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ARRIVE'S ANNUAL ROUNDUP OF SOME OF THE REGION'S
BEST HOTELS, INNS AND RESORTS

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*PHOTO: The lobby of
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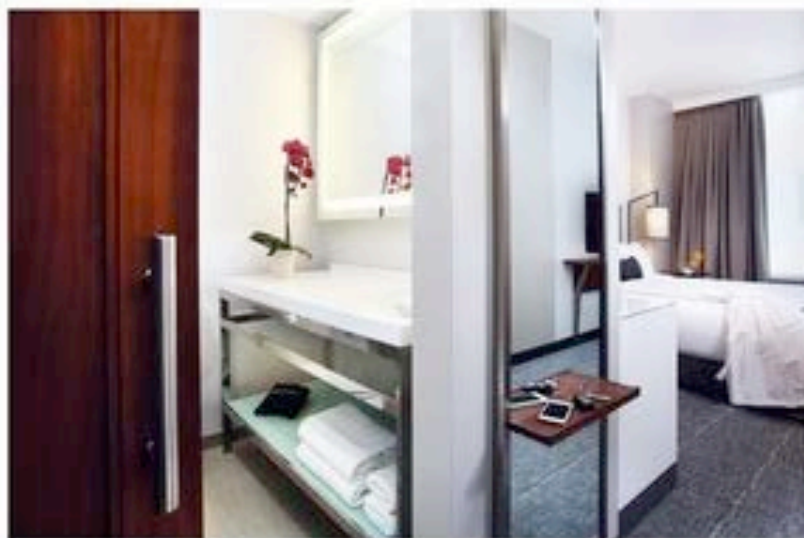


CLASSIC

THE IVY

BALTIMORE

THE SETTING After a historic renovation, this 19th-century mansion in Baltimore's Mount Vernon neighborhood has been reborn as a romantic 18-room hotel. **THE PERKS** The Ivy is like staying in a private home with 23 fireplaces, a conservatory, a tea room and a library. **THE SCENE** Breakfast is served in the mansion's former library, almost entirely original. There is also a small spa and a restaurant, Magdalena. **SOMETHING EXTRA** Cocktails, afternoon tea and in-town transportation in The Ivy's antique black London taxicab are included. Rooms from \$475; theivybaltimore.com



CLASSIC

THE GODFREY HOTEL

BOSTON

THE SETTING The hotel is slated to open in November, following the 2014 debut of owner Oxford Capital LLC's award-winning Godfrey Hotel in Chicago. The 242-room property will be a cornerstone of the city's revitalization of Downtown Crossing. **THE PERKS** The Godfrey is a sparkling new hotel that juxtaposes modern interiors against a historic facade. **THE SCENE** The hotel's ground level restaurant is a glitzy spot for happy hour. **SOMETHING EXTRA** The hotel partnered with local coffee roaster George Howell Coffee for its new ground-floor coffee cafe. Rooms from \$250; godfreyhotelboston.com



BOUTIQUE

VERB HOTEL

BOSTON

THE SETTING A 1950s modernist motor hotel in the shadow of Fenway Park is refurbished to its former glory, architecturally restored with stylish interiors designed to impress. **THE PERKS** The Verb is a trendy addition to Boston, with interiors inspired by the 1960s rock culture that influenced the neighborhood. Lobby walls feature a gallery of rock memorabilia and a vintage turntable and vinyl collection. **THE SCENE** The high-energy Japanese tavern is by the James Beard award-winning duo Tim Cushman and Nancy Cushman. **SOMETHING EXTRA** There is a lively outdoor pool in the courtyard. Rates from \$259; theverbhotel.com

CLASSIC

HOTEL COMMONWEALTH

BOSTON

THE SETTING One of Boston's best hotels is polished up after a \$50 million renovation including the lobby, all 149 guest rooms and an expansion that will add 96 rooms. **THE PERKS** The renovated rooms are done in soothing tones, and the new addition will include an outdoor terrace looking out at Fenway Park. **THE SCENE** The hotel's Eastern Standard restaurant is a bustling favorite in Kenmore Square. The hotel also houses the 25-seat Island Creek Oyster Bar. **SOMETHING EXTRA** Virtual in-room concierge is a new amenity that can be used for everything from booking restaurant reservations to requesting room service. Rates from \$399; hotelcommonwealth.com



