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LIST

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(AND YOU SHOULD TOO).

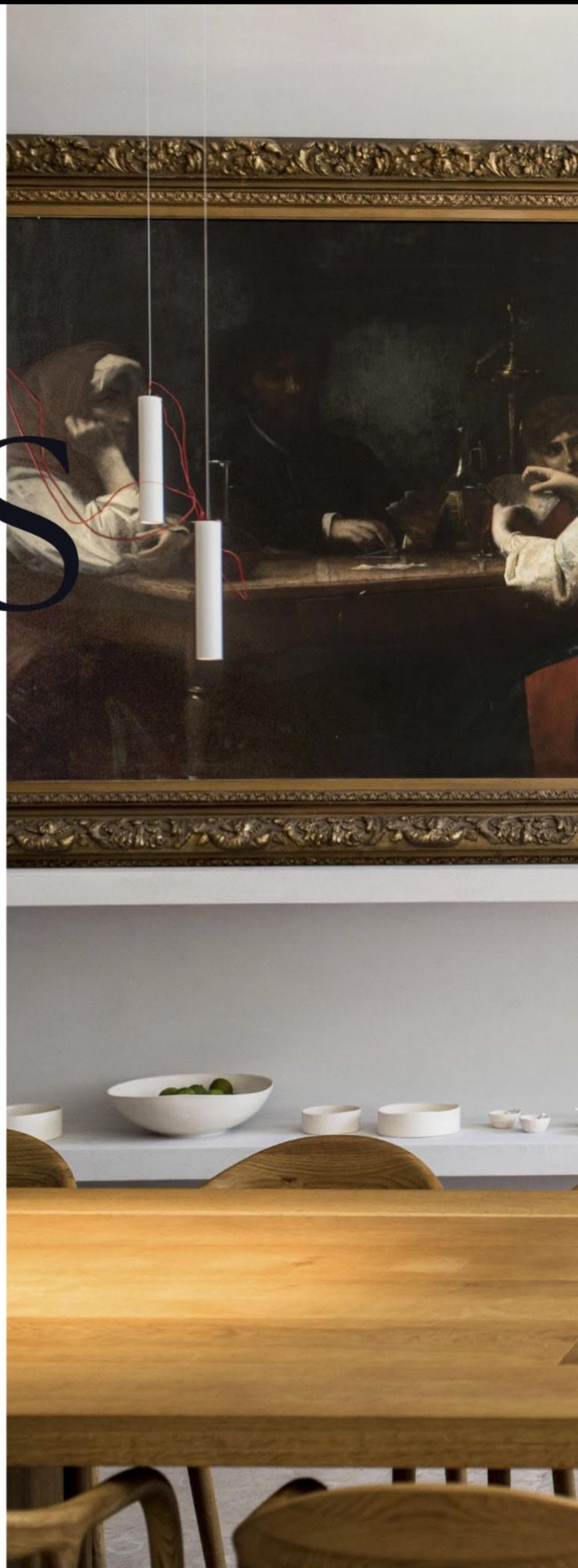
THE WORLD'S 102

BEST NEW HOTELS

THE HOTTEST Hotels RIGHT Now

HOT LIST

The term *hot* is not something we throw around lightly at *Condé Nast Traveler*. Every year, we vet hundreds of new hotels that swing open their doors promising all sorts of industry catnip: raw-silk Italian sheets, customized Ayurvedic dining, views of some blindingly cerulean bay that no human has ever woken up to before. Most of these openings are good. Many of them, great. But only a fraction are what we'd deem hot. To determine this, we've cultivated an army of the most discerning hotel sleuths—*Traveler* staff as well as a network of trusted contributors across six continents that we call on year-round—to make sure that nary a perfectly mixed lobby bar old-fashioned nor unfluffed swan-down pillow goes undocumented. We arm our scouts with a survey that's been developed and refined over the past 22 years, with questions that get at the practical (Is the Wi-Fi signal strong enough to download a movie? What's the must-order on the room service menu?) and the emotional, or even sociological (How does the hotel make you feel? Is there a lobby vibe? What celeb can you imagine hanging out at the pool?). We then cull close to a thousand pages of hotel dossiers to come up with our final list. This year, 102 properties, fewer than 25 percent of the hotels we *CSI*-ed, made the cut; keep reading to find out why we think they're extraordinary.



THE Hippest

This year we were struck by a handful of hotels whose whimsical yet cozy design schemes look like they belong in one of those stylish rom-com London flats we dreamed of living in when we were in our 20s: jazzy wallpaper, piles of paperbacks, and tons of throw pillows picked up from Moroccan souks or Cali flea markets. It also doesn't hurt that their prices mean you can stretch out your stay by a day or two.

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HOT LIST

Austin Motel, Texas
A lobby bodega and a swinging pool scene.

Freehand Los Angeles
A rooftop bar plus a café serving veg-forward dishes in DTLA.

Holiday House Palm Springs
A revived mid-century motel with

Hockney and Lichtenstein prints on the walls (below).

Hôtel Bienvenue, Paris
Art Deco-style rooms with blue-and-white floor motifs in the buzzy Pigalle area.

Hôtel Parister, Paris
Gold wallpapered rooms and a chic brass bar in the 9th.

Made Hotel, New York
Platform beds, raw-wood floors, and a sunny co-working space cum café.

Villa Barranco, Lima
A robin's-egg-blue 1920s villa with hand-painted mosaics and arched windows.



SPOTLIGHT



The Adelphi's elegant redo of a 19th-century wedding-cake hotel, with balcony suites overlooking Broadway's Victorian facades, revives Saratoga Springs' glam resort-town past and is minutes from thoroughbred racing and Saratoga's famed performing arts center.