Best New Hotels

The World's Best New Hotels - Now Open in All Their Glory

by Team Fathom

Gliding into the current crop of new hotel around the world, starting in Montenegro. Photo courtesy of Mamula Island.

We're all spoiled for choice by the latest hotel openings across the globe — an eccentric and eclectic mix of one-off passion projects, meticulous preservations, feel-good initiatives, and affordable design gems in surprising locales. The creative minds behind them range from our favorite heavy hitters to quirky mini brands and innovative independents. As ever, we tend to steer clear of giant hotel footprints because we prefer the places with fewer than 100 rooms. As you read through this, you'll notice a few themes emerging — sustainability, working farmland, rich color palettes, nostalgia, crazy views — and we applaud them all.

We'll be updating this list from now on, so bookmark this page if you want to keep track of the newest and greatest around the world.

New Hotels in the United States

The Inn at Mattei's Tavern, Auberge Resorts Collection

Los Olivos, California

If you'd like to find yourself driving California's Central Coast on Highway 101 through Santa Barbara wine country, start by looking up Santa Ynez Valley, a idyllic swath of rolling vineyards, independent shops, and restaurants — and the hotel that befits its growing status as a vinicultural destination. A stagecoach stop built in 1886 has been transformed into a tavern and inn with 67 rooms and cottages, a restaurant, outdoor pool, old-growth palms, and a spa. Guests can take part in a number of cool experiences like making campfire pies, infusing their own bottle of olive oil, and harvesting and preparing sea urchin alongside experts.

Southall

Franklin, Tennessee

It's all about the healing power of the land at this sleek and modern farmhouse inn, with its greenhouses, fields of heritage crops, orchards, and a spa in the Nashville countryside. Sixty-two rooms and 16 cottages show off local craftsmanship and curation. Health, nature, farm, and culinary experiences help guests connect with their environs.

Feel-Good Factor: The property has a state-of-the-art composting and recycling facility, energy-conserving geothermal systems, and a self-reliant watering system that allows them to disconnect from the municipal water supply.

Ulum

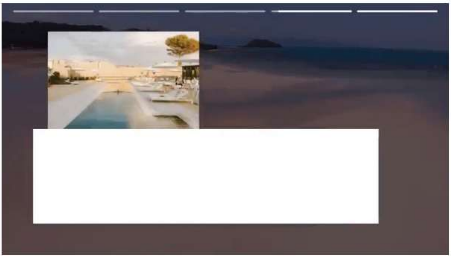
Moab, Utah

We're 163 million miles from Mars, but there's plenty of alien landscape to go around at this new tented desert resort deep in southern Utah's red rock country (about a half hour from Arches National Park and an hour from Canyonlands). It's cosmic, but the sleeping tents will ground you. There are 50 of them, outfitted with big en-suite showers, toasty wood-burning stoves, plush beds and fold-out couches from West Elm. The 200-acre property — which also has a modern lobby lounge with a restaurant, terraced fire pits, yoga deck, and tiny pools for cooling off on hot days — overlooks the spectacular Looking Glass Arch, the nearly impossible natural rock formation that is the focal point of the area.

Lily Hall

Pensacola, Florida

Every city deserves at least one hospitable example of adaptive reuse, and the inspirational refurbishment of the historical Old Mount Olive Baptist Church will give the Panhandle community (especially those who worked to save the endangered 1928 building) a way to celebrate under the roof once again. Fifteen guest rooms and a charming garden terrace that seats 100 make it terrific for a wedding. Design details (exposed brick, double-sided outdoor staircase) have been preserved; nostalgic nods have been added: Brother Fox restaurant is an ode to the former church pastor and Sister Hen is a tiny Prohibition-style bar (dress code, house rules) for two dozen guests who find their way to the candlelit room on a given night.



A-Frame Club

Winter Park, Colorado

Thirty-one deep A-frame lodges (a classic Mid-century ski cabin silhouette) are nestled in an old-growth forest in the Rocky Mountains. There are soaking tubs and Noguchi lamps, Malm fireplaces, a Frenchie alpine restaurant, and cozy saloon. A retreat for all seasons.

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Nine Orchard

New York City, New York

You wouldn't expect to find a luxuriously restored Neo-Renaissance bank building turned hotel on the graffitied streets of the Lower East Side, but both the neighborhood and the boutique bolthole share an edge, energy, and magnetism for local creative enterprises. Michelin-starred chef Ignacio Mattos is responsible for the food at the lovely Corner Bar (a Frenchie bistro), the upcoming Amado Grill (grand tasting menu), and the spectacular Swan Room (opulent former bank teller station). Residential-style guest rooms (116 of them) have vintage furnishings, ceramics by design darling Tyler Hays, and custom sound speakers that emit the warm, curated tunes of local DJ Stretch Armstrong. Many bathrooms have windows (a NYC rarity); the Terrace Suite is an absolute secret garden with iconic skyline views.

