

A Beloved Dominican Hotel Gets a Refresh

The redo of Oscar de la Renta's Tortuga Bay honors his original vision for this 13-villa Dominican Republic retreat. Longtime de la Renta friend and designer Markham Roberts channeled the late fashion legend's playful spin on traditional style, taking Tortuga Bay's relaxed tropical scheme and turning up the opulence. Roberts found inspiration in the de la Renta family's nearby home and borrowed its elevated colonial Caribbean aesthetic, commissioning local artisans to create carved-mahogany, woven-wicker, and inlaid-bone furniture. He arranged these in ivory-hued suites with hand-plastered walls and coral-stone-tile floors, and accented with Oscar-designed fabrics and the botanical watercolors he loved. "It's the same but a bit fresher and subtly improved," Roberts promises, "like someone who's had a little work done." ANDREW SESSA

What We're Digging Into in Miami



The grain-bowl and pressed-juice frenzy that has spread from Sydney to L.A. continues east with the 1 Hotel South Beach opening of Plnthouse. Turns out acai bowls are exactly what you want when it's a sticky 90 degrees out.

An Upstate Update

Hudson Valley's historic 34-room Troutbeck inn has been transformed into a stylish getaway by designer Alexandra Champalimaud. We love that it once hosted Mark Twain and Teddy Roosevelt and that its slate roof, stone chapel, and walled garden have been meticulously preserved. But it's the bocce court, grilled Gruyère sandwiches, and classic cocktails that make it our new weekend escape.



THE ROOM TO BOOK

Of the 32 thatched-roof glamping-style tents at the new Habitas Tulum, ask for one of the five that sit right above the beach.



In Bangkok, Shop Where You Sleep

"I was in Bangkok for the opening of the Park Hyatt hotel that occupies the top floors of the new Central Embassy shopping mall. I didn't think I'd be spending my limited time at a mall, but with the city's insane traffic and heat, it was an air-conditioned godsend. There's an amazing bookstore from the architects who did Tokyo's Daikanyama T-Site; indie clothing boutiques; and Eathai, a Thai take on Eataly, with the best souvenirs—brightly packaged local ingredients and sweets."
Yolanda Edwards

Four Favorite Cities Finally Have Hotel Game

You could call them food meccas or design capitals, but you could never call them hotel towns. Until now.

Copenhagen

Sanders hotel, with its oak doors, club chairs, and deep-soaking tubs, is a mid-century mod counterpoint to—and (finally!) competition for—the gilded Hotel d'Angleterre, open since 1755.

San Francisco

We're not sure if we're bigger fans of designer Kelly Wearstler's textured interiors—brown and cream floral wallpaper, striped couches, marble tables atop raw-wood floors—or ex-Eleven Madison Park chef Jason Franey's whole duck at the new 131-room Proper.

Lisbon

Considering everyone you know was just in Portugal, it's hardly surprising that the capital had two big openings this summer: Verride Palácio Santa Catarina has 18 guest rooms inside an 18th-century town house, and the six elegant suites at Santa Clara 1728 all have Tagus River views.

Seattle

The tech town that's fast losing its socks-with-Texas rep gets two sophisticated hotels this month: The sexy 189-room SLS (have a martini at the 16th-floor bar) and the locally sourced—everything Hotel Theodore a short walk from Pike Place Market.