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HOTEL HEAVEN

Here they are: 77 outrageously wonderful new places to stay in 50 countries—from urban oases to island idylls, wilderness outposts to gastronomic getaways, and more.

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AWAY FEELING
It takes a seaplane and ferry from Singapore to reach Indonesia's dreamy Bawah Island resort.

Creating a good hotel, Mark Twain wrote in 1898, “is an art apart,” and he went on to quote (of all people) Saint Francis of Assisi: “All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep hotel.” Nothing has changed. Finding hotels created by true masters of hospitality is still the holy grail of travel—and the great and fun exercise of all publications that cover it. With good reason. A poor hotel can ruin a trip; a superlative one can transform your life—or at least it feels that way. For this special section we took the exercise to the nth degree. We convened a roundtable of 34 insiders who regularly travel the world to discover the best experiences out there. We asked them for names of places they absolutely loved that had opened (or reopened) in

the last two years, and what they loved about them. We received 193 vetted nominations from all around the globe. Then we raised the bar further: Just how exceptional are the locations? The room design? The food? The activities? We culled some more. And then again. On the pages that follow are the results of our deliberations. The cream of

the crop of the newest places to stay in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, Australia, Asia and the Indian Ocean, the Americas, and the United States. They include everything from slick city aeries to rustic five-room lodges in the middle of gorgeous nowhere. Each, we believe, is worth building a trip around. I like to think Saint Francis would agree. Consider it the *T&C* guarantee. *K.G.*

OUR JURY

For details on the experts who helped compile the 2018 T&C Hotel Awards, including their areas of expertise and contact information (they also design fantastic custom trips), see page 120.

UNITED STATES

From Alaskan adventures to a foodie heaven in Healdsburg, it really is America the beautiful.

Vongerichten. It's the best way to escape the concrete jungle, and it's also the city's only luxury hotel truly suitable for families. **WOW FACTOR** The huge outdoor pool. *M.F.*



AWASI IGUAZU, Argentina The first luxury property on the Argentine side of Iguazu Falls, a natural wonder of the world. The 14 African lodge-style villas in the Atlantic rainforest are like treehouses on stilts; each comes with a plunge pool, 4WD vehicle, driver, and guide. Food is a key part of the experience (it's a Relais & Châteaux property). **WOW FACTOR** The activities organized by Emilio White, our favorite wildlife guide in South America. *P.I. & T.R.*



THE SHORE CLUB, Turks & Caicos The major new resort on Providenciales's almost impossibly white Long Bay Beach. It's windier than Grace Bay but ideal for water sports—and practically deserted. The three- to six-bedroom villas, like the suites, have striking mostly



white decor that sets off perfectly the incandescent blue of the water. Plus: four pools, three restaurants, a kids club, and a spa (of course). **WOW FACTOR** You can walk out almost a mile into the sea. *J.S.E.*

MUKUL, Nicaragua An Auberge Resort on one of the country's most beautiful Pacific beaches. *P.G.* (For more see "Confessions of a Travel Control Freak," page 104.)

ONES TO WATCH
There's no lack of sea-and-sun spots opening soon: the newly renovated Belmond Cap Juluca, on Anguilla; Silversands—a touch of St. Bart's glamour on Grenada. Plus: Rosewood Baha Mar, Montage Los Cabos, and, if the stars align, Leonardo DiCaprio's Blackadore Caye Resort, in Belize.

PARK HYATT, St. Kitts The first five-star beachfront hotel on St. Kitts is among the most exciting resorts in the Caribbean, with gorgeous views of cloud-topped Mount Nevis across the Narrows. The look is contemporary, with stone accents, and there are two pools, three restaurants—and peace all around (the area is still largely undeveloped). **WOW FACTOR** The 5,210-square-foot Presidential Villas and the Miraval spa. *L.E.*