Hotel Chelsea

New York City, New York

The restoration in the works for years was well worth the wait. Legendary 1884 Hotel Chelsea, long synonymous for downtown debauchery, is back in action with all its charms and quirks. Some of the original tenants are still here (who'd give up that lease?), living alongside 158 redesigned rooms filled with vintage-style furniture and charming touches like original wood floors, stained glass windows, fireplaces, marble bathrooms with rainfall showers, and closets lined with patterned wallpaper. Spanish restaurant El Quijote is also back and happening, while restored wood paneling and cozy sofas make The Lobby Bar just as excellent a watering hole.

Hotel Barrière Fouquet's New York

New York City, New York

Group Barrière, known primarily for chic hotels throughout France (Paris, Courcheval, Cannes), brings their very French elan to a quiet stretch of Tribeca. The 97 guest rooms and suites designed by very busy hotel designer Martin Budnizki feature Art Deco-inspired furnishings in pastels and a fantastic custom *toile de jouy* wallpaper that replaced the typical frolicking French maidens with the Statue of Liberty, The Odeon, downtown tenement buildings, and subway entrances. Also on site are Brasserie Fouquet's New York, hidden Titsou Bar, Spa Diane Barrière (there's a pool!), and Cannes Cinema screening room where the seats are plush chairs and chaise lounges.

Hotel Genevieve's color-saturated guest rooms. Photo by Nick Simonite.

Hotel Genevieve

Louisville, Kentucky

The Bunkhouse group settled into a growing East Market neighborhood of the "New Louisville" area notable for its concentration of boutiques, bars, and breweries. The Parisian-inspired hotel fits into its surroundings with 122 charming rooms. There is also a restaurant, rooftop bar, and mini market run by *Top Chef* alum and James Beard nominated chef Ashleigh Shanti (who we featured in A Chef's Tour of Asheville).

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Drift Palm Springs

Palm Springs, California

After a trendy build in Cabo, the hospitality brand opened 30-key hotel in the California desert with a variety of room sizes, including four-bedroom options for large groups. Moorish and Spanish Colonial Revival architectural cues are delivered in a neutral color palette with modern updates. A pool with a bar and cabanas makes a great centerpiece; upscale Baja fare is available all day. **Drift Santa Barbara**, another California spot which also opened in January, has a modern, minimalist atmosphere, a raw bar, and a cafe serving Coastal Collective Coffee.

The Georgian

Santa Monica, California

Whether you're driving up or down the Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica, it's hard to miss the vibrant turquoise Period Revival-meets-Art Deco 1930s oceanfront landmark that once hosted Monroe, Chaplin, Gable, and their ilk. The former gilded-age playhouse started to show its age over the years (and even became a retirement home at one point), until BLVD Hospitality — known for bringing the

Ace Hotel and Soho House's warehouse to Downtown L.A. — stepped in to revive it to its glamorous yesteryears. Guests are invited to travel back in time, greeted by bellmen in baby-blue suits, vintage rotary phones in the lobby playing voice messages from the bygone era, and champagne and dessert buttons in the suites. Costal Italian fare is served on the Sunset Terrace and dining room; Prohibition-style cocktails are on offer at the Sunset Bar.

Hotel Per La

Los Angeles, California

We were crestfallen with NoMad Los Angeles in Downtown LA shuttered, because the transformation of the 1922 Bank of Italy headquarters into a hotel had been a total stunner. And we were delighted to see that the new owners not only left the great bones they found intact but also leaned into the Italian heritage in the culinary offerings and decor. Also good to see: The Mouth-of-Truth sculpture still occupies its prime place overlooking the rooftop pool.

Wayfinder Waikiki

Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

Much of the lodging in Hawaii feels stuck in the '80s (dark wood furniture, palm tree textiles, condo vibes), so it's exciting to see an affordable and adorable option pop up. The 228 rooms here include doubles with city views and a spacious pool house suite for families — all painted in pleasing blues and greens and decorated with eclectic wood furnishings, unique light fixtures, and bold patterns in the headboards and throw pillows. This is what you'd expect to find at a young, cute surfer girl's pad. With tropical cocktails and poke bowls to match.

The Lodge at Healdsburg

Napa, California

Another classy hotel option for wine country enthusiasts — just a mile from Downtown Healdsburg. This is the kind of place you could book for your parents: The design is traditional with a modern twist (but nothing crazy!), with relaxed tones and textures and lots of seating arrangements in front of and near the many indoor and outdoor fireplaces.

