercantile; Green tab pearl necklace, price upon request, at www.pearljewelryhawaii.com; Sterling silver hinged crab claw pendant, \$350, at Wings Hawaii; Kiki Designs' Catch of the Day necklace, \$220, at Maui Maui Heaven.