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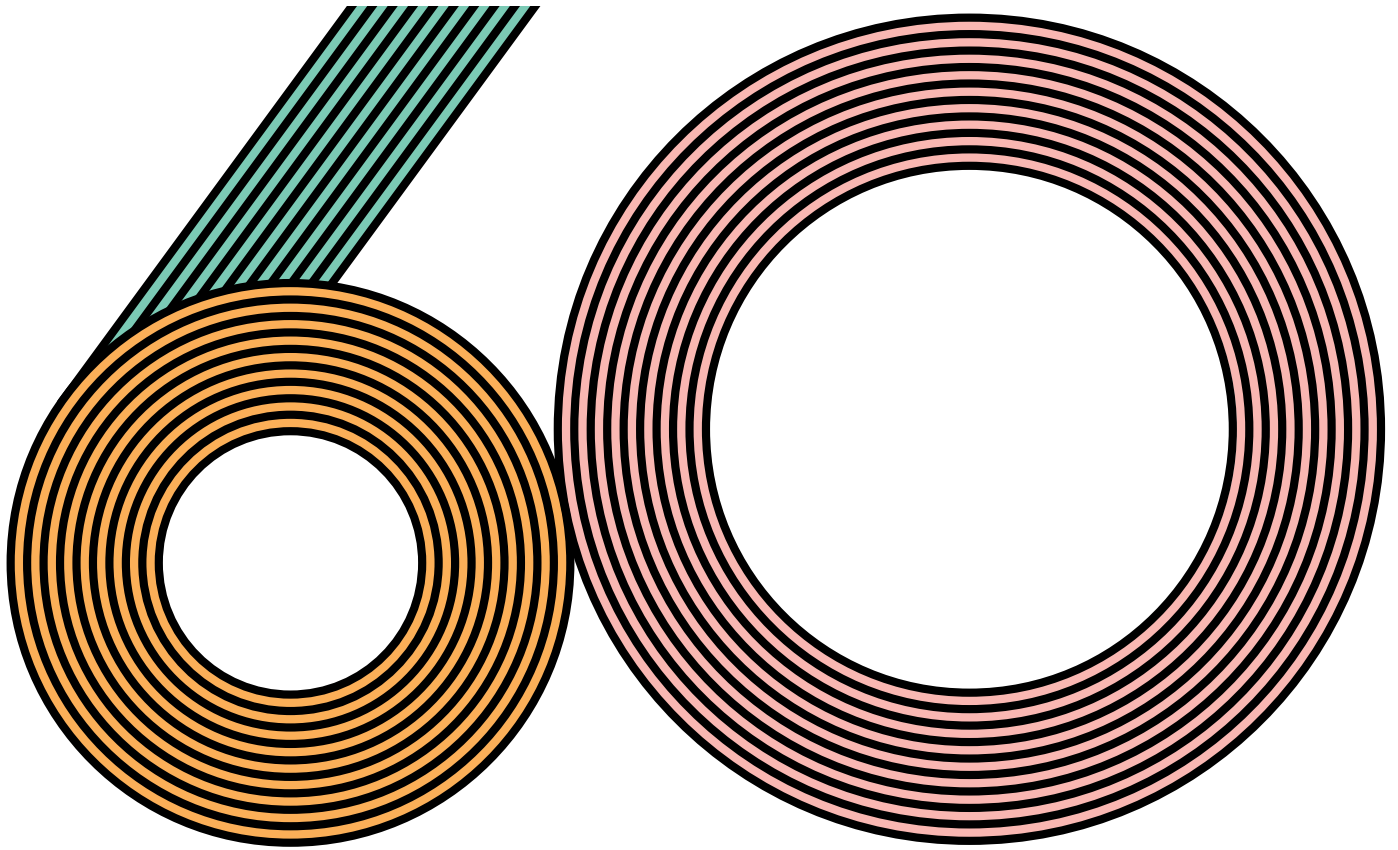
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THIS IS IT: OUR DEFINITIVE COLLECTION OF THE



BEST NEW HOTELS AND RESORTS IN THE WORLD

Turn the page and open the gatefold for the complete list of winners ...



... then delve into photos and detailed listings on pages 70-100

W H E R



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426
KEYS

Room count at the 1 Hotel South Beach, the largest on our list—about equal to 25 of the smallest Hot List hotels combined.

