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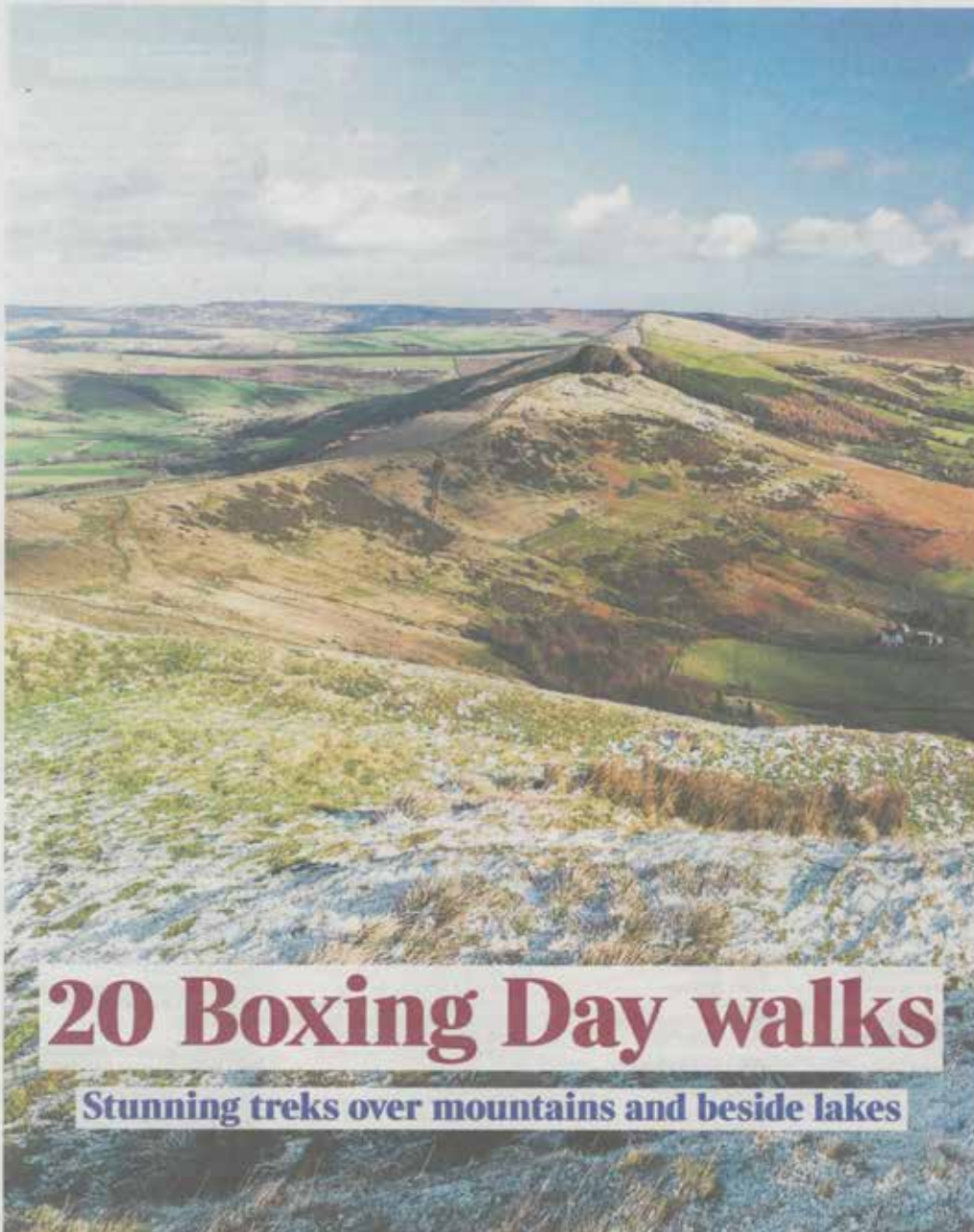