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Tributary Hotel

McMinville, Oregon

We're keeping our eye on McMinville, the Healdsburg of the Willamette Valley, because the emerging scene is both rugged and sophisticated. A husband-and-wife team of first-time hoteliers converted a century-old hardware store into a homey inn where every suite has a fireplace, deep tub, and sitting and writing areas. Tributary pays homage to the region, especially at refined in-house restaurant ōkta, which sources most of its products from their five-acre farm nearby.

Come for the cabins, stay for the knotty pine. Photo by Lawrence Braun.

Camptown

Leeds, New York

The incredibly adorable website is a tip-off that we're crossing the threshold — over the Rip Van Winkle Bridge — into a little magical zone in the Catskills. Twenty-six dog-friendly log cabins have comfy beds and living areas, wood-burning stoves, and tiny kitchenettes. Elsewhere on the 22-acre property is a main house with 24 rooms, a Mexican-inspired restaurant, honor pantry, grilling area, fire pit, and forthcoming swim club, pool bar, and sauna.

The Manchester

Lexington, Kentucky

"Warm and woody — like the bourbon that fueled them," is an apt way to describe the spirit of the hotel rooms smack-dab in the center of this horse-riding, horse-racing, horse-betting town. The rooftop bar evokes hot and hazy memories of South Florida, and the forthcoming Granddam lobby lounge will have plenty of nooks for canoodling. The suites feel like a good setting for living out a literary fantasy that includes (but is not limited to) a clawfoot tub and a writing desk.

The Quoin

Wilmington, Delaware

The clever Method Co. hospitality folks are at it again — this time renovating the city's former Security Trust & Safe Deposit Company building into a 24-room hotel layered with patterns, colors, and sophisticated design motifs. There's a neighborhood restaurant, a courtyard shared with the historical society, and a beautiful cocktail den in what was once called "The Money Room." Not to mention the city's first rooftop lounge. (C'mon, Wilmington!)

Eastwind Oliverea Valley

Catskills, New York

The "hygge-design" hotel company continues its upper New York expansion with a new locale nestled in Ulster County. Expect lots of the Eastwind vibe they've established: 30 Scandinavian-inspired rooms, lofts, and signature A-frame Lushna cabins, a wood-barrel sauna, hammocks, and fire pits. Some of the most popular hikes in the valley are easily accessible — Giant Ledge, Panther Mountain — but guests will feel nature's presence even indoors at cozy, plant-forward, sustainably-minded Dandelion restaurant and bar.

Moxy Williamsburg

Williamsburg, New York

Northern Williamsburg typically gets all the buzz when it comes to hotels, so we are excited to see the always-a-good-time Moxy brand expand south along Bedford Avenue to the foot of the Williamsburg Bridge. The breezy lobby (home to Bar Bedford, open-concept meeting areas, and plenty of co-working space) showcases the hotel's friendly nature. Also alluring is LilliStar, the indoor-outdoor rooftop bar and restaurant with unobstructed views of the bridges and downtown Manhattan skyline. Rooms are cozy (as they go in New York) and smartly designed with easy-on-the-eyes marble sinks, great for getting ready for a fun night out at Jolene, the hotel's Dolly Parton-inspired nightclub with disco-spinning DJs on a great sound system. Williamsburg is brunch city, so its best to break bread and wash down herbaceous cocktails at the Mediterranean-inspired restaurant Mesiba.

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Moxy Lower East Side

New York City, New York

In addition to Moxy Williamsburg, the Lightstone real estate group added Moxy Lower East Side to their portfolio (which also includes Moxys of recent vintage in NYC, South Beach, and Downtown Los Angeles). Performance is the name of the game here, starting from the entrance that feels not unlike a runway and extending into food and drink venues designed for good times. Japanese restaurant Sake No Hana serves sushi and izakaya dinner in an open-plan space filled with see-and-be-seen tables. Hidden-in-plain-sight nightclub Loosie's is what happens with a disco ball explodes and spreads fairy dust on everyone in the house. The live entertainment at piano lounge Silver Lining, may be the closest NYC gets to Sinatra-era supper clubs. The Highlight Room on the rooftop has amazing views and a very attractive clientele. The Fix, the all-day lobby cafe, bar, and lounge, is also the co-working space, but good luck concentrating on your laptop. It may be more prudent to retreat to one of the 303 compact and playful rooms upstairs.

Aman New York

New York City, New York

One of the splashiest openings of recent vintage, in part because of the Crown Building conversion into 83 suites and 22 apartments, in part for the nightly cost of said suites (if you have to ask, you can't afford it), in part for the private Spa Houses bigger than most New York studio apartments (you can't afford this either), and in part for already-mile-long wait list to join the exclusive member's club (which rumor has it costs $200,000 to join).

Photo courtesy of The Peninsula Istanbul.