UNITED STATES

- 1. **1 Hotel South Beach**, Miami Beach, Fla.
- 2. **Ace Hotel Pittsburgh**, Pa.
- 3. **Baccarat Hotel & Residences New York**, N.Y.
- 4. **The Chequit**, Shelter Island, N.Y.
- 5. **Chicago Athletic Association Hotel**, Ill.
- 6. **Faena Hotel Miami Beach**, Fla.
- 7. **Hotel Emma**, San Antonio, Tex.
- 8. **The Inn at Newport Ranch**, Fort Bragg, Calif.
- 9. **The Ivy Hotel**, Baltimore, Md.
- 10. **L'Horizon Resort & Spa**, Palm Springs, Calif.
- 11. **The Press Hotel**, Portland, Me.
- 12. **Quirk Hotel**, Richmond, Va.
- 13. **South Congress Hotel**, Austin, Tex.

NORTH
PACIFIC OCEAN

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

- 20. **Four Seasons Hotel Casa Medina Bogotá**, Colombia
- 21. **Hacienda AltaGracia**, Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica
- 22. **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba**, Sacred Valley, Peru

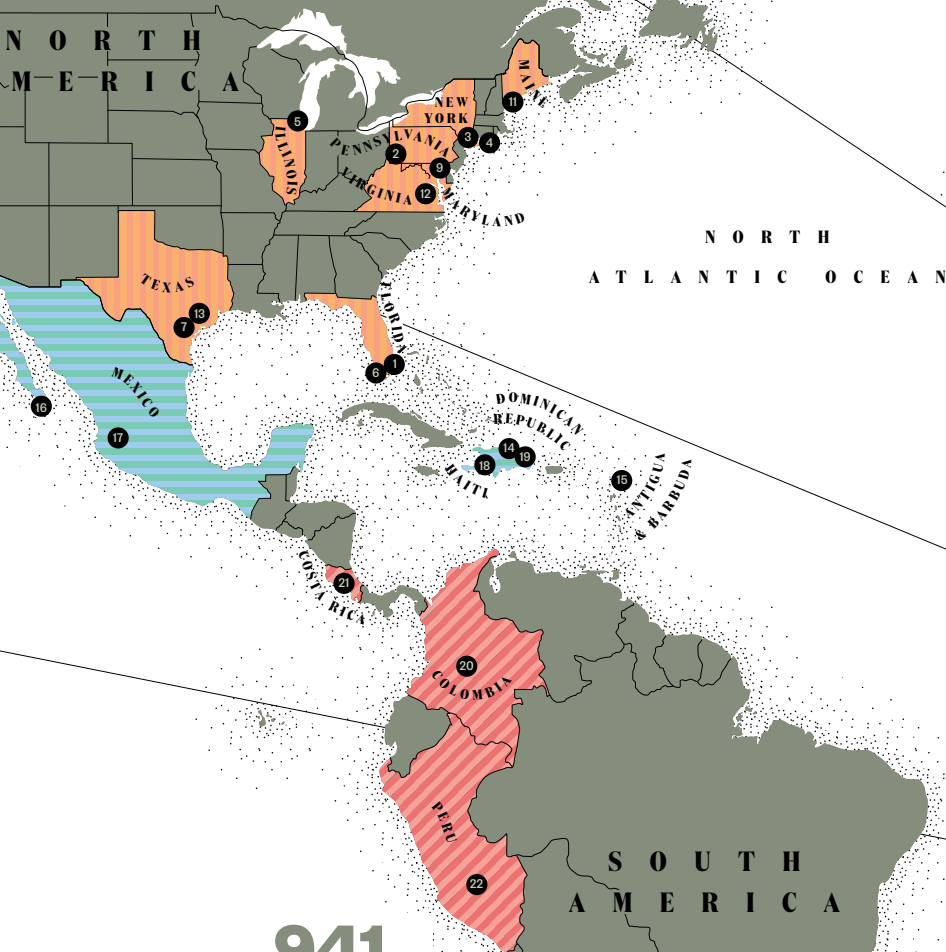
CARIBBEAN & MEXICO

- 14. **Amanera** (left), Playa Grande, Dominican Republic
- 15. **Barbuda Belle**, Antigua & Barbuda
- 16. **The Cape**, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- 17. **Casa Fayette**, Guadalajara, Mexico
- 18. **Marriott Port-au-Prince Hotel**, Haiti
- 19. **Playa Grande Beach Club**, Dominican Republic

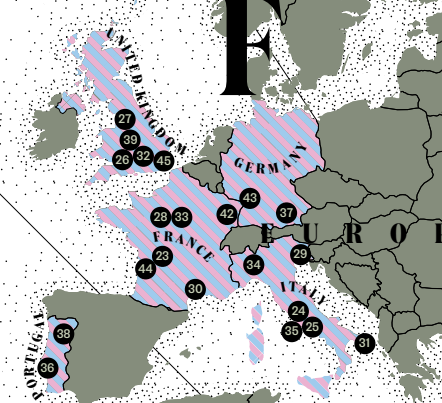
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NORTH AMERICA



NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN



AFRICA

NEXT UP
With Haiti's debut in 2016, a total of 126 countries have now been represented on the Hot List over the past 20 years.