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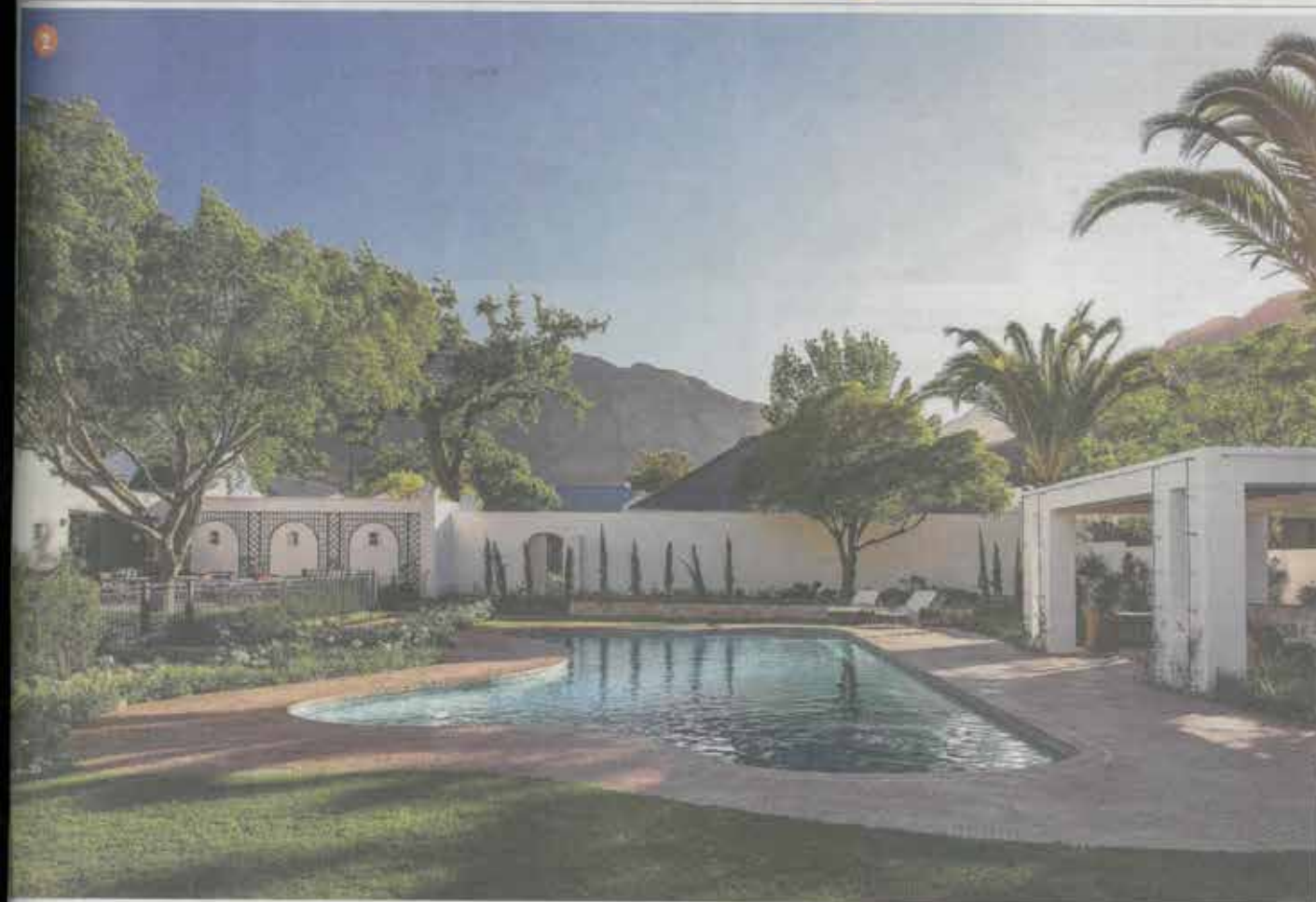


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'In the newest design hotel in Tignes it's as though you've been teleported to the Rockies'
Bridget Harrison on the coolest new hotels in the Alps



The best new hotels for 2016

From a treetop resort in Italy to a hip hotel in Manhattan, **Tom Chesshyre** knows the places to book

Long haul

1 The Silo, Cape Town
South Africa

This one is due to open next December — but the wait will be worth it. The Silo is built within an old grain elevator by the V&A Waterfront, which is being transformed into the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa on the lower floors (zeitzafoundation.org), with 28 stylish rooms on the top floors, including a massive penthouse. It will be expensive but a stay can include a visit to an exhibition below as well as a drink in the rooftop champagne bar (next to its rooftop pool). The views should be great: at 57m, the building was the tallest in

sub-Saharan Africa when it was completed in 1924.

