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THE TOP 10 MOST GLAMOROUS HOTEL LAUNCHES OF 2016

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RIGHT NOW, ALL WE'RE DREAMING OF IS ESCAPING THIS BITTERLY COLD WEATHER. TO HELP YOUR DAYDREAMS ALONG, WE'VE COLLATED TEN OF THE BEST NEW HOTEL LAUNCHES WORLDWIDE...



— Mandarin Pool Villa Marrakech

Who doesn't love a posh hotel? The soft slippers, the punctual service, the sophistication all alchemise to make them irresistible. And new ones to try? Even better.

THESE ARE THE BEST NEW HOTEL LAUNCHES TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR...

1. INNSIDE NEW YORK NOMAD



— INNSIDE New York NoMad

In March, [Melia Hotels International](#) is launching its first New York hotel. 'INNSIDE New York NoMad' (weird name, we feel) can be found in the heart of Manhattan, with views of the Empire State Building and the city's famous skyline. The hotel is the first of its brand in the United States, continuing the stylish and sophisticated aesthetic the brand is known for. [From \\$249 per night.](#)

2. CHIVA-SOM, THAILAND



— Chiva Som Thailand

[Chiva-Som](#) in Thailand has launched five new health retreats to cater to a number of health issues. The programmes include cell vitality (cancer), cranial relief (migraines), tension release (high blood pressure), emotional wellbeing (stress), and sustainable slimming (excess body weight). Each of these retreats require a minimum ten-night stay to ensure that treatments and specific health objectives can be met. [From £4,957 per person sharing an Ocean Room, including flights and private airport transfers.](#)

3. THE RITZ PARIS



— The Ritz Paris

Since 2012, The Ritz Paris has been closed for refurbishment and restoration. The iconic hotel in Place Vendôme has been sadly missed, but the wait is finally over. In March 2016, the hotel is set to reopen its lavish doors, with eagerly awaited improvements. Added is a new shopping gallery with the likes of Chanel, Prada and Cartier, a tunnel under Place Vendôme, for the most discreet of guests, and a serene new spa. [Opening from 14 March 2016.](#)

4. THANDA ISLAND



— Thanda Island

Opening in April 2016 is the most exclusive of island retreats. Imagine being the only people on an island in the Indian ocean off the coast of Tanzania? All set within your own personal marine reserve, where your only neighbours are whale sharks and sea turtles. Thanda Island is the work of Swedish entrepreneur and philanthropist couple Christin and Dan Olofsson. From US \$10,000 per night minimum stay 3-7 nights.

5. MASSERIA TRAPANA



— Masseria Trapana

Rob Otter-Sanders has spent the last two years renovating this 16th Century property into a hotel. Set in sixty hectares of olive groves, with nine individually designed suites and private courtyards, it opens in March. [Masseria Trapana](#) can be found in Puglia, just outside Lecce, but if you're concerned about beaches, you needn't be. Considering the proximity to the Adriatic coast and the partnership with the best beach clubs, guests of Masseria Trapana is the opportunity to sample the best of both worlds. [From £284 per night.](#)

6. AJA MALIBU



— Aja Malibu

If you're in need of some serious relaxation and TLC, [Aja Malibu](#) is for you. The retreat is focused on health and wellness, for a maximum of eight guests at a time. Due to its size, Aja creates a home with a heart atmosphere that is deeply relaxing. Set within 23 acres of Malibu mountains, the views are unparalleled. [From \\$8,500 per person for a seven night stay.](#)

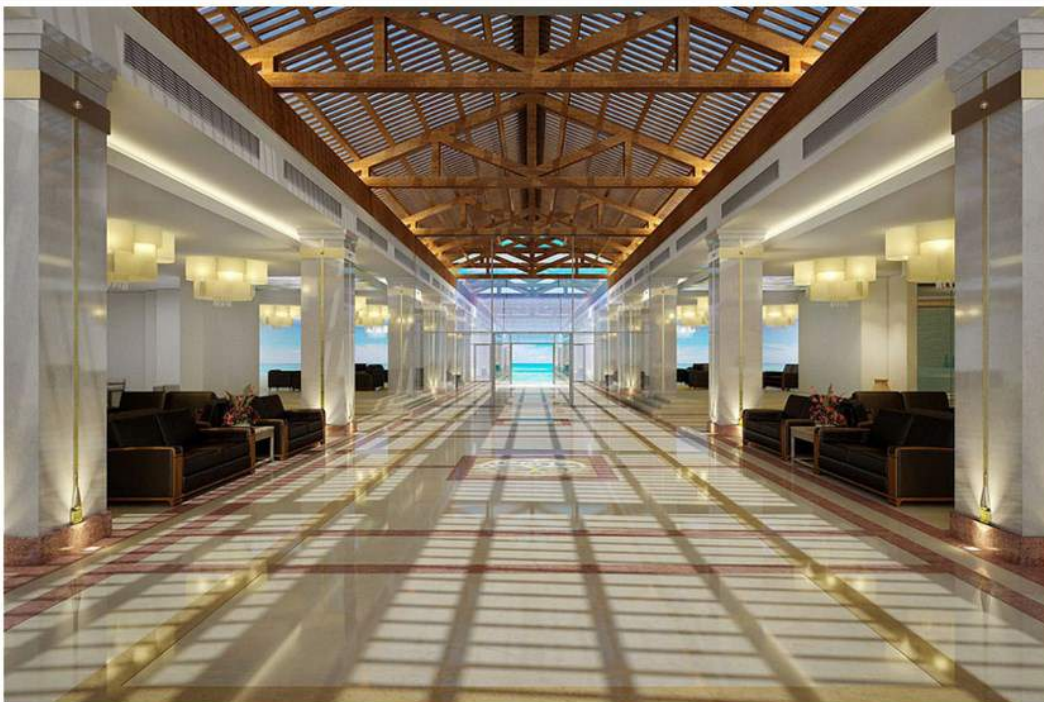
7. FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BOGOTA



— Four Seasons Bogota

According to [The Sunday Times Magazine](#), 'the new capital of cool' is the south american city of Bogota. The Four Seasons is opening a new hotel in Bogota in April, which, we feel, confirms this. The place is set to be as luxurious as you would assume – but with a more contemporary flare. [Opening April 2016.](#)

8. MIRAGGIO THERMAL SPA RESORT



— Miraggio Thermale Spa

9. MANDARIN ORIENTAL MARRAKECH



— Mandarin Oriental Marrakech- Oriental Villa

With the Atlas mountains in the background, the Mandarin Oriental's new hotel in Marrakech is as much about views outside as the niceties within. Comprised of 62 villas and suites, each of which has a heated pool, juczzi and open air shower within a personal walled garden, luxury and privacy abound. The interiors are glamorous with hints of Moroccan textiles. Well worth a visit. [Suites from about £530.](#)

10. THE CURTAIN HOTEL AND PRIVATE MEMBERS CLUB



— Curtain Hotel

One of New York's most fashionable hotels is set to open in Shoreditch in September 2016. Michael Achenbaum, of the [Gansevoort Hotel Group](#) is the man opening The Curtain Hotel and Private Members' Club – a £70 million project that is set to be 'a full service urban resort'. It'll feature 120 rooms, six suites, a rooftop bar, and swimming pool. One to rival Soho House, indeed.

Achenbaum says this:

'I'm always seeking to expand my portfolio in emerging neighbourhoods that have a vibrant social life where businesses can grow and flourish. Shoreditch aligns brilliantly with our vision for this project and we're thrilled to break ground during such an exciting time for the neighbourhood.'