PAST LIVES
An embassy, a brewery, a spa turned disco ... 38 of our 60 Hot List properties had previous incarnations as something besides hotels.

STEAL THIS SHAMPOO
97% of our editors admit to hoarding hotel amenities. This year we're all about the D.S. & Durga body wash at The Cape, the Natura Bissé hand lotion at The Ivy Hotel, and the Bamford shampoo at Soho Farmhouse.

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PERCENT

Factor by which new U.S. hotel builds outpaced those in Central and South America in 2015.*

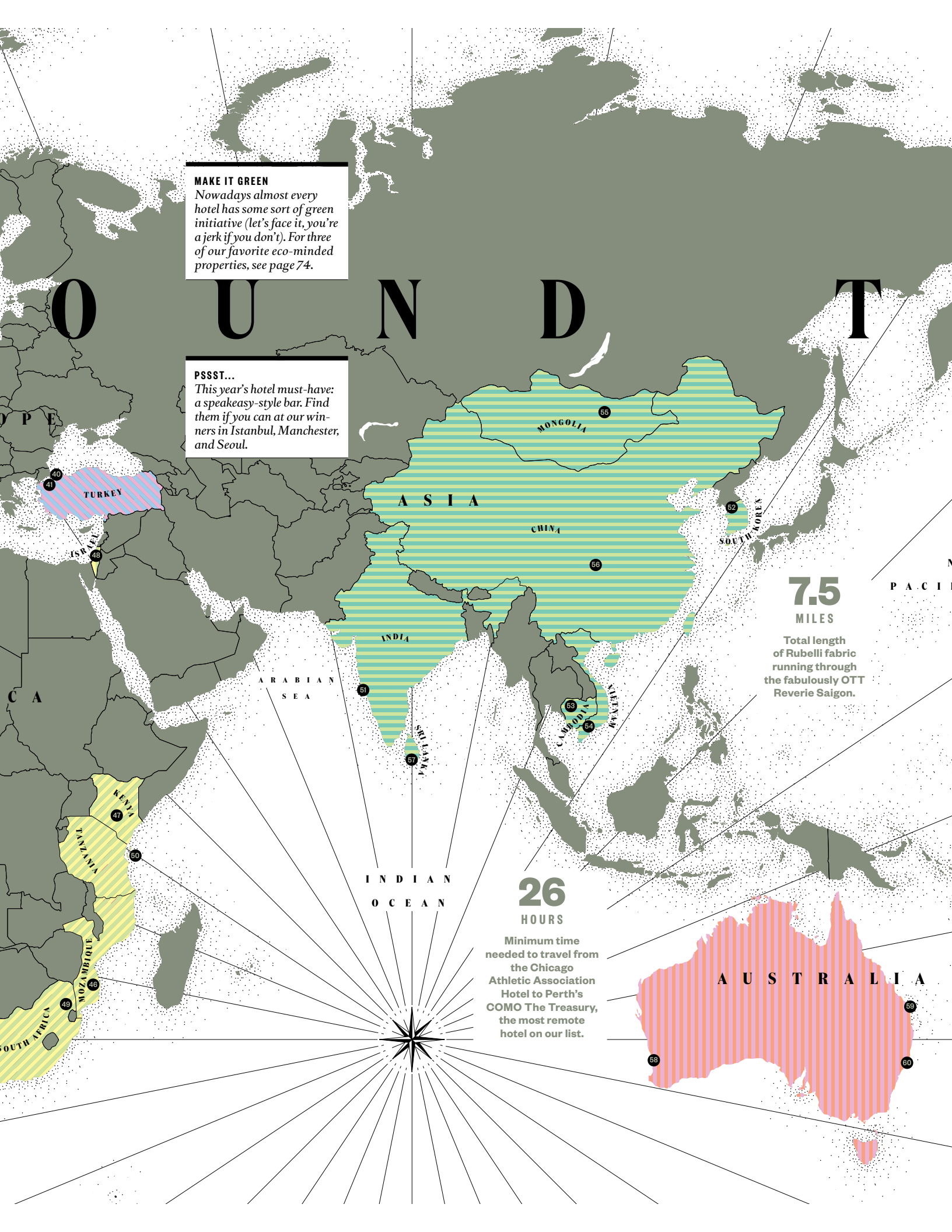
SOUTH AMERICA



SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

SOUTH

*Which could explain the dearth of Hot List contenders in South America this year.



