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Announcing the 2022 Hot List Winners

The most exciting new openings in travel, from the fresh-faced hotels we'd plan a trip around to boundary-pushing dining, museums and more

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Each year, we index the best, brightest openings, but for the 26th edition of Condé Nast Traveller's Hot List, we've upped the ante: This time, editors at all seven worldwide editions had a hand in scouting and selecting the entries. At its heart, this is still a hotel list - a whopping 96 made the cut this year, which is a true testament to the industry's resilience. But because (almost) no hotel is an island, we've widened the lens to include the restaurants, culture, transportation and cruises you need to know, and the destinations that are reinventing themselves. We mean it when we say this may be the hottest Hot List yet. Here are the best new hotel openings in the world.

Il Tornabuoni

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Why book?

A luxury bolthole hidden on Florence's most elegant thoroughfare provides a secluded hideaway that's still close to all the city's main attractions.

Set the scene

Florence's Il Tornabuoni has long been home to the city's most iconic fashion brands, and no matter how many selfie-stick wielding tourists descend on other parts of the city, the street—and now the hotel—has an air of refinement that befits a palazzo dating back to the 13th century. Fashion mavens and travel types looking for a quieter address are making it their home away from home (and since the hotel is also part of Hyatt's new portfolio, you can use points towards your stay).

The backstory

Even for a city full of history, this property, officially known as the Palazzo Minerbetti, has major credentials: Dating back to the 12th century, residents have included the American-born British author Henry James and the Ukrainian poet Olizar Gustav.

The rooms

Crisp and stylish interiors by Milanese interior designer Andrea Auletta give the property's original bones new life without making the place feel cookie-cutter. The lovely frescoes in the Il Magnifico suite, for example, are delightful in their whimsy; and we loved the pinks and blues of the Il Tornabuoni suite, as well as the standalone tub. Many of the rooms come with peek-a-boo views of Florence icons like the cupola of the Duomo, or the façade of Santa Maria Novella.

Food and Drink

Il Tornabuoni's Lucie Gourmet restaurant feels like eating inside an Art Deco jewelry box with its gilded mirrors and gem-like pinks and teals, while the Butterfly Terrace gives great views over the city—don't miss an Aperol following sightseeing or a shopping spree. And Le Cave gives a fun 101 of both Italian and more far-flung vintages.

The spa

There's no spa, but you can set up yoga sessions on the rooftop or a personal trainer in the gym.

The neighborhood/area

Via de' Tornabuoni has a sense of refinement that other parts of the city struggle to keep—think matrons in Fendi with perfect make-up and Gucci-clad fashion upstarts window shopping. While steps from the Arno and Ponte Vecchio, the atmosphere is more subdued and feels, thankfully, residential despite the central location.

The service

Still getting its legs (the property opened in early March), the staff is eager to show off the new property and features.

For families

With its unusual double king-size beds in multiple rooms (and connecting suites), it's easy to configure rooms for families—and must-sees like the Uffizi and the Duomo are a quick walk away.

Accessibility

Elevator accessible.

Anything left to mention?

Don't drive to the hotel. Between construction, the one-way roads that change seemingly every week, and a 60-euro parking garage fee, it's best to wait on renting a car until when you leave the city.

Finally, in 100 words or less, what makes this hotel worthy of Hot List?

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