New Hotels in Europe

The Peninsula Istanbul

Istanbul, Türkiye

This may be the best address in town, if you consider the location — on the Bosphorous, close to buzzy Karaköy, with perfect Golden Horn views — and the clean, contemporary design by Zeynep Fadillioglu (the first woman to design a mosque) — of 177 guest rooms and suites across four buildings, of which three are historical landmarks from the early 1900s. Not enough for you? Then head downstairs to the striking spa and feast your eyes on the even more striking pool and ease yourself into the hammam. Now you see what we're talking about.

Carlton Cannes, A Regent Hotel

Cannes, France

Regent Hotels & Resorts, IHG's most luxurious luxury brand, is making big strides this year, opening Regent Hong Kong and Regent Phu Quoc in the spring and Regent Santa Monica Beach this fall — with Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, and Kyoto on the horizon. But nothing is as exciting as the reopening of the legendary Carlton Cannes after an extensive, two-year, head-to-toe makeover that both restored many exquisite Belle Epoque details that had been neglected or lost in the past century (marble columns, painted ceilings, ballrooms galore) and added features to usher it into the next century (two new wings frame an interior garden and pool, the largest hotel infinity pool in Cannes, and Experience Agents are on hand to personalize every guest stay). The 332 rooms and suites have been reimagined as serene sanctuaries by French interior designer Tristan Auer, while 37 new residences mean a lucky few will never have to check out.

Maison Delano

Paris, France

The first European locale for a forthcoming collection of city hotels (the Delano Miami is the O.G. boutique hotel) run by Accor and its indie-minded arm Ennismore. Set in an 18th-century building in the 8th arrondissement, the 56-room flagship, close to fashion-y Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, has a buzzy French-Andalusian restaurant in the courtyard run by three-Michelin-star chef Dani Garcí, a cocktail bar, and a Ciel Spa.

TOO Hôtel

Paris, France

Taking a page from the Hong Kong hotel playbook, TOO occupies the 17th-24th floors of Jean Nouvel's Tours Duo skyscrapers in the 13th arrondissement. This means the Philippe Stark-designed rooms — which we'll pause to note are refreshingly affordable — come with awesome views of the Eiffel Tower, the Seine, and the city. Also taking advantage of the height are the rooftop bar and restaurant terrace and the sky spa with outdoor jacuzzi.

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Six Senses Rome

Rome, Italy

Yes, it's located in the center of Rome, but this is a Six Senses, so serenity and sustainability abound: In Patricia Urquiola designed rooms with rounded furnishings in gentle pastels. In the spa inspired by ancient Roman baths. In the carefully restored building that runs entirely on green power. Timeless touches include 600-year-old marble columns in the entrance and a 4th-century baptismal font visible through a glass floor in the restaurant.

Palazzo Ripetta

Rome, Italy

In the 1600s, this palazzo in the center of town was a conservatory where devoted nuns looked after and taught underprivileged young women for some 300 years. Today, the family-owned hotel has been reborn, with 78 rooms, including family-friendly options, duplexes, spa suites, and a two-floor apartment with a kitchen. Contemporary art sits alongside ancient Roman pieces, as it often does in this town, where history tends to infuse everything.

Feel-Good Factor: The zero-impact building runs on 100 precent renewable energy.

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Portrait Milano

Milan, Italy

It would be hard to overstate how impressive this project is, which is not as much a new hotel build as the recovery of a colonnaded piazza in the center of Milan's fashion district that, before it had been abandoned for twenty years, had been home throughout the centuries to a seminary, a hospital, and, most recently, the offices of prestigious Italian designers. Lungarno Collection, owned by the fashion-y Ferragamo family, infused 73 spacious rooms and suites with such high style touches as thousands of art, design, and culture coffee table books; marble bathrooms; and enormous closets for the fashion set that will no doubt make this a new home base. On the ground floor are chic boutiques, a terrific in-house lounge and restaurant (they do a fab, light-filled breakfast buffet), and an outpost of trendy Beefbar restaurant.

Casa Baglioni

Milan, Italy

Baglioni Hotels upgraded in Milan by downgrading. Whereas their former Carlton Hotel had 89 fusty rooms, Casa Baglioni in the discreet Brera neighborhood only has 30, and they're all handsome, with striking designer lighting, fixtures, wallpapers, and furnishings. Geometric bookshelves decorated with pretty glass and ceramic objects fill the lobby and rooms, and the intimate restaurant is the new home of Michelin-starred chef Claudio Sadler. The overall vibe is elegant and bijoux, making the hotel feel like a very special find.