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MAKE IT GREEN
Nowadays almost every hotel has some sort of green initiative (let's face it, you're a jerk if you don't). For three of our favorite eco-minded properties, see page 74.

PSSST...
This year's hotel must-have: a speakeasy-style bar. Find them if you can at our winners in Istanbul, Manchester, and Seoul.

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MILES
Total length of Rubelli fabric running through the fabulously OTT Reverie Saigon.

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HOURS
Minimum time needed to travel from the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel to Perth's COMO The Treasury, the most remote hotel on our list.

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TURKEY

MONGOLIA

CHINA

SOUTH KOREA

INDIA

SRI LANKA

CAMBODIA

MYANMAR

ISRAEL

KENYA

TANZANIA

MOZAMBIQUE

SOUTH AFRICA

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EUROPE

- 23. **Domaine des Etangs**, Massignac, France
- 24. **Fendi Private Suites**, Rome, Italy
- 25. **The Fifteen Keys Hotel**, Rome, Italy
- 26. **The Gainsborough Bath Spa**, England
- 27. **Hotel Gotham**, Manchester, England
- 28. **Hôtel Providence**, Paris, France
- 29. **JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa**, Italy
- 30. **La Bastide de Gordes**, Gordes, France
- 31. **La Fiermontina**, Lecce, Italy
- 32. **The Laslett**, London, England
- 33. **Les Bains**, Paris, France
- 34. **Mandarin Oriental**, Milan, Italy
- 35. **Palazzo Dama**, Rome, Italy
- 36. **Pousada de Lisboa**, Lisbon, Portugal
- 37. **Schloss Elmau Retreat**, Elmau, Germany
- 38. **Six Senses Douro Valley**, Portugal
- 39. **Soho Farmhouse**, Chipping Norton, England
- 40. **Soho House Istanbul**, Turkey
- 41. **St. Regis Istanbul**, Turkey

- 42. **Villa René Lalique**, Wingen-sur-Moder, France
- 43. **Villa Stéphanie**, Baden-Baden, Germany
- 44. **Yndo Hotel**, Bordeaux, France
- 45. **The Zetter Townhouse Marylebone**, London, England

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

- 46. **andBeyond Bengueria Island** (right), Bazaruto Archipelago, Mozambique
- 47. **Angama Mara**, Great Rift Valley, Kenya
- 48. **Elma Arts Complex Luxury Hotel**, Zikhron Ya'akov, Israel
- 49. **Makanyi Private Game Lodge**, Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, South Africa
- 50. **Park Hyatt Zanzibar**, Tanzania

ASIA

- 51. **Ahilya by the Sea**, Goa, India
- 52. **Four Seasons Hotel Seoul**, South Korea
- 53. **Phum Baitang**, Siem Reap, Cambodia
- 54. **The Reverie Saigon**, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- 55. **Shangri-La Hotel, Ulaanbaatar**, Mongolia
- 56. **The Temple House**, Chengdu, China
- 57. **Tri**, Koggala Lake, Sri Lanka



AUSTRALIA

- 58. **COMO The Treasury**, Perth
- 59. **Halcyon House**, Cabarita Beach
- 60. **The Old Clare Hotel**, Sydney

HOT

WHY **RIGHT**
NOW IS THE BEST TIME
TO BE A **HOTEL**
LOVER

FOR THIS 20TH EDITION OF THE HOT LIST—our picks of the year’s top hotel openings—editors and reporters crisscrossed 6 continents and 36 countries to review hundreds of new properties firsthand. We came back with 60 outstanding winners that represent not just the vanguard of the hotel world but where travelers are headed next—and why. ¶ It was, all told, a damn good year for hotels and travelers alike. A year when that hackneyed term *design hotel* came to mean something again, and when *eco-friendly* stopped conjuring weak showers and hospital lighting but something truly inspired. ¶ It was a year that saw hotel developers putting beds where travelers actually want to go—be it neighborhoods like London’s Notting Hill and Rome’s Monti or emerging destinations such as Lecce and Chengdu. A year when smaller

U.S. cities caught our attention (go, Pittsburgh and Baltimore!). When hotel kitchens stepped up to compete with the restaurants down the block (and sometimes poached their chefs). ¶ It was a year that saw major brands acting like indies, while smaller brands like Faena and Soho House copped big-chain swagger. And it was the year France and Italy thoroughly smoked the competition, fielding 6 winners each. Other destinations came out swinging: England with 5; Australia with 3; and Germany, Turkey, Portugal, Mexico, the D.R., and the great nation of Texas, each with 2. ¶ Of course the real winners here were... well, us. Travelers in 2016 have all the more reason to get out there and spend the night in style—60 great reasons, to start with, from Alsace to Zanzibar. Here’s where to point your arrow next.

