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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.

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(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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