Casa Cipriani Milano

Milan, Italy

Another casa in Milan? (Are you sensing a theme?) This one, however, has an added members component, like its sister hotel in downtown Manhattan, with dining areas on the ground floor and roof level reserved for members and hotel guests. (Begone, interloping peasants of the gawking public!) Fifteen rooms and suites on two floors are super chic, the design a mix of Italian fashion (black and white photos line the walls) and English gentleman's club (cue striped wallpapers and dark wood paneling). No expense was spared in designing the Wellness Center: The Finnish cedar wood in the sauna, the vaulted ceiling in the hammam, and the green onyx walls in the salt water floatation pool don't come cheap.

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Helvetia & Bristol

Florence, Italy

You'd think a hotel that's been welcoming guests since 1885 has seen and done it all, but not the Helvetia & Bristol. The classic hotel has reinvented itself by expanding into the former Bank of Rome building next door (The Bristol), where they added moody rooms and suites designed by Anouska Hempel and an outpost of beloved Florence restaurant Cibrèo. While excavating the subterranean La Spa on the site of ancient Roman baths, they discovered ancient and medieval spa ruins, now visible in the salt room and

Vermelho Hotel. Photo courtesy of Christian Louboutin.

Vermelho Hotel

Melides, Portugal

Christian Louboutin's first hotel is as opulent, colorful, and striking as the footwear that has made him famous the world over. The designer, a regular visitor to the coastal town south of Lisbon, was inspired by the area's creative community and languid pace and personally curated the antiques, artwork, ceramics, and tiles in the thirteen unique rooms, restaurant, and communal spaces. A team of creators also lent their skills to the project — an Italian sculpted the façade, a Greek artist hand painted the frescoes, an Indian workshop created the glass-blown mural chandelier, and local goldsmiths hammered the silver bar. Louboutin says this is how he and his crowd live in Portugal, and now we get to pretend we're part of the cohort.

Mamula Island

Bay of Kotor, Montenegro

Why was an Austro-Hungarian military fort dating back to the 1850s so elaborately decorated and frescoed? Because, legend has it, founder General Lazar Mamula thought the island would make a lovely retirement estate. Less lovely was the island's stint as an Italian fascist military prison in World War II, though not even that dark history diminished locals' love for the island. Generations of Montenegrans have summered here, learning to swim, stealing first kisses, and feasting on the octopus and calamari fished from the surrounding seas. This spirit of joyful memories is what the new owners hope to capture in converting the long-abandoned UNESCO World Heritage Site into a 32-room hotel with three restaurants, four bars, three pools, a holistic spa, and a memorial museum, all poised to welcome new guests as well as those locals.

De Durgerdam

Amsterdam, Netherlands

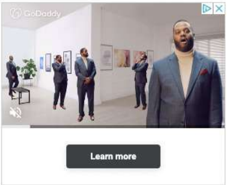
In a small fishing village fifteen minutes north of the city is a lakeside inn brimming with maritime history and design. A handful of rooms, each individually designed, include three suites with wood-burning stoves, custom tiles (from the oldest Dutch manufacturer), and raincoats for guests ill-prepared for the country's signature Dutch mist. A very special restaurant from two of Amsterdam's Michelin-star chefs serves locally sourced delights from the bottom of the sea — and has a zero-waste policy in the kitchen.

Other feel-good factors: solar panels, grey water recycling, a dedicated building for employee well-being, and an electric salon boat for transfers from the railway to the hotel.

Bracken Hide

Isle of Skye, Scotland

The landscape is so breathtaking on this rugged island that you normally might not pay any mind to your accommodations. But the 45 cozy timber cabins are so warm (thanks, heated flooring) and so comfortable (yay, power showers), and so well-placed (check out those views), that you may find yourself perfectly content to experience the wild light and earthly delights ... from your bed. The on-site restaurant offers locally sourced and sustainable seafood and the whisky bar offers lots more than wee drams (though that's plenty).



Lanserhof Sylt

Sylt, Germany

Health, wellness, and I-wanna-life-forever aficionados are already flocking to the striking thatched-roof medical center and spa amid the dunes on German island in the UNESCO World Heritage Wadden Sea. They're coming for life-enhancing (and waist-whittling) treatments on the cutting edge, like chronomedicine and psychoneuroimmunology, just part of a holistic program that includes exercise, nutrition, medical analysis, meditation, and chamber music concerts in the fireside lounge.

Photo courtesy of Sommerro.

Sommerro

Oslo, Norway

Norway's largest-ever preservation project saw the conversion of the Art Deco landmark that was once the city's electrical company into 231 rooms in six categories (from shareable lofts to Heritage suites), four restaurants, three bars, Oslo's first year-round rooftop pool, an 100-seat gilded theater, a preserved Roman bath, and the city's first year-round rooftop pool. Great care was taken in the meticulous restoration to retain as much of the original artwork and period touches as possible, like 1930s textile motifs. The hotel's extensive art collection features work by emerging local artists, and a ceiling mural celebrates "the wonders of electricity."