BOUTIQUE**ARCHER NEW YORK**

NEW YORK CITY

THE SETTING The 22-story garment district hotel takes its design cue from the neighborhood. Interiors of exposed brick and steel are accented by colorful original art and custom furnishings. **THE PERKS** Service is the hotel's hallmark; nightly turndown includes rotating treats like Fatty Sundays chocolate-covered pretzels or Baked by Melissa cupcakes. **THE SCENE** David Burke's Fabrick restaurant is known for dishes like the candied bacon, which is presented hanging from a clothespin. **SOMETHING EXTRA** Class Act cards are handed out to guests who demonstrate an act of kindness, worth \$10 to be used in the hotel. Rooms from \$269; archerhotel.com

**CLASSIC****THE KNICKERBOCKER**

NEW YORK CITY

THE SETTING A grande dame, originally opened in 1906 by John Jacob Astor IV but closed in 1921 after the onset of Prohibition, is reborn with the opening of the Knickerbocker. Times Square at long last has a top-notch luxury hotel. **THE PERKS** Rooms are posh enough to match the grandeur of the beaux-arts facade, and spacious by Manhattan standards (the smallest are 350 square feet). **THE SCENE** Chef Charlie Palmer oversees the hotel's culinary program, and the rooftop cocktail den St. Cloud is happening. **SOMETHING EXTRA** Complimentary bath amenities are designed exclusively for the hotel by celebrity hairstylist Ted Gibson, who is also available for on-site appointments. Rooms from \$595; theknickerbocker.com

BOUTIQUE

THE BROOME

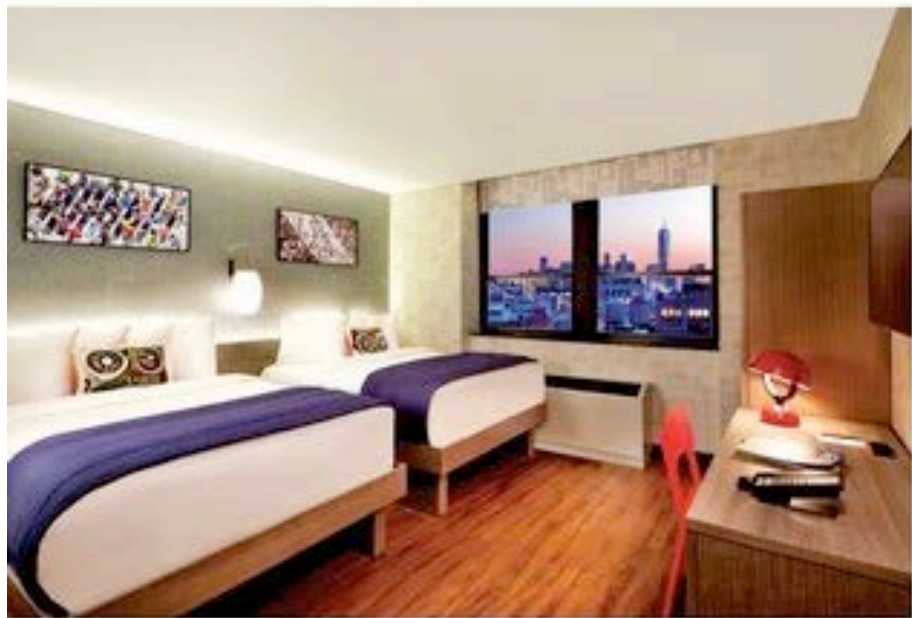
NEW YORK CITY

THE SETTING The intimate hotel, housed in a five-story federalist revival brownstone, would fit as well in the heart of Paris as it does on one of SoHo's loveliest streets. **THE ADDRESS** With just 14 rooms, The Broome is a tranquil hideaway. Some rooms look out over the open-air atrium; the penthouse has a terrace and a balcony.