THE WHITBY HOTEL, New York The fiercely whimsical Kit Kemp opened her second New York Firmdale outpost last year on 56th Street, complementing the wildly successful Crosby Street Hotel. As expected, the bright palette, rich textures (such as decorative columns), and cornucopia of artful flourishes (along with all comforts and excellent service) have brought new chill to Midtown. **WOW FACTOR** The obsession-inducing headboards. (Not kidding.) *J.S.E.*



FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI, Hawaii When Larry Ellison bought up Lanai five years ago, he poured millions into by far the most over-the-top resort in America. The activities—including clay shooting, horseback riding, hiking, biking, UTV rides, and helicopter tours—are matched by the luxury of the mahogany-embellished interiors. **WOW FACTOR** Watching the dolphins in Hulopoe Bay (they're not captive, just fans). *J.S.E.*



VENTANA BIG SUR, California The Alila resort has reopened after last year's storms better than ever, with 15 safari-style glamping tents with canyon views and 59 renovated modern-rustic rooms. The tents are the only luxury digs in Big Sur that take kids of any age. **WOW FACTOR** New outdoor cabanas with two treatment tables and a copper tub for two overlooking the redwood forest. *J.S.E.*



LAS ALCOBAS, Napa Contemporary in design but set partly in a 1907 farmhouse (with pool) in St. Helena, Las Alcobas offers the best of Napa's two worlds: It has a serene, vineyard setting (adjacent to Beringer, with terraces overlooking the vines), and it's just minutes from some of the area's best restaurants



FOUR SEASONS THE SURF CLUB, Miami The gorgeous redesigned comeback of a smallish 1930s Art Deco retreat of the rich and famous, between Miami Beach and Bal Harbour. The 77 beach-chic rooms are cool and crisp, and the Sirenuse restaurant, transplanted from the Sersale family's famed hotel in Positano, is the new place to see and be seen. **WOW FACTOR** An Aperol Spritz in the Sirenuse bar at sunset, when the real magic happens. *J.S.E.*

and shops. **WOW FACTOR** Taking in the sunset from terraces with firepits. *J.S.E.*

and they both obsess over every detail of food, decor, and service. **WOW FACTOR** Everything is Instagrammable, and the Japanese room-service breakfast is a showstopper. *J.S.E.*



SINGLE THREAD, Sonoma Arguably the most extraordinary new dining/lodging experience in America: a luxurious five-room inn in Healdsburg over a 55-seat two-Michelin-star restaurant with 11-course tasting menus. The chef/owner is Kyle Connaughton (formerly of London's Fat Duck), his wife Katina runs the nearby farm,



1 HOTEL BROOKLYN BRIDGE, Brooklyn Barry Sternlicht's eco-luxury hotel, with views of the Brooklyn Bridge, the Statue of Liberty, and the skyline, has put Brooklyn on the hospitality map. Its salvaged materials are both virtuous and lend

ONES TO WATCH

We're especially excited about these two: historic Bishop's Lodge in Santa Fe, which reopens soon after a \$75 million restoration, and the Lodge at Blue Sky in Utah, which will have the largest luxury yurts in the country and may just redefine the way we explore the American West.

warmth to the stylish interiors, its eco cred is for real, and each of the 194 rooms has floor-to-ceiling windows. **WOW FACTOR** Taking in Manhattan from the rooftop bar—or from the hammock in your room. *J.S.E.*



WALDORF ASTORIA BEVERLY HILLS, L.A. The city was in need of a superb new property, and this has exceeded all expectations. One of the tallest buildings in Beverly Hills, it has L.A.-at-your-feet views from the rooftop pool, all rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows, and two of the three restaurants are by Jean-Georges Vongerichten. **WOW FACTOR** The Signature Suites come with an Aston Martin for your use. *D.J. & J.J.*



SHELDON CHALET, Alaska This tiny five-bedroom property perched on five private acres 6,000 feet up in Denali National Park is hands down the crown jewel of the Alaskan wilderness experience. It overlooks the most dramatic vistas in the Alaska Range, and activities include heli-skiing, glacier trekking, and snowshoeing—plus feasting on the finest Alaskan seafood. **WOW FACTOR** The quiet, and private, aurora borealis viewing in season. *M.M.L.*