

It list 2016: The Best New Hotels on the Planet

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Baccarat Hotels & Residences in New York City

Even in New York City, true five-star hotel debuts are still fairly rare. The Baccarat, however, clearly means business. What sets it apart is the ambitiousness of its opulence: think crystal chandeliers, crystal vases, and walls of crystal, plus antique pieces on loan from the French government. This is Luxury—yes, with a capital L—designed for a crowd of global nomads who move between London and Shanghai and Dubai and give the bar an atmosphere that's a far cry from the minimalism of MoMA across the street. For all the glitz, however, the guest rooms are both serene and restrained, done in a brisk, tailored style that features a neutral palette, extravagant marble baths, and thoughtful use of technology. And there are only 114 of them, small for a hotel of this type, which translates into an experience with a surprising degree of intimacy. baccarathotels.com; doubles from \$899.



Courtesy of Baccarat

1 Hotel South Beach in Miami Beach

South Beach is famous for many things—but truly comfortable, non-nightlife-centric hotels are not its strong suit. That's what makes this oceanfront property, the debut effort from a new green-leaning brand, all the more refreshing. The smallest rooms start at a palatial 700 square feet; they have bathtubs you could almost swim in, cushy white sectionals, and king-size beds raised on reclaimed-wood platforms. The eco-friendly touches include a living wall on the façade, organic-cotton sheets, and triple-filtered water in the taps (begone, plastic bottles). But this is Miami, after all—so there are four Instagram-worthy pools, including one on the rooftop. 1hotels.com; doubles from \$699.



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