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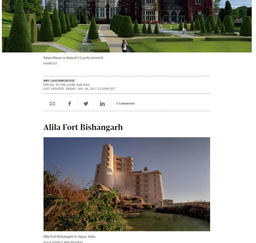
With so many outstanding hotels opening around the world this year, the question travellers face may not be so much 'where to go,' but 'rather, 'where to stay.'



Adare Manor in Ireland's County Limerick.
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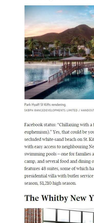
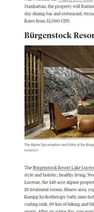


Alila Fort Bishangarh in Jaipur, India.
ALILA HOTELS AND RESORTS

If you always imagined that you were a royal stranded in a past life – and, frankly, who hasn't entertained the notion – this is the place for you. The 19-suite Alila Fort Bishangarh, opening in Jaipur, India, on Feb. 26, is centred around a historic hilltop fortress with its original sandstone and black walls and views of the Rajasthanian countryside. A new addition houses guest accommodations and lavish public spaces. In addition to indoor and outdoor dining, you can enjoy cigars and cognac while nestled on a throne, or head to a bar, lounge, library, pool, fitness centre, children's club, exquisite layers, organic gardens, or spa, where the pressing of the flesh is no doubt much more enjoyable than in the old days when that space served as the dungeon. Rates from $375.

Park Hyatt St. Kitts



Park Hyatt St Kitts rendering.
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Facebook status: "Chillaxing with a frosty cocktail on Banana Beach. (So, that's not a euphemism)." Yes, that could be you, when the Park Hyatt St. Kitts opens on what's-another-island beach in St. Kitts this summer. If the exotic Caribbean location with easy access to neighbouring Nevis isn't enough, the resort also offers two restaurants, one for families and another just for the grown-ups, a spa, kids' camp, and several food-and-dining options, including a rum bar. The 136-room hotel features all-suites, some with a view, have rooftop swimming pools, and a three-bedroom presidential villa with butler service and a private chef. Opening rates from $580 low season, $1,250 high season.

The Whitby New York

The Whitby New York will feature Gensler-led 56 rooms, many with private terraces, a library, lounges, gym and 130-seat cinema.
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Firmdale Hotels' founders and wife-team Tim and Kit Kemp, owners of New York's Crosby Street Hotel and a cadre of cozy lodgings around London, are expected to deliver once again. The couple, renowned for their colourful patterns and textures, will welcome the Whitby New York to the world on Fit. 27. Located on Midtown's Manhattan East, the property will feature 86 rooms (many with private terraces), an all-day dining bar and restaurant, terrace, library, lounges, gym, and 130-seat cinema. Rates from $1,000 CDN.

Bürgenstock Resort Lake Lucerne

The Alpine Spa waterfloor and lobby of the Bürgenstock Resort Lake Lucerne.
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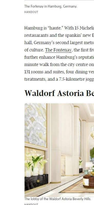
The Bürgenstock Resort Lake Lucerne, opening this summer, combines eco-friendly style and holistic, healthy living. Nestled on a wooded cliff above Switzerland's Lake Lucerne, the 140-acre Alpine property has a 9,940-square-metre spa with three pools, 10 treatment rooms, fitness area, yoga studio, hammam, sauna, whirlpools and a Kneipp hydrotherapy bath; nine hole golf course; three championship tennis courts; cutting-edge 10-km of hiking and biking trails; and a private lido on the lake for water sports. Adhere an active diet, you won't feel so guilty indulging at one of the 21 restaurants – or, if you're really good, at the Michelin-starred outdoor elevator, as opposed to taking the stairs. Choose from four lodgings: three-star, 22-room 1905 century Taverne (1905); 100-room, four-star superior Palace (from $575); 102-room, five-star signature Bürgenstock (from $1,050CDN); and 160-room, five-star Waldhotel Health Living, featuring healthy meals, spa services, and facilities for medical check-ups, physical therapy, weight loss, and post-operative convalescence (from $705).

Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square



The Four Seasons London at Ten Trinity Square.
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If you think London has just one season – the rainy one – then perhaps it's time you experienced the Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square, opening in the British capital on Jan. 26. With a lot of amenities needs as long as its name (three restaurants, including the first EVE outpost of a Michelin-starred French establishment, plus fully customizable beds, a spa, salon for hand and foot treatments, indoor pool, fitness centre and personal shoppers), you won't mind being up in the 100-guest-room, Grade II-listed heritage building if it's bucketing down outside. On the off-chance that sunshine prevails, however, this former headquarters of the Port of London Authority is conveniently close to attractions like the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Globe Theatre. Opening rates from $595.

The Duxton Club, a Luxury Collection Hotel Singapore

The Duxton Club, a Luxury Collection Hotel Singapore, is a low city oasis housed in two pre-war colonial heritage buildings.
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Sip a Singapore Sling in sophisticated surroundings at the Duxton Club, opening the second half of 2017. Steps away from Singapore's Chinatown and the Central Business District of Tanjong Pagar, Starwood Hotels & Resorts has partnered with boutique developers Pasquier and Tanglin Group Asia to introduce the development, housed in two pre-war colonial heritage buildings 200-metres apart. The Duxton House will accommodate 50 rooms, a restaurant, bar and sign room, with designer Australia Hempel adding rich oriental accents to create a luxe oasis in the city. Architect and designer Jacques Garcia, whose renovation projects include the Louvre and Versailles, is overseeing the transformation of the 156-room Duxton Terrace, which will encompass five floor and terrace-age venues, a pool, fitness centre and spa room. Rates TBA.

Adare Manor

Afternoon tea awaits in the newly restored Adare Manor's gallery in Ireland's County Limerick.
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Adare can to some this 19th-century neo-Gothic mansion hotel in Ireland's County Limerick after it emerges from an 18-month, multimillion-dollar renovation on Sept. 1. The new property includes a refurbished championship golf course by Tom Fazio, a new spa, pool, cinema, and an extension housing 42 new rooms, bringing the total number of bedrooms in the estate to 104. Wandering through the property's 1,000 acres of parkland, walled gardens, medieval ruins and walking trails alongside the River Maigue – all just half an hour from Shannon International Airport – you'll feel as though you were "in the manor born," from $410.

The Fontenay

The Fontenay in Hamburg, Germany.
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Hamburg is "hamtic." With El Michelin stars scattered among 50 of the city's restaurants and the spunky new Elbphilharmonie Hamburg state-of-the-art concert hall, Germany's second-largest metropolis is establishing itself as the country's capital of culture. The Fontenay, the first five-star hotel unveiled here in nearly 20 years, will further enhance Hamburg's reputation when it opens this summer. Located a 10-minute walk from the city centre on the shores of Alster Lake, the property will have 155 rooms and suites, four dining venues, a spa offering therapeutic and medical treatments, and a 7.5-kilometre jogging route along the lake. From $490.

Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills

The Lobby of the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills.
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You'll find your thrills at Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills, debuting this June in one of California's chicest neighborhoods. Star-worthy amenities range from VIP cabanas for guests beside the rooftop pool, a restaurant headed by acclaimed Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, a personal concierge service, La Prairie spa, and gazebo area. Each of the 169 rooms and 31 suites, including a presidential suite, and three villas will get our dipping pools, offers unobstructed views across the City of Angels. From $1,045.

parq Vancouver

JW Marriott parq Vancouver.
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Park yourself a bit closer to home with a stay at parq Vancouver, a hip hub of restaurants and gaming set to open in the midst of Vancouver's entertainment district. On Sept. 15, two new hotels are expected to launch in the city, including the 329-room JW Marriott parq Vancouver (from $390) and the 118-room DOUGLAS, an Autograph Collection Hotel (from $470). Both hotels are connected via an elevated, 2,787-square-metre park, a casino, meeting and event space, and a variety of restaurants and lounges led by James Beard Award-nominated restaurateur Elizabeth Rees and her husband, Chef Ken Casterveiva. Additionally, the JW Marriott parq Vancouver features a spa and fitness centre, while the DOUGLAS offers five pet-and-family-crafted cocktails in the pub.

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