THE SPACE The courtyard, wreathed in ivy, is a lovely private space for hotel guests. **SHOPPING** [CALERA](#) The

locally sourced continental breakfast includes house-baked croissants and granola from Ozo Bakery on Broome Street. Rooms from \$395; [thebroomenyc.com](#)





AFFORDABLE

THE PAUL

NEW YORK CITY

THE SETTING The 21-story tower in Manhattan's revitalized NoMad neighborhood opened in February. **THE PERKS** Finding a hotel that is stylish and affordable is hard in Manhattan, but The Paul fits the bill. The best-priced rooms are small and have polished metal bunk beds, but a few larger rooms have private terraces. **THE SCENE** The rooftop bar has unobstructed views of the Empire State Building. **SOMETHING EXTRA** Complimentary continental breakfast is served in the den, which also has board games. Rooms from \$200; thepaulnyc.com

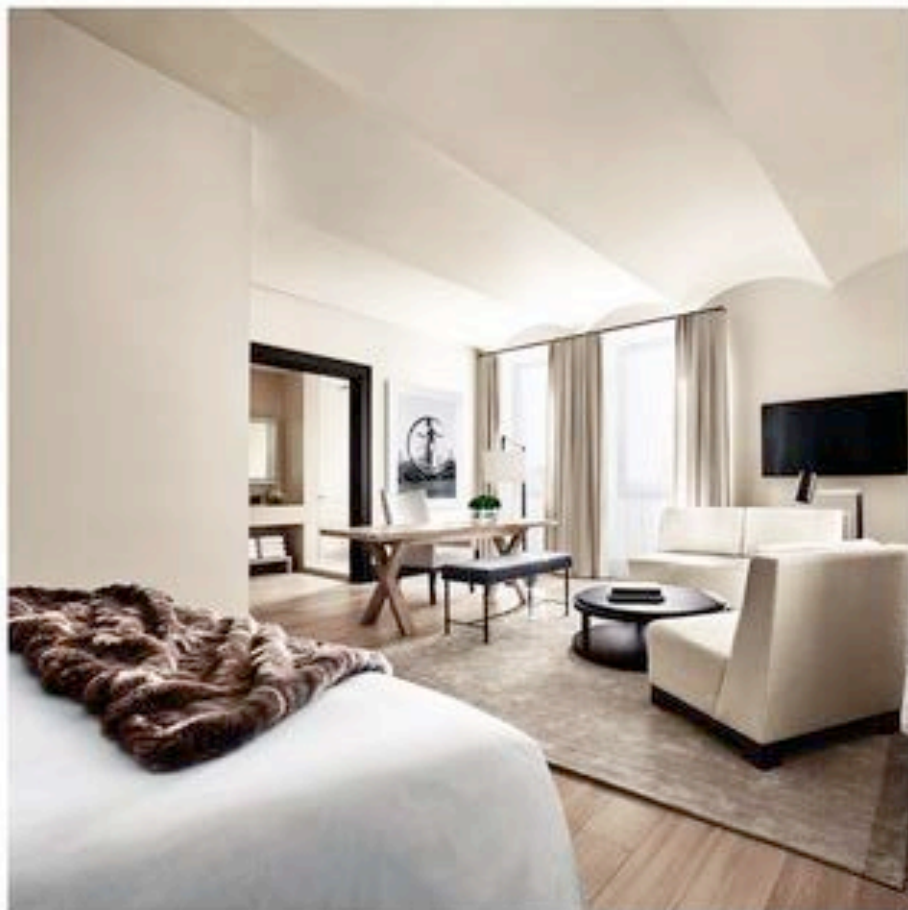
CLASSIC

NEW YORK EDITION

NEW YORK CITY

THE SETTING Hotelier Ian Schrager's Edition hotel, a collaboration with Marriott International, opened in May in a landmark clock tower building dating to 1909. **THE PERKS** Everything about the hotel is over-the-top luxe. Each of the 273 guest rooms has a residential feel, opening into an oak-paneled foyer, and most have magnificent views. **THE SCENE** London's star chef Jason Atherton oversees The Clocktower restaurant, which has an old social club vibe, with a billiards room and a library serving cocktails and dessert. Nearly 500 photographs of American icons adorn the walls.