Details: Doubles cost from about £570 (theroyalportfolio.com/thesilo, book through aardvarksafaris.co.uk)

2 Leeu House
Franschhoek, South Africa

With the feel of a little country guest house, Leeu House is a stylish 12-room hideaway that opened this month in the centre of Franschhoek, close to many high-quality restaurants, art galleries and boutiques. It's owned by Anajit Singh, an entrepreneur who is also a partner in Mollineux & Leeu Family Wines; house wines are included in the price of stays and a wine-tasting is

arranged. There's also a complimentary laundry and pressing service. Rooms are tastefully decorated in neutral colours.

Details: B&B doubles cost from £120 (geucollection.com)

3 Dhawa Cayo Las Brujas
Cuba

With Cuba increasingly opening up to the outside world, the spa group Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts has decided to move in, with a vast 516-room property on the north coast island of Cayo Las Brujas. Rooms have slick red, black and white decor with contemporary furniture and spotlighting. Each floor of the hotel will



have a lounge with complimentary hot drinks, sodas, snacks and ice cream. The hotel will, of course, come with a spa (to be called the "Chill Chill Spa") — plus a kids' club.

Details: Room rates are yet to be set (dhawa.com)

4 Limalimo Lodge
Simien Mountains, Ethiopia

On an excursion by the Simien Mountains — considered by some to be Africa's answer to the Grand Canyon — Limalimo Lodge is one for adventurous nature lovers. The 14-room lodge opens in the new year, with a ▶

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down-to-earth yet contemporary style: wood walls, thatched roofs, designer sofas by coffee tables made of old logs, fireplaces and bedrooms with tall windows facing across the mountains. It's a brilliant base for birdwatching. **Details** All-inclusive doubles cost from about £150 (imalimolodge.com)

5 The Old Clare Hotel Sydney, Australia

Sunrise yoga sessions (and sunset drinks) are to be a feature of the rooftop pool terrace of this new hotel. The Old Clare Hotel is in the vibrant Chippendale neighbourhood of Sydney in a pub/hotel first run by Carlton & United Breweries. Its old administration building was next door and is now part of this 62-room boutique hotel. The rooms have exposed brick walls, wood panels and parquet floors. There are to be three restaurants, including Kersington Street Social, with a menu created by Jason Altherton of London's Pollen Street Social restaurant. The hotel opens fully next month. **Details** Doubles cost from £160 (theoldclarehotel.com.au)

6 The Beekman New York City, United States

This is in an iconic office building dating from 1883 on the site of a long-demolished theatre where *Hamlet* is said to have been first performed in New York (in 1761). The highlight is a nine-storey atrium with a lounge bar. The Beekman is due to open in February in the middle of lower Manhattan. It's one of a clutch of New York hotels opening next year that includes 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge, with views across the iconic structure (1hotels.com/brooklyn-bridge). **Details** Room rates are yet to be set (thebeekman.com)

7 Chena Huts near Tissamaharama, Sri Lanka

Chena Huts has recently opened as the latest Uga Escape, a growing group of chic hotels in Sri Lanka. It's set in jungle by a beach near Tissamaharama, convenient for Yala National Park. There are 14 romantic wooden cabins with palm-frond roofs, giant beds and a "posh log cabin" look. Each also comes with a private plunge pool on a deck.



14 **Details** Cabins cost from £650 a night (ugaescapes.com/chenahuts)

8 Faena Hotel Miami Beach, United States

The Faena is the latest swish Miami Beach hotel, based on the designs of the Australian film director Baz Luhrmann (*The Great Gatsby*, *Moulin Rouge!*) and his wife, Catherine Martin, an Academy Award-winning costume designer. They have transformed the art deco Saxony Hotel into a minimalist-yet-colourful palace of cool. Rooms have retro furniture and eye-catching abstract art. There's a giant spa, two bars and an Asian restaurant. **Details** Doubles cost from about £560 (faena.com)

9 Six Senses Zil Pasyon Félicité Island, Seychelles

Luxury lovers will have a new place to stay in the Indian Ocean from June at Six Senses Zil Pasyon. On the private island of Félicité, 35 miles northeast of Mahé, the Seychelles capital, the hotel will have 30 secluded villas with private pools, spread out amid lush tropical