For more photos and full details on all our Hot List winners, visit cntraveler.com/hot-list.



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BECAUSE...
**THERE'S
 FINALLY
 A
 GREAT
 HOTEL
 IN...**

**BYRON SHIRE,
 AUSTRALIA**

A new wave is breaking in this endless-summer surf idyll, with **Halcyon House** (left), north of Byron Bay, riding in on that easy-breezy sophistication Aussies are known for.

LECCE, ITALY

Why isn't *everyone* going to Puglia? **La Fiermontina** brings chic, up-to-date minimalism to baroque Lecce, the so-called Florence of the South.

PORTLAND, MAINE

New England's coolest, foodiest small city (or is that largest village?) gets a long-overdue lodgings boost with **The Press Hotel** (repurposed from an old newspaper HQ), where the restaurant and bar draw locals and guests alike.

**SHELTER ISLAND,
 NEW YORK**

Once your only no-fail option was a rental, but **The Chequit** has changed all that—and has us falling for Long Island's quiet frontier all over again.



IF YOU'RE GOING ON SAFARI IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BOOK THE RELAUNCHED
and BEYOND BENGUERRA ISLAND FOR SOME POST-BUSH BEACHSIDE R AND R.



BECAUSE...

A WINE-COUNTRY HOTEL WASN'T SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE THIS

On the terraced slopes of one of the world's oldest wine regions, Portugal's Six Senses Douro Valley (above) recasts a nineteenth-century

manor house with unexpectedly modern and colorful flair—making it much more than a place to sleep off a tasting too many.



BECAUSE...

SOMETIMES TOO MUCH IS EXACTLY ENOUGH

Two big-city hotels made unapologetically big statements this year, with flamboyant design that bordered on kooky—yet somehow actually worked. If the Faena Hotel Miami Beach (below) comes off like a Baz Luhrmann-directed fever dream, that's because it kind of is one: The filmmaker collaborated on its zany interiors. Halfway

around the globe, The Reverie Saigon does absolutely nothing halfway, from the emerald-green Bechstein grand piano to the 16-foot lobby sofa clad in purple ostrich leather. Is maximalism the new minimalism? Discuss amongst yourselves—we'll be at the Faena's gloriously OTT bar, watched over by a giant stuffed white peacock.



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Eco-Friendly Can Also Be Eye-Friendly

Four next-gen eco-hotels prove that a long view for the planet needn't go short on style. Big (green) thumbs-up to the sleek 1 Hotel South Beach in Miami Beach, the rustic-luxe Barbuda Belle, Mendocino's Inn at Newport Ranch, and the showstopping Tri in Sri Lanka.



PHOTOGRAPH BY LINDSAY TALBOT

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BECAUSE...

IF YOU COVET THEIR STUFF, YOU'LL LOVE THEIR BEDROOMS

Your favorite lifestyle brands have become innkeepers—if your idea of “inn” means razor-sharp design and a killer location. In Rome, the seven [Fendi Private Suites](#) (left) are set above the brand’s flagship overlooking the Via dei Condotti. In Alsace, the six-room [Villa René Lalique](#) is a half-timbered-style gem with superb food and wine (served in Lalique stemware, of course). And Manhattan’s [Baccarat Hotel & Residences](#) has lured the beau monde back to Midtown—not least for its opulent bar.



IF YOU'RE GOING TO CHENGDU ON BUSINESS, TREAT YOURSELF TO A STAY AT

THE TEMPLE HOUSE FOR ITS INSANELY GREAT SPA AND TEAHOUSE.



BECAUSE...

THESE BIG BRANDS GOT IT JUST RIGHT

... by thinking more like smart, savvy independents. At four openings, global chains broke their own molds, offering thoughtful design, clever amenities, and a decidedly un-corporate vibe.

Four Seasons Hotel Seoul
With a striking collection of contemporary Korean paintings and sculptures.

Mandarin Oriental, Milan (below)
With sexy, oversized terrace rooms that nod to 1940s elegance.

Park Hyatt Zanzibar
With its sensitive conversion of a historic beach-front mansion in Stone Town.

St. Regis Istanbul
With complimentary mobile phones that give guests free local calls and Internet access throughout the city.



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This Is the Year to Revisit Angkor

Siem Reap has more than its share of worthy hotels, from stately colonials to sleek newcomers. But on our next trip, we're choosing Phum Baitang for its intimate scale, vernacular aesthetic, and peaceful remove from town.



MAP-CHANGERS

Four upstarts put emerging destinations on our go list.

COMO THE TREASURY
PERTH, AUSTRALIA

HOTEL GOTHAM
MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

MARRIOTT
PORT-AU-PRINCE HOTEL
HAITI

SHANGRI-LA HOTEL
ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA



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BECAUSE...