SOMETHING EXTRA There's a 30-foot-long steel fireplace in the lobby bar. Rates from \$725; editionhotels.com





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HOTEL DYLAN

WOODSTOCK, N.Y.

THE SETTING The refurbished roadside motel has 11 rooms meticulously designed by the New York City-based husband-and-wife team Robert and Cortney Novogratz.

THE PERKS The hotel has a fun, bohemian vibe that suits its location just outside of Woodstock. Each room has a music print, a record player and vinyl. **THE SCENE** The central lawn is a gathering place for bocce ball or a seat in one of the Adirondack chairs by the two fire pits. **SOMETHING EXTRA** S'mores kits and campfire Jiffy Pop are available. Rooms from \$189; thehoteldylan.com

BOUTIQUE

ROOST APARTMENT HOTEL

PHILADELPHIA

THE SETTING Roost's 27 fully equipped residences are available in studios or one- and two-bedrooms and are situated in the city center (with a second location planned for Rittenhouse Square). **THE PERKS**

Each modern apartment feels like your very own pied-à-terre, featuring vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, fireplaces, and washer and dryers, but with hotel-like amenities. **THE SCENE** Roost is about relishing your own space, but the hotel does have a 24-hour front desk and concierge, weekly housekeeping and a rooftop fitness center.

SOMETHING EXTRA Every room comes with whole coffee beans from La Colombe, one of Philadelphia's favorite roasters, along with a Chemex coffee maker and a grinder. Rooms from \$155 a night (monthly basis) or \$225 a night (weekly); myroost.com





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GILDED

NEWPORT, R.I.

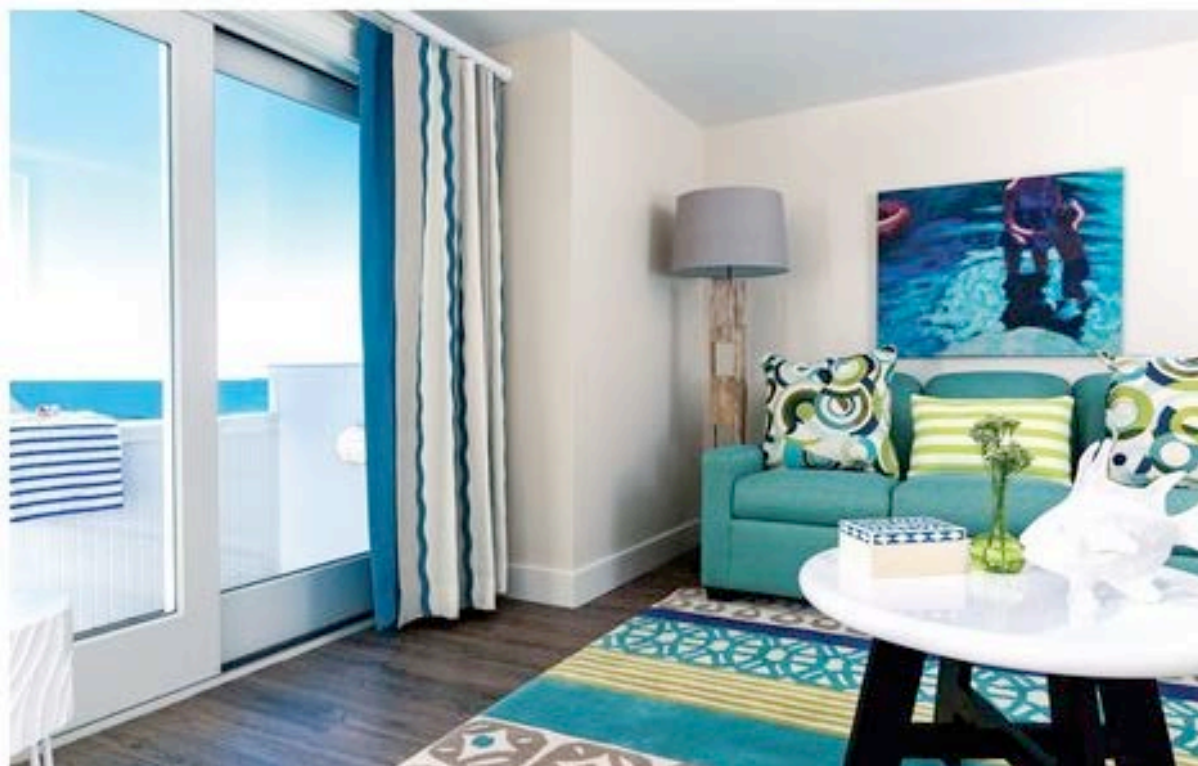
THE SETTING The 17-room hotel pays homage to Newport's decadent Gilded Age, but with a modern take (ornate gold mirrors, turquoise sofas and bold wallpaper). **THE PERKS** Gilded is a refreshing, whimsical change of pace from Newport's traditional B&Bs. **THE SCENE** Gilded's riff on Newport's golden age includes a billiards room with a black velvet and white lacquer pool table, as well as a croquet practice green in the courtyard. **SOMETHING EXTRA** Morning breakfast taps include dishes like open-faced egg sandwiches, cheddar scones and coconut oatmeal. Rooms from \$149; gildedhotel.com

