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The soaring atrium of the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, as seen from a guest room at Galleria Vik Milano.

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Alex and Carrie Vik are known for tapping renowned architects to create inspiring, art-filled hotels in Uruguay and Chile. The Milan outpost of Vik Retreats marks the brand's European debut, and while not immediately obvious from the blinkand-you'll-miss-it entrance (tucked on a quiet side street steps from the Duomo), Galleria Vik Milano continues this tradition. A massive cast of Rodin's The Thinker greets guests in the lobby, while the 89 rooms and suites feature a mix of contemporary, vintage, and antique furniture, plus works by Italian, Uruguayan, and international artists. Choose a room with a private balcony overlooking the glass-vaulted arcades of the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Italy's oldest shopping mall. It's the ideal perch for people-watching and enjoying an Aperol Spritz before dinner at Vikissimo-which looks out on the Galleria's famous bull mosaicor I Dodici Gatti, the rooftop pizzeria, for simple, perfectly executed classics like caprese salads, margherita pies, and tiramisu. galleriavikmilano.com; doubles from \$600. - RIMA SUQI