DESIGN HOTEL IS A LEGIT TERM AGAIN

In an age when any half-wit pretender can slap an Eames chair in the lobby and call itself a design hotel, five challengers are reclaiming the name. We'd check into each just to check out these inspired details.

Casa Fayette, Guadalajara, Mexico (bottom left)

The pink-marble lobby bar, Deco-themed stained-glass walls, and gold-leaf ceiling panels.

Elma Arts Complex Luxury Hotel, Zikhron Ya'akov, Israel

The mesmerizing Brutalist architecture (by Yaakov Rechter) and soaring 450-seat concert hall.

Les Bains, Paris (top left)

The bloodred-lacquer walls, and the tiled dance floor—a

holdover from its incarnation as a notorious nightclub.

Yndo Hotel, Bordeaux (top right)

The bold pop palette and provocative art in the public rooms—in a town where old-school refinement typically rules.

The Zetter Townhouse Marylebone, London

The fearless approach to color and texture—and maximum display of curios—from designer Russell Sage.

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▶ BECAUSE...

THESE NEIGHBORHOOD HOTELS HAVE CRACKED THE ZIP CODE

Seriously, why are so many otherwise-great city hotels stuck in *meh* neighborhoods? (We're talking to you, "Central Business District.") Thankfully, some of our favorite new stays are putting us up in the very parts of town we came to explore. In Paris, the Hôtel Providence (right) not only nails the details (House of Hackney wallpaper; in-room cocktail carts), it has the address we've been pining for—on a quiet square in the 10th, a quick stroll from the Canal St-Martin. In the shadow of the Colosseum, Rome's eminently hip Monti district at last has a hotel that fits the hood: The town house-style Fifteen Keys Hotel sits on the Via Urbana, steps from our favorite *aperitivi* spot, Ai Tre Scalini. And when we're in London, you'll find us ensconced at the handsome 51-room Laslett in Notting Hill, pretending like we live there.



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY/BENOIT LINERO/COURTESY HOTEL PROVIDENCE



BECAUSE...

SOMETHING IS SERIOUSLY UP IN RICHMOND

(YEAH, RICHMOND!)

It's the urban trend of the moment: so-called second-tier U.S. cities stealing cachet (and young creative talent) from the bigger guns. Now they're getting lodgings to match. Take Virginia's capital, where the J.B. Mosby & Co. department store—a relic from 1916—has been ingeniously transformed into the art-themed Quirk Hotel

Hotel (below). Cloying name aside, it's become *the* destination in a revitalized downtown, and an emblem of Richmond's Arts & Cultural District. A rooftop terrace offers skyline views, while the Maple & Pine restaurant—a reference to the Quirk's lustrous century-old wood floors—has a zingy fresh tomato-verbena consommé and a buttermilk fried chicken we'd drive across Virginia to eat.

...AND PITTSBURGH

If Pittsburgh isn't a contender for the coolest city in America right now, someone's got "cool"

all wrong. Cool means a fanatical sports town that's also defined by high culture (museums, universities, its own Carnegie Hall), where Roberto Clemente and Andy Warhol are held in equal esteem. Cool means a food scene that's both current and cozily retro, globally informed yet grounded in place. Where thirty- and seventysomethings drink at the same perfectly aged bars. And cool now means having an Ace Hotel, which took over a 1909 YMCA building in the percolating East Liberty district, then staffed it with

proud Pittsburghers excited to share their town. How cool is that.

...AND BALTIMORE

The only hitch at The Ivy Hotel is the temptation to hole up there all day long. Sure, you could step right out and explore vibrant Mount Vernon, or have a hotel car drop you anywhere in town, 24/7—and there's a hell of a lot to do, see, and eat in Baltimore these days. But with those deep sunken tubs, soft cashmere throws on canopied beds, and extras like free movies and free minibar booze, can we blame you for never wanting to leave?



PHOTOGRAPH BY KIP DAWKINS/COURTESY QUIRK HOTEL

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The Goa You Fell for Is Still Here

Just when you thought Goa was all bass-drops and glow sticks, Ahilya by the Sea reminds you of its hippie beach idyll heyday, blending light-touch luxury with a welcome dose of boho soul. (Hash pipe optional.)



GAME ON

These African safari lodges are so Hot List right now.

ANGAMA MARA
PUTTING KENYA'S GREAT RIFT VALLEY BACK ON OUR MAP.

MAKANYI PRIVATE GAME LODGE
LIKE A CHIC FAMILY HOME IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN BUSH.



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BECAUSE...