BOUNIQUE

THE BREAK

NARRAGANSETT, R.I.

THE SETTING With its surfer chic vibe, The Break is a funky addition to the tony seaside town of Narragansett. The newly built hotel opened in June in a prime location just one block from the ocean. **THE PERKS** The 16 rooms are each outfitted with fireplaces, rainfall showerheads and colorful interiors by Rhode Island designer Jocelyn Chiappone; most have outdoor balconies, too. **THE SCENE** There is a heated outdoor pool, a sundeck and a beach shack-inspired restaurant, Chair 5. **SOMETHING EXTRA** The best view of the ocean and Point Judith lighthouse is from the rooftop lounge. Rooms from \$259; thebreakhotel.com

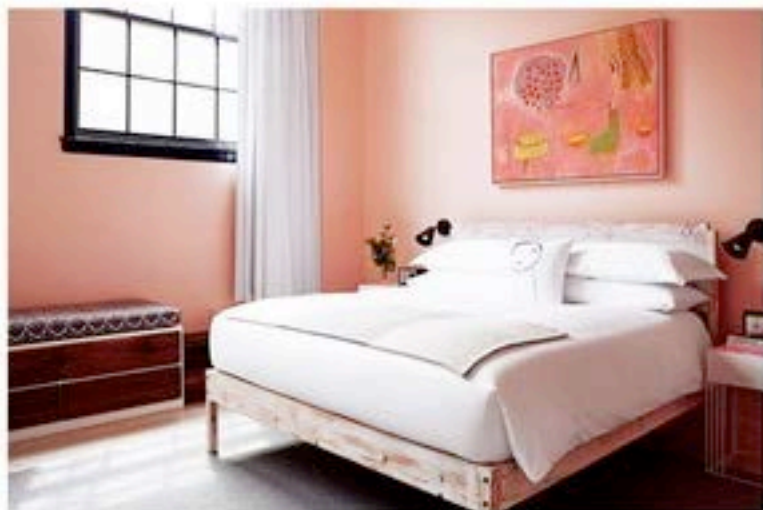


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506 ON THE RIVER INN

VERMONT

THE SETTING A sprawling, newly built hotel on 6 acres, just minutes from the charming village of Woodstock. **THE PERKS** The "farmhouse chic" inn is the first major new hotel to open in the Woodstock area in at least a decade. All 28 rooms face the Ottauquechee River, most with private balconies. **THE SCENE** The family-friendly property has a game room featuring vintage arcade games, a toddler play room and an indoor pool. **SOMETHING EXTRA** The country breakfast includes dishes like french toast and maple syrup from a local farm. Rooms from \$179; ontheriverwoodstock.com