Feel-Good Factor: Plastic bottles are banned, and the hotel runs on 100 percent renewable energy.

AmanLusa Comporta

Comporta, Portugal

You have a few more seasons to make it to Comporta and still brag about it as a discovery. But the secret is getting out about this Algarve alternative for good reason. The scene is laid-back and the pine trees, rivers, and beaches are inviting. Bring your surfboard or a novel and flip-flops to this chic, well-priced eco-friendly bolthole that mirrors its surroundings.

Six Senses Crans-Montana

Crans-Montana, Switzerland

Any ski-in/ski out property has us dancing in our ski boots. Toss in a global hotel brand renowned for its wellness ethos, and you've given us a match made in Alpine heaven. Forty-five Swiss chalet-style suites overlooking the craggy vistas of the mighty Matterhorn and the 4 Vallées range have floor-to-ceiling windows, natural stone and timber elements, and cloud-like beds that will restore tired bodies after a day on pistes. As at all Six Senses resorts, the wellness offerings are anything but ordinary and include Finnish, rock, and bio salt saunas; a stretching pod; and a biohacking recovery lounge with infrared heat and vibrational therapy. Outside the resort, guests can tube and toboggan from the hotel, dog sled on the glacier, and have snowshoe adventures into the village of Aminona.

Almanac Palais Vienna

Vienna, Austria

What happens when Vienna's imperial past meets its contemporary future? It might look like two 1870s buildings on fancy boulevard Ringstrasse overlooking Stadtpark, refit to accommodate 111 rooms and suites with elegant furnishings in fifty shades of taupe. An impressive, two-floor subterranean wellness area gives nod to the city's long history of spa culture, down to the 14-meter thermal pool. Donnersmarkt Restaurant serves veg-friendly Austrian Alpine cuisine and a selection of local wines, some from the hills surrounding Vienna.

Almanac X Prague

Prague, Czech Republic

A second Almanac opening brings their portfolio to three European hotels, with more coming soon. Almanac X, the brand designed for a younger and experience-hungry clientele, took over and gave a colorful update to what had been Alcron Hotel, the Art Deco landmark that was the city's first luxury hotel. Alcron Restaurant, named in its honor, serves a contemporary take on Czech cuisine.

Amyth of Mykonos

Mykonos, Greece

There's more to the island than partying, and this adults-only, all-suite hotel is the boho-chic place to experience the quieter and more mellow side of Mykonos. (Okay, okay, the clubby scene is only 20 minutes away when the urge to rage strikes.)

Domaine des Etangs, Auberge Resorts Collection

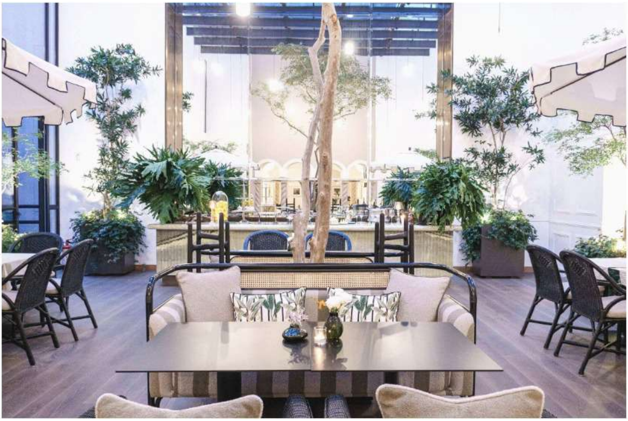
Massignac, France

Auberge Resorts took over a 13th-century château in Southwest France near Cognac and transformed it into a seriously beautiful adult playground that sounds a lot like the ultimate bougie fairy tale. The setting is thousands of acres of gardens, meadows, lakes, and forests. The rooms are in cottages and a castle, the wellness center is in the old mill, the modern art gallery is in the old dairy barn, and the tennis court is actually floating on a lake.

Marine Troon

Ayrshire, Scotland

This coastal gem feels Old World *and* new in that Wes Anderson-y way (i.e.: frilly chairs meet modern window dressings in a nostalgic pastel color palette). Note: The Scottish have a way of pulling off wildly patterned carpeting — it just works. The imposing 89-key hotel overlooks the 18th hole of the Royal Troon golf course, with a cute fringe-and-floral dining room and a tranquil spa with a giant indoor pool for guests who aren't inclined to spend time on the green.



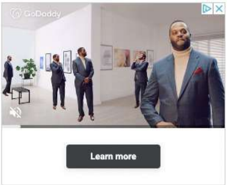
A swish spot for swilling cocktails in Mexico City. Photo courtesy of Casa Polanco.