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vegetation near a white sand beach. The highlight will be the spa on a rocky hill overlooking the sea, with terraces with infinity pools and massage suites. **Details** B&B doubles cost from £621 (sixsenses.com)

Europe

10 Masseria Trapani Puglia, Italy

Just outside Lecce, Masseria Trapani is a 16th-century farmhouse that has been converted into a minimalist nine-suite hotel, inspired by southeast Asia. It's the brainchild of Rob Potter-Sanders, an Australian hotelier with a love of Italy, who was won over by the simplicity of Asian decor while travelling. There are 60 acres of gardens, an infinity pool, and a restaurant, serving local *cucina povera* dishes. It opens in the spring. **Details** B&B doubles cost from £524 a night (www.trapani.com)

11 Pulitzer Amsterdam The Netherlands

This historic Amsterdam hotel — made up of a warren of 25 canal houses dating



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from the 17th century — is due to relaunch in February. The result is, effectively, a new hotel with a hip, canal-side cocktail bar and restaurant. A balance is struck between traditional features such as original beams, old brick walls and antique furniture with modern art and sleek bathrooms. The makeover is overseen by Jacu Strauss, formerly of Tom Dixon's Design Research Studio. **Details** Doubles cost from £235 (pultizeramsterdam.com)

12 San Luis Hotel South Tyrol, Italy

Recently opened, the San Luis consists of

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a series of 26 wooden chalets and 16 treehouses in a lakeside forest. They are based around a clubhouse with a bar, restaurants, and a spa with two pools. The highlight is a "hot tub in the middle of the lake", which is, in truth, at the end of a jetty. Despite being in Italy, the restaurant serves traditional German food. The chalets and treehouses are ultra-modern with fireplaces and neutral colours. The treehouses sleep up to six. For another 2016 opening by a lake in Italy, look out for Il Sereno, a five-star hotel by Lake Como designed by Patricia Urquiola, recently named "designer of the year" by Wallpaper magazine. **Details** Doubles cost from £236 for a chalet/treehouse (sarkis-hotel.com)

13 Marktgasse Hotel
Zürich, Switzerland
In one of Zurich's oldest buildings, dating from the late 18th century, this is on the site of an old inn. Over the past two years the owners have poured millions into creating a 39-room boutique hotel with a pared-down, Manhattan-loft style with whitewashed walls and racks on which to hang clothes. Guests have free access to a hammam and hot tubs at the nearby Fitness Hämmerli Münstergasse. **Details** Doubles cost from £168 (marktgassehotel.ch)

14 Barcelo Emperatriz
Madrid, Spain
Opening on January 11, the Emperatriz is to be the flagship five-star hotel of the lively Barcelo hotel group. It's in a 19th-century former palace in the Salamanca neighbourhood, handy for the Paseo de la Castellana promenade and near the Museo Lázaro Galdiano (with its masterpieces by Goya and Bosch). The rooms are decorated in pastel pinks and soft greys. There's a top-floor bar and a restaurant serving haute cuisine. Room

prices appear steep — £779 — but look out for £110 opening rates. **Details** Doubles cost from £399 (barcelo.com)

15 Generator
Stockholm, Sweden
Generator hotels/budget hotels are spreading across Europe and proving a cheap but stylish and fun choice. There are Generators in Rome, Amsterdam and Stockholm next year. The Swedish one, opening in June, sounds especially interesting with "Nordic nuances" in the design of the dorms and private rooms, as well as plenty of contemporary art. The downstairs café/breakfast room will double as a work space with free wi-fi, next to a restaurant and "chill-out zone". **Details** Dorm berths cost from about £13, private rooms from about £50 (generatorhotels.com)

16 Château St Pierre de Serjac
Languedoc, France
The much-anticipated sister hotel of Château Les Carrames, Château St Pierre is due to open in February after an £18 million investment. The 19th-century chateau is in a beautiful 200-acre vineyard. The hotel will have eight rooms plus a bar and a restaurant, though there will also be 36 plush self-catering properties. As well as a heated pool, there will be a Cinq Moods spa, a clay tennis court, a kids' club and wine-tasting evenings, naturally. **Details** Doubles cost from £155 (st-pierre.com)