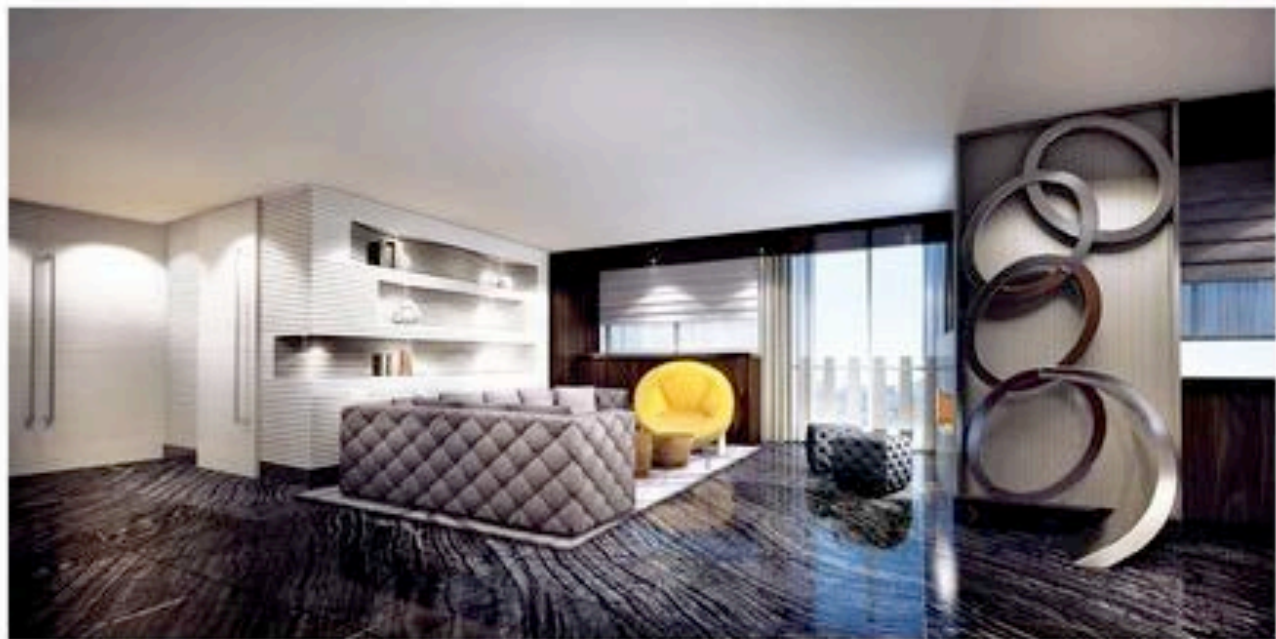


BOUQUET

QUIRK HOTEL

RICHMOND, VA

THE SETTING Husband-and-wife team Ted and Kate Ukrop opened their art-centric hotel in an Italian Renaissance building and former department store built in 1916. **THE PERKS** Quirk is Richmond's first design-driven hotel; the 75 guest rooms have original wood floors and walnut bed frames made from the building's 100-year-old wood beams. **THE SCENE** The hotel boasts a restaurant and a rooftop bar, which will serve lighter fare. **SOMETHING EXTRA** The 10-year-old Quirk Gallery will be relocated to an adjacent building, easily accessible to hotel guests. Rooms from \$300; quirkhotel.com



THE WATERGATE HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

CLASSIC

THE SETTING One of Washington, D.C.'s most iconic hotels, which debuted in 1965, reopened in September after a \$125 million renovation. **THE PERKS** The elegant redesign plays up the hotel's midcentury heritage. Almost all of the 300-plus guest rooms have views of the Potomac River, and about half have balconies. **THE SCENE** The ground-level whiskey bar and the rooftop bar with fire pit and Washington Monument views are sure to become D.C.'s next power spots. **SOMETHING EXTRA** The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, a whirlpool and yoga studios. Rooms from \$400. thewatergatehotel.com



BOUTIQUE

THE GRAHAM GEORGETOWN

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE SETTING The Graham named for former D.C. resident Alexander Graham Bell is housed in a historic federalist building, steps from Georgetown's boutiques and cafes. **THE PERKS** The 57 guest rooms feature neutral color palettes, accented with pops of color, but it's the location that is hard to beat. **THE SCENE** The Observatory rooftop bar is a place to see and be seen, and the downstairs cocktail cellar, The Alex, recently opened. **SOMETHING EXTRA** Hotel guests get priority access to the rooftop when there's a line. Rooms from \$259. thegrahamgeorgetown.com