New Hotels in Latin America + The Caribbean

Casa Polanco

Mexico City, Mexico

A chic outfit worthy of its posh neighborhood surroundings, with a leafy veranda restaurant, library, and terraces. Rooms are bright and light (shout out to the gorgeous houndstooth bed linens). Elsewhere you'll find giant windows and the fabulous wrought iron details you can't get enough of in this city.



Susurros del Corazón, Auberge Resorts Collection

Riviera Nayarit, Mexico

Serving an uptown version of the bohemian beach life — on a jungle-y bluff 40 minutes from Puerto Vallarta. This is a great spot for families with young kids: Besides spacious beach bungalows for spreading out, the resort offers a complementary kids club, baby-sitting services, and experiences for a range of ages. There's a Mexican farmhouse-inspired dining room, a gorgeous pool with a swim-up bar, a soon-to-come ocean-centered spa, and access to one of the best beaches in Punta de Mita.

Goldwynn Resort & Residences

Nassau, Bahamas

Nassau holds great appeal for time-strapped East Coasters in need of a tropical getaway that's easy to get to. Less appealing, however, are the gargantuan resorts dotting the island. Bridging the gap between convenience and size is Goldwynn, a sleek and modern resort with 81 studios, one-, two-, and three-bedroom options with kitchens and balconies overlooking the ocean or the golf course. A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, Goldwynn has a handful of dining and drinking options, including a MediterrAsian restaurant, a holistic spa featuring ancient therapies like abhyanga massage, and a 24-hour gym.

Sofitel Legend Casco Viejo

Panama City, Panama

In the early 20th century, the grand hotel was Club Union, *the* place in town to spot luminaries like Albert Einstein, Helen Keller, and Queen Elizabeth. In the early 21st century, the 159-room hotel wows with bright white French colonial architecture, modern design, a sweeping terrace, and waterfront views. Its location, within a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is close to a Frank Gehry-designed museum dedicated to biodiversity as well as the newly restored Teatro Nacional. New direct flights from the U.S. and a new terminal at the Tocumen International Airport ensure easy access for business and leisure travelers. Bottom line: It's an exciting time to visit.

Naviva, A Four Seasons Resort

Punta Mita, Mexico

Fifteen plush tents on 48 acres of forest overlook the sparkling Pacific Ocean. The intimate, adults-only camp covers meals, beverages, snacks, and a spa treatment — and guests can fill in the rest of their time fostering personal growth through nature activities and cultural excursions. The minimum stay is three nights, but you might want to book more to take advantage of surprises like secret picnics, quick morning paddles with a pro, and other personalized experiences set up by the team.

Fasano São Paulo Itaim

São Paulo, Brazil

The second Fasano outpost in the city, this one in the business-y Bibi neighborhood, is part of a large contemporary complex that will also have restaurants, cafes, bars, and residences. The new hotel (20 years after the first) makes good on the brand's signature bold look and design influences. The 107 residential-style rooms on 20 floors celebrate many Brazilian influences through its decor and furnishings. There's also a spa, gym, outdoor terrace, lobby hang, and rooftop with a pool, bar, and great city views.

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New Hotels in Africa

Duke's East

Okavango Delta, Northern Botswana

Natural Selection, the conservation-first safari outfitter has debuted a smaller, more intimate sister property to Duke's Camp: four open-canopy tents nestled beneath towering ebony and leadwood trees in a remote stretch of the Okavango Delta. Immerse yourself in the wilderness on game drives, mokoro (dugout canoe) excursions, fishing, and sunset boat trips. Scenic helicopter flights and rock art visits are also available.

Zambezi Sands

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

The river lodge in Zambezi National Park is the debut property from Batoka, the first black female-founded luxury hospitality company in Africa. The safari experience delivers on big game (elephants, lions, hippos) and luxury accommodations (ten Bedouin tents have plunge pools, outdoor showers, deep tubs, and viewing decks; one two-bedroom suite has a private pool and a dining room). The dining room has an open theater kitchen where guests can see how chefs incorporate locally sourced ingredients into updated Zimbabwean dishes.

Feel-Good Factor: Vimbai Masiyiwa, Batoka's young CEO and co-founder, is committed to empowering the local community through guest experiences into the local villages and development and design workshops for female artisans, all part of her goal to ensure Batoka is at its heart "for Africans, by Africans."

andBeyond Grumeti Serengeti River Lodge

Grumeti River, Tanzania

The stunning property in the remote western end of the Serengeti National Park was hit by Covid *and* a devastating flood, necessitating a full rebuild. Original designers Fox Browne Creative and Jack Alexander returned made things better and even more integrated into the natural landscape with low-slung buildings that follow the natural curve of the river. Floor-to-ceiling windows in semi-tented suites provide optimal views of hippo pods and lion prides. A stay includes twice-daily game drives for spotting the Big Five and the black-and-white colobus monkeys unique to this stretch of the Serengeti.

