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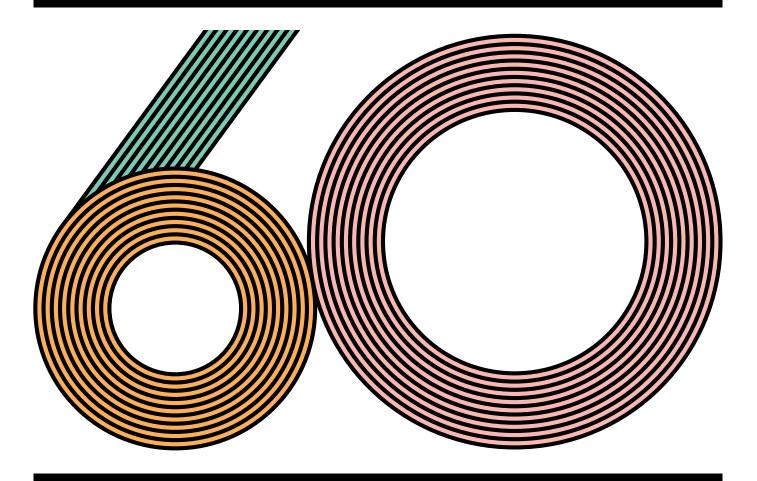
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THIS IS IT: OUR DEFINITIVE COLLECTION OF THE

60

BEST NEW HOTELS AND RESORTS IN THE WORLD
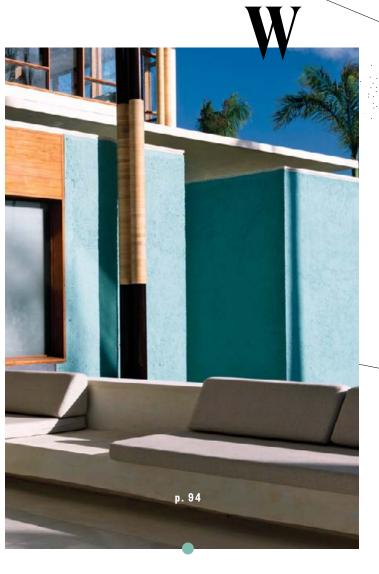
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KEYS

Room count at the 1 Hotel South Beach, the largest on our list—about equal to 25 of the smallest Hot List hotels combined.

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UNITED STATES

1. 1 Hotel South Beach, Miami Beach, Fla.
2. Ace Hotel Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Baccarat Hotel & Residences New York, N.Y.
4. The Chequit, Shelter Island, N.Y.
5. Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, Ill.
6. Faena Hotel Miami Beach, Fla.
7. Hotel Emma, San Antonio, Tex.
8. The Inn at Newport Ranch, Fort Bragg, Calif.
9. The Ivy Hotel, Baltimore, Md.
10. L'Horizon Resort & Spa, Palm Springs, Calif.
11. The Press Hotel, Portland, Me.
12. Quirk Hotel, Richmond, Va.
13. South Congress Hotel, Austin, Tex.

CARIBBEAN & MEXICO

14. Amanera (left), Playa Grande, Dominican Republic
15. Barbuda Belle, Antigua & Barbuda
16. The Cape, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
17. Casa Fayette, Guadalajara, Mexico
18. Marriott Port-au-Prince Hotel, Haiti
19. Playa Grande Beach Club, Dominican Republic

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

20. Four Seasons Hotel Casa Medina Bogotá, Colombia
21. Hacienda AltaGracia, Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica
22. Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba, Sacred Valley, Peru

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WHY RIGHT NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO BE A H●TEL LOVER

FOR THIS 20TH EDITION OF THE HOT LIST— our picks of the year's top hotel openings—editors and reporters crisscrossed 6 continents and 36 countries to review hundreds of new properties firsthand. We came back with 60 outstanding winners that represent not just the vanguard of the hotel world but where travelers are headed next—and why. ¶ It was, all told, a damn good year for hotels and travelers alike. A year when that hackneyed term *design hotel* came to mean something again, and when *eco-friendly* stopped conjuring weak showers and hospital lighting but something truly inspired. ¶ It was a year that saw hotel developers putting beds where travelers actually want to go—be it neighborhoods like London's Notting Hill and Rome's Monti or emerging destinations such as Lecce and Chengdu. A year when smaller U.S. cities caught our attention (go, Pittsburgh and Baltimore!). When hotel kitchens stepped up to compete with the restaurants down the block (and sometimes poached their chefs). ¶ It was a year that saw major brands acting like indies, while smaller brands like Faena and Soho House copped big-chain swagger. And it was the year France and Italy thoroughly smoked the competition, fielding 6 winners each. Other destinations came out swinging: England with 5; Australia with 3; and Germany, Turkey, Portugal, Mexico, the D.R., and the great nation of Texas, each with 2. ¶ Of course the real winners here were … well, us. Travelers in 2016 have all the more reason to get out there and spend the night in style— 60 great reasons, to start with, from Alsace to Zanzibar. Here's where to point your arrow next.

For more photos and full details on all our Hot List winners, visit cntraveler.com/hot-list.

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BECAUSE...

ONE CARIBBEAN BEACH SOMEHOW LANDED TWO OUTSTANDING RESORTS

The Dominican Republic wants you back. And this time it's ready to earn your love—with two equally stylish (yet totally distinct) retreats sharing a mile-long crescent of sand on the island's north shore. At one end you'll find the nine-bungalow Playa Grande Beach Club (above), with its laid-back communal vibe and bright, playful design by Celerie Kemble. At the other is Amanera (left), the second Aman outpost in the Caribbean and the brand's first golf resort. Expect the group's customary polished minimalism and obsessive attention to detail, plus panoramic beach views from the cliffside pool and bungalows. Suddenly, the D.R. feels very much like the place to be.

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