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**The Hot List
60 New Hotels We're
Loving Right Now**



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THE 2015

Hot List

The world's best new hotels, and 15 reasons they'll make you want to pack your bags now.

What makes a new hotel today graduate from an of-the-moment scene to an enduring icon that defines a city? "It's not just about design—people often mistake the way a place looks for the way a place feels," explains André Balazs, who first made our annual Hot List in 1999 for The Mercer. "I *live* at the Chiltern Firehouse—I've slept in every room. I have to because if I don't, I can't tell whether even the littlest details—like the brightness of a reading light—are right." What we've learned from the best hoteliers is that focusing this intensely on the smallest things isn't as obsessive as it sounds: As travelers become more sophisticated, luxury must become more intuitive. Offering butler service because that's what's expected of a five-star hotel ultimately reads as soulless (unless, that is, it's absolutely seamless and unintrusive) and is in some ways less impressive than the quiet replenishment of the right brand of toothpaste by invisible hands. This year, after poring over the intel of our staff and contributors—who vetted more than a hundred recently opened hotels and resorts, from West Africa to Miami—we found that what stands out are the properties which combine old-school extravagance and service with just the right measure of modernity. You might even think of them as the new cultural touchstones. The 60 hotels that follow and the details that make them special—we've given you 15 as a jumping-off point—are a reason unto themselves to board a plane right now.



The key to finding the right hotel.

● Best Bargains
(Under \$200
a Night)

● Beachside
Escapes

● Urbanist
Standouts

● Design Stars

● Family-
Friendly

● Good Food

● Over-the-Top
Luxury

● Remote and
Wild

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Maalifushi by Como, Maldives
On remote Thaa Atoll, this isolated, minimalist 65-room getaway hovers above coral gardens and schools of dolphins and sea turtles.

comohotels.com; from \$750. ●



Malliouhana, An Auberge Resort, Anguilla
This classic 44-room Caribbean charmer overlooking postcard-perfect Meads Bay has taken on a new life.

aubergeresorts.com; from \$525. ●



Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum, Turkey
Most of the 109 rooms face the sea, which is impossible to miss thanks to massive walls of windows; suites have private infinity pools.

mandarinoriental.com; from \$260. ●



Mandarin Oriental, Taipei
A new standard was set in Taipei's hotel scene when this 303-room property opened; afternoon tea in the Jade Lounge is a must for locals and guests.

mandarinoriental.com; from \$523. ●



The Miami Beach Edition
Mid-Beach is heating up, due in large part to this 294-room lan Schragger project with a bowling alley and an ice rink, making it an all-in-one playground.

editionhotels.com; from \$429. ●



Mondrian London at Sea Containers
This 359-room hotel on the Thames has all the hallmarks of its American counterparts (buzz, high design) along with British flair (color and whimsy).

morganshotelgroup.com; from \$330. ●



Mont Rochelle Hotel & Vineyard, South Africa
The latest addition to Richard Branson's hotel collection is a renovated grand estate house with 22 rooms on a 100-acre vineyard in Franschhoek.

montrochelle.co.za; from \$240. ●



The Norman Tel-Aviv
The 50 individually designed rooms at this boutique hotel in two historic town houses with a fragrant citrus garden between them are like no others in the city.

thenorman.com; from \$435. ●



One&Only Hayman Island, Australia
An old-school 1950s-era resort in the Whitsunday Islands, off the Great Barrier Reef, gets a glam makeover with 160 rooms and villas.

oneandonlyresorts.com; from \$615. ●



Palazzo Parigi, Milan
Steps from the best shopping in Milan is designer Pierre-Yves Rochon's seductive new hotel, with 98 guest rooms that are at once opulent and utterly comfortable.

palazzoparigi.com; from \$680. ●



Park Hyatt New York
Midtown gets a serious dose of flash with the opening of this super-sleek 210-room hotel in one of the city's most anticipated (and expensive) new skyscrapers.

park.hyatt.com; from \$795. ●



Park Hyatt Vienna
The 143 rooms at Hyatt's first property in Austria (a stately former bank headquarters) are some of the largest in Vienna, and the hotel is just a five-minute walk from St. Stephen's Cathedral.

park.hyatt.com; from \$425. ●



The Peninsula Paris
After a six-year, \$580 million renovation, a storied Belle Époque building has been transformed into Paris's most talked about hot spot, with 200 rooms and a sublime spa.

peninsula.com; from \$840. ●



The Pig on the Beach, Dorset, England
A rustic-chic boutique retreat on Dorset's dramatic World Heritage coast, it has a standout locavore restaurant and 23 cozy guest rooms.

thepighotel.com; from \$570. ●



Pikaia Lodge, Galápagos Islands
The first true luxury ecolodge in the Galápagos, this 14-room pioneer has every creature comfort amid a wildlife-rich landscape.

pikaialodgegalapagos.com; from \$7,560 for three nights. ●

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