Zambezi Grande

Zambezi National Park, Zambia

Along the banks of the lower Zambezi National Park in Zambia, this new family-owned luxury lodge (open April through November) ditched the overused traditional khaki, thatched roofs and overstuffed leather furniture scheme for a maximalist mix of earth-toned textiles and locally made artifacts to give a welcoming sense of place and connection to the expansive bush and river landscape.

Feel-Good Factor: Through the hotel's Chengetai Tree Project, guests can purchase trees and supplies that will be planted in the local Muguramano and Chijata villages to help fight deforestation and build an outdoor classroom where children learn about farming and organic gardening.

KuKaya

South Luangwa National Park, Zambia

Six spacious, thatched-roof chalets were built on the grounds of former President Kenneth Kaunda's holiday home, each with private plunge pools and outdoor dining areas, where guests can prepare their own meals outfitted with barbecues, fire pits, and pizza ovens. KuKaya differs from most safari camps, which are all-inclusive and run on a set schedule, because it lets guests build their own safaris. The base rate covers accommodations, one private drive per day, and daily service and cleaning. Any additional game drives, walking safaris, spa treatments, and sundowners are offered a la carte, allowing for for more flexibility, customization, and privacy.

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New Hotels in Asia

Villa Palladio Jaipur

Jaipur, India

The nine-room estate a short distance from the bustling city center is Rajasthan on overdrive, a riot of colors, patterns, textures, and craftsmanship. If it's not high-ceiling'd or hand-painted, it's probably inlaid with marble, tented, or overflowing with jasmine and hibiscus. (It's also all very, very red.)

There's a pool, a garden, a restaurant, and a meditation/yoga area — and overall it's an absolute show-stopper.

Cap Karoso

Sumba, Indonesia

The eco-minded hotel named for the beach it sits on in a less-explored area in West Sumba has 47 rooms and 20 villas filled with local touches like hand-carved wood panels, ikat textiles, custom ceramics, and local artifacts. The owners, a French couple and first-time hoteliers, are passionate about honoring their adopted community and surroundings, and have designed programming to inspire the same respect in their guests.

Feel-Good Factor: The resort's water treatment systems are environmentally responsible, as are the plants in the landscaping. Their solar panels provide half their energy, and their farm supplies much of their food.

Bulgari Hotel Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

After a long, long Covid shutdown, Japan has reopened — and is more crowded than ever. Ninety-eight rooms and suites occupy the top seven floors of a skyscraper in the up-and-coming, centrally located Yaesu neighborhood. Everything is as stylish, fashionably restrained and disciplined, and of the highest quality — the tailored decor, expansive spa and fitness offerings, and the restaurants led by two three-Michelin-star chefs, one Italian, one Japanese. In other words, it's exactly what you'd expect from Bulgari.

New Hotels in Australia

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Gold Coast, Australia

Aussies know how to walk on sunshine, so it's high time the fun-loving, Australian- and New Zealand-based brand hit the Gold Coast, creating a nostalgic surfer paradise steps from the beach. Rooms are designed as cozy shacks evocative of 1960s beach culture: Shiplap A-frame cabins feature relaxed linen bedding, surfboard storage, board games, and balconies. After mornings on the surf break, guests can sign up for curated experiences like pottery classes, whiskey and gin tastings, and Pilates.

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Ace Hotel Sydney

Sydney, Australia

Does anyone mix entrepreneurial spirit with cool-kids atmosphere as well as Ace Hotels? Nope, and for their Down Under debut they transformed the former Tyne House brick factory in Sydney's Surry Hills, warming it up with earthy tones and textures, low-slung furniture, late-night DJ sets, and other fun neighborhood happenings. Crowning the 18-floor building is buzzy Kiln, led by chef Mitch Orr, who serves a self-proclaimed Italian-ish cuisine with Japanese and Southeast Asian accents.

Capella Sydney

Sydney, Australia

Capella spent seven years restoring the 1900s Department of Education building for their first hotel opening outside Asia. The Luxury rooms and suites, 192 in all, are enhanced by original artwork, an expansive lounge in the original courtyard, a spa with a 20-meter indoor pool, and three bars and restaurants.

Feel-Good Factor: Rather than focus on the surf town's usual attractions (Bondi Beach, the Opera House), the hotel embraces the heritage of Australia's First Nations: Dedicated culturists (onsite guides and native concierges) curate Aboriginal guest experiences — historic storytelling, Q&As, tastings, and guided tours of the Carriageworks Farmers Market to meet native producers and makers.