Britain
17 Bristol Harbour Hotel
Bristol
Due to open in August, this hotel will be in two former bank buildings on Corn Street; the old HQ of Lloyds Bank dates from 1854 and is an ornate affair partially inspired by the library in St Mark's Square in Venice. Original features will be maintained, while 42 bedrooms will be decorated in a pared-down style with pastel colours. There's to be a spa and a seafood restaurant. **Details** B&B doubles cost from £145 (harbourhotels.co.uk)

18 The Nadler
Victoria, London
Not far from Buckingham Palace, the Nadler — named after the hotel entrepreneur Robert Nadler — is a design-led hotel opening on January 1 and pitched at cost-conscious visitors. Rooms have kitchenettes with Nespresso machines, free wi-fi and access to a nearby gym. In London, also check out the trendy Curtain hotel opening in Shoreditch from the New York hotel company behind the Gansevoort (thecurtain.com), opens in September. **Details** Doubles cost from £120 (thenadler.com/victoria)

19 King Street Townhouse
Manchester
In a grade II listed building that used to be a bank, the newly opened King Street Townhouse is in the city centre, close to Albert Square. Its distinguished Victorian structure is built in an Italian Renaissance style, and rooms have patterned wallpaper, modern art and smart bathrooms. There's to be a heated outdoor rooftop pool (for guests only) and a small spa. **Details** Doubles cost from £220 (electichotels.co.uk)

20 Pullman Liverpool
The slick, design-orientated Pullman chain is opening its second British hotel, in Liverpool, in the spring. This one will be on King's Dock, a short walk from Albert Dock and Tate Liverpool. Rooms will be in a minimalist style with ceiling-to-floor windows and there will be a restaurant and bar. **Details** B&B doubles cost from £121 (pullmanhotels.com)

21 The Painswick
Painswick, Gloucestershire
The people behind the successful Calcut Manor and Barnsley House hotels in Gloucestershire are to open a 16-room hotel in the picturesque Cotswolds town of Painswick in the spring. The former Cotswolds 1888 (a slightly eccentric, OTT hotel) is being re-created with a hold but more restrained look, with a restaurant headed by Michael Bedford, formerly of Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxfordshire. There will be two beauty treatment rooms with Flessis products. **Details** Doubles cost from £119 (thepainswick.co.uk)

22 Twr y Felin Hotel
St Davids, Wales
The locally raised architect Keith Griffiths is opening a second hip hotel in the small cathedral city of St Davids in Pembrokeshire. Griffiths has invested in a 21-room property — just opened — in what was an 1806 windmill; there's a massive "upper tower suite" covering three floors of the main structure. Griffiths is a modern art collector and more than 100 pieces will be displayed. Rooms have a smart, art gallery style. **Details** B&B doubles are from £180 (twryfelinhotel.com)

23 The Pig at Combe
Devon
The Pig hotel chain has gone from strength to strength — and for good reason, its bright, eclectic-but-comfortable rooms and laid-back brasserie-style restaurants have proved a winning combination. The latest, opening in June in the Otter Valley, looks particularly special. Set in a honey-coloured Elizabethan mansion, the Pig at Combe is in 3,500 acres of countryside and is eight miles from the coast. In the West Country, look out also for Combe Grove in Bath, a 42-room boutique hotel in a Georgian mansion opening in April, created by Rebecca Whittingham, the woman behind Cornwall's successful Scarlet hotel (combegrove.com). **Details** Doubles cost from £145 (thepighotel.com)

24 The Dog & Badger
Medmenham, Buckinghamshire
The Dog & Badger is in the pretty village of Medmenham, halfway between Marlow and Henley-on-Thames. Its new rooms, opening in April, will be in a lovely old cottage dating from 1550, decorated smartly and with Nespresso machines in rooms. The pub has 40 wines by the glass and a restaurant serving oysters, monkfish curry, Lyme Bay garnard and lobster thermidor. **Details** B&B doubles cost from £155 (thedogandbadger.com)

25 The El Patron
Tequila Hotel Newport, Isle of Wight
And finally, the owners of El Patron, a "Latin, tequila and cocktails" joint in Putney, southwest London, have branched out with... the El Patron Tequila Hotel, due to open next summer with six rooms in a grade II listed building in the centre of Newport on the Isle of Wight. It's to be decorated with Latino-inspired art. The restaurant will serve quesadillas, burritos, and tacos. **Details** Room rates are yet to be set (no hotel website, elpatronlondon.com)