YOU CAN PLAY LANDED GENTRY FOR THE WEEKEND

At Domaine des Etangs (above), a honey-stone chateau hotel in France's bucolic Charente-Limousin region, you'll picnic in formal gardens, play afternoon tennis, and ramble around the grounds, all before

dressing for dinner. Or perhaps you prefer the Cotswolds? Channel your inner Lady Mary at Soho Farmhouse, which brings the Soho House group's signature urban(e) style to rural Oxfordshire. Town never met country so well.



IF YOU'RE GOING TREKKING TO MACHU PICCHU, BOOK A FEW NIGHTS AT
INKATERRA HACIENDA URUBAMBA TO EXPLORE PERU'S SACRED VALLEY.



BECAUSE...

VENICE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A ONE-NIGHT STAND

You know the drill here: Hit Rialto and Dorsoduro, down an *ombretta*, leave before the crowds make you crazy. Which is why Italy's first JW Marriott (below)—set on a resortlike private island

just minutes from San Marco—is such a revelation. With its olive groves, lush gardens, and knockout pools, you (and the kids!) will be happy to stay Venice-bound for days.



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY JW MARRIOTT VENICE RESORT & SPA

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BECAUSE...

ONE CARIBBEAN BEACH SOMEHOW LANDED TWO OUTSTANDING RESORTS

The Dominican Republic wants you back. And this time it's ready to earn your love—with two equally stylish (yet totally distinct) retreats sharing a mile-long crescent of sand on the island's north shore. At one end you'll find the nine-bungalow [Playa Grande Beach Club](#) (above), with its laid-back communal vibe and bright, playful design by Celerie Kemble. At the other is [Amanera](#) (left), the second Aman outpost in the Caribbean and the brand's first golf resort. Expect the group's customary polished minimalism and obsessive attention to detail, plus panoramic beach views from the cliffside pool and bungalows. Suddenly, the D.R. feels very much like the place to be.

FROM TOP: PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY PLAYA GRANDE BEACH CLUB; PILAR GUZMÁN

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BECAUSE...

YOU
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A
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STYLISH,
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(IS THAT TOO
MUCH TO ASK?)

The Cape, Cabo San Lucas (right)

A mod-Mexican restaurant from Enrique Olvera, four bars with note-perfect cocktails, two pools, an amazing spa, and not a trace of hacienda-style architecture—in short, just what Cabo needed.

