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THE REST OF THE TOP TEN



Le Gray
Beirut

In a new four-storey sandstone building, Le Gray's smooth façade, ranks of tall, narrow windows and street-level sunshades seem straight out of French Mandate Beirut. This historical sleight of hand is courtesy of Kevin Dash, who introduces overt modernity in the glass-walled rooftop bar, the ice cube-like infinity pool overlooking Martyrs' Square and the Med, and the Bundestag-esque light well at the hotel's heart. Gordon Campbell Gray and Mary Fox Linton decorated the 87 rooms. www.campbellgrayhotels.com



The Mark
New York

Set amid Manhattan's ritzy Upper East Side's best blocks, The Mark's austere early-20th century façade opens up into an unexpectedly modern, sassy interior. The space has been reimagined by interior designer Jacques Grange and hotelier James Sherwin with a light French vibe, bold geometric shapes, specially commissioned artwork and comfortable oversized furniture. Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten crafted the menu of European classics for the hotel's restaurant. www.themarkhotel.com



The Jefferson
Washington DC

A multimillion dollar renovation has converted this Beaux Arts gem, four blocks from the White House, into a bona fide business facility. The Jefferson's restaurant, Plume, headed by executive chef Damon Gordon, has been lauded as one of the finest in DC. Breakfast and lunch are served beneath a 1923 vaulted glass ceiling in The Greenhouse. After your dealing is done, try the spa treatments using herbs grown on Thomas Jefferson's Monticello gardens in Virginia. www.jeffersondc.com



Soho House
Berlin

In a late-Bauhaus building that has housed both a department store and the East German Communist Party, Soho House Berlin is the latest opening of the chic members' club group. There are 40 rooms, a Cowshed spa and gym, a cinema, a library and a heated rooftop pool and bar with views over the Mitte district. Anyone can book rooms, and guests are able to enjoy almost every corner of Soho House Berlin, from the public Cececoni's Italian restaurant to the private lounges. www.sohohouseberlin.com

Photography: Andrew Rowat, Marcus Gash



Mamilla Hotel
Jerusalem

Within strolling distance of the Bible-era Old City, Italian designer Piero Lissoni and Israeli-born architect Moshe Safdie have created a new landmark, making use of earthy, pale Jerusalem stone and dazzling local light. The 194 rooms, studios and suites feature stone walls, dark wood floors, black leather furniture and bathrooms with liquid-crystal glass walls. The hotel has an indoor pool, while the sundeck and Rooftop Italian brasserie boast stunning views. www.mamillahotel.com



The Upper House
Hong Kong

In the heart of the commercial and retail district, The Upper House was envisaged by local designer André Fu as an inner-city bolt-hole. The Bedonia stone portico is by British designer Thomas Heatherwick, the public spaces are a grand mix of limestone and bleached oak, and in each of the bedrooms (from the 38th floor up), Fu has dreamed up an eyrie of bamboo, shoji glass and lacquered paper panels. Café Gray Deluxe offers Victoria Harbour views and simple international dishes. www.upperhouse.com



The Yas Hotel
Abu Dhabi

Set beneath a shimmering metallic cloud on a 25 sq km island between Dubai and the Abu Dhabi coast, the hotel overlooks the Yas Marina and a Formula 1 circuit, and is within easy reach of mega-malls, golf courses and Abu Dhabi city centre. With 13 restaurants and lounges, finding a quiet corner for a lunch meeting is never an issue. The six meeting rooms and four boardrooms have private terraces and, if desired, breakout rooms can be arranged on yachts. www.theyashotel.com



La Mamounia
Marrakech

In the heart of the imperial city, this former Moroccan palace sits in 20 acres of gardens. It has been redesigned by Jacques Garcia, whose particular brand of contemporary opulence proved such a hit at Hôtel Costes in Paris, and now showcases the best of Moroccan craftsmanship. The 207 rooms feature wooden latticework, traditional zellige tilework and marble bathrooms, while the indoor ozone-treated pool is set amid striking mosaic interiors. www.mamounia.com

Photography: Tom Fowles, Michael Weber



1. HIGH THAI
Nahm, Bangkok

An Australian chef opening a Thai fine-dining restaurant in Bangkok would seem a bit cheeky were that chef not David Thompson. His Thai counterpart of London's Nahm restaurant is located in the Metropolitan hotel. The home-style dishes, such as jungle fish curry, and relaxed surroundings by designer Koichiro Ikebuchi won't fail to woo the locals. **Léa Teuscher** 27 South Sathorn Road, tel: 66.2 625 3322, Bangkok, www.metropolitan.bangkok.com



2. BAYWATCH
The Fullerton Bay, Singapore

With very little fanfare, The Fullerton Bay Hotel has staked out some of the finest views along Singapore's Marina Bay waterfront, with its soaring foyer – a perfectly restored, rafted space that was the original arrival dock for the island's first settlers – leading off into an airy, six-storey, glass-encased wing. Conceived by designer Andre Fu (behind the interiors at The Upper House, Hong Kong, see page 136) in marble, timber, rosewood and just a hint of chinoiserie, the main building houses the reception lobby and 100 rooms, all boasting incredible views. From almost every angle, the bay dominates through huge windows, but the best vista of all is to be had from the rooftop Lantern bar (above), named after the red lanterns that used to guide seafarers into the bay. Here, a 25m pool and two Jacuzzi's frame the shiny skyscrapers of the financial district and the towering triptych of the Moshe Safdie-designed Marina Bay Sands resort casino across the bay. **Daven Wu** 80 Collyer Quay, Singapore, tel: 65. 6333 8388, www.fullertonbayhotel.com. Rates: from S\$550 (\$420)



3. HOLLYWOOD STAR
The Redbury, LA

The latest addition to hospitality group SBE's luxury hotel collection, The Redbury at Hollywood and Vine brings a longer-stay concept and home-from-home vibe to the market, with 57 guest flats that give the feeling you're staying in a friend's apartment rather than a hotel. Photographer and music video director Matthew Rolston choreographed the design, which features giant images of Hollywood starlets, handmade Suzani textiles from Uzbekistan, vintage record

players and record collections, oil paintings and antiques. The kitchens are well-equipped and there's a grocery delivery service. Or you can order food in from SBE's Katsuya Hollywood or from in-house chef Daniel Elmaleh, who heads up the hotel restaurant, Cleo. The library bar (above) is perfect for a preprandial wherever you decide to dine. **Carole Dixon** 1717 Vine Street, Los Angeles, tel: 1.323 962 1717, www.theredbury.com. Rates: from \$255

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