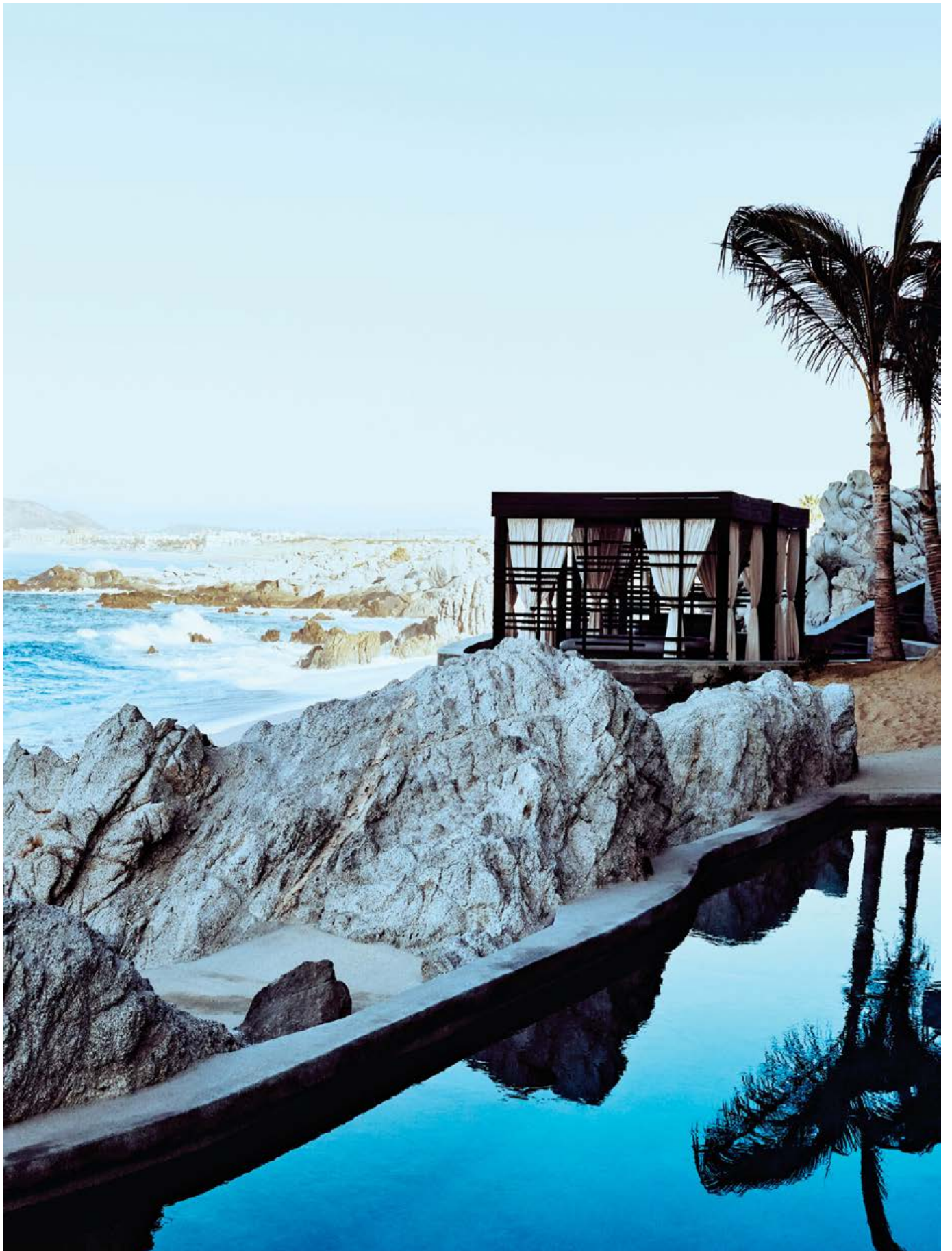
L'Horizon, Palm Springs

If this 25-bungalow mid-century modern hotel were a TV show, it'd be that louche, sun-soaked, vaguely erotic episode of *Mad Men* wherein Don Draper visits the desert. (High jinks ensue.)

Palazzo Dama, Rome

This former private villa not only has the fabulous location—steps from the Piazza del Popolo—but the rooftop patio, the pool (in Rome!), and the underground dance club filled with local PYTs.







BECAUSE...

OLD EUROPE HAS GOT A NEW YOU

Three classic European spa destinations have refreshed and transformed themselves—just in time for you to do the same.

The Gainsborough Bath Spa

A limestone- and light-filled oasis fueled by Bath's thermal springs.

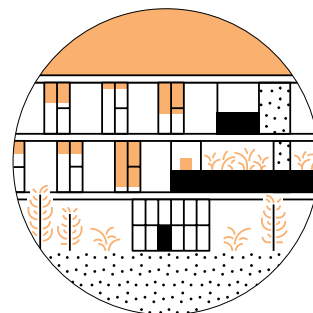
Schloss Elmau Retreat

(above) Adding an ultramodern resort-

within-a-resort to a century-old castle in the Bavarian Alps.

Villa Stéphanie

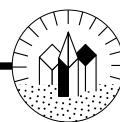
A sleek wellness sanctuary within the iconic Brenners estate in Baden-Baden.



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You Can Sleep Above the Hottest Restaurants in Town

Go for the food, stay for the night at Austin's [South Congress Hotel](#), where the 12-seat Otoko sushi den is the city's toughest booking right now (see page 46). In Sydney, [The Old Clare Hotel](#) lured three brilliant chefs—Jason Atherton, Sam Miller, and Clayton Wells—to open restaurants here. Good luck getting a table if you don't have a room upstairs.



HAVE YOU HAD WORK DONE?

Two landmark hotels return, looking better than ever.

LA BASTIDE DE GORDES

THE MOST SYBARITIC HOTEL IN PROVENCE REOPENS AFTER A YEARLONG, \$28 MILLION MAKEOVER.

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CASA MEDINA BOGOTÁ

THE BRAND'S COLOMBIAN DEBUT TAKES OVER A 1940S-ERA HOTEL IN BOGOTÁ'S RED-HOT ZONA G.



BECAUSE...

THE SECOND ACT IS EVEN BETTER THAN THE FIRST

Around the world, heritage buildings and urban landmarks are being reborn as genre-defying hotels. These four conversions are like a history tour with beds.

Chicago Athletic Association Hotel
Started life as a private men's club (built in 1893).

Hotel Emma, San Antonio, Texas (below)
Formerly the Pearl Brewery (1894).

Pousada de Lisboa, Lisbon
Portugal's onetime Ministry of Internal Affairs (circa late-18th century).

Soho House Istanbul
Originally the U.S. embassy (1906).



IF YOU'RE GOING **THRILL-SEEKING IN COSTA RICA**, BOOK A STAY AT **HACIENDA ALTAGRACIA** FOR JOYRIDES IN THE RESORT'S OWN ULTRALIGHTS.

Wanderlust piqued? Check out cntraveler.com/hot-list for even more on the year's best new hotels.

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