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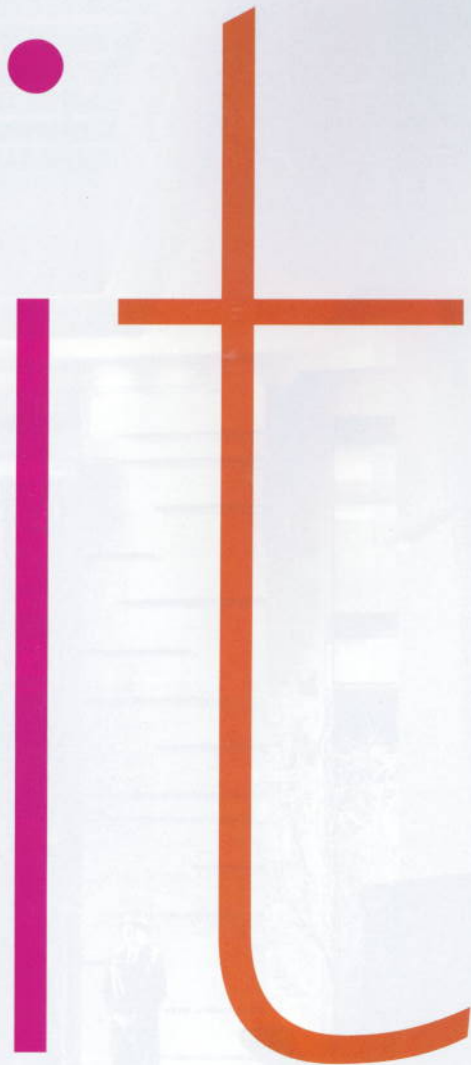
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Travel + Leisure set out to find the best new hotels in the world. From pioneering architecture to authentic regional experiences, these properties are reshaping their destinations. Read on for more on this year's 45 most exciting openings.

sandwich with black truffles. Housed in the former residence of a Parisian count, the hotel has a contemporary feel that will put design lovers in the mood: offsetting the lobby's Baccarat table and Murano chandeliers is a Cubist painting by Raymond Moretti in vivid red. The 55 sunny, whisper-quiet rooms are furnished with Le Corbusier, Isamu Noguchi and

Philippe Starck pieces. *64 Ave. Marceau, Eighth Arr.; 33-1/44-43-36-36; ic-marceau.com; doubles from €160.*

CITY CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA
Tcherassi Hotel & Spa

Colombian designer Silvia Tcherassi converted a Spanish-colonial mansion in the Old City into a white-on-white urban escape that pops with funky decorative accents ("chandeliers" of interlocking plastic rings; tasseled bedspreads) reminiscent of the texture-intensive accessories from her collections. The seven rooms are named after fabrics, and like Tcherassi's detailed handiwork, service at the hotel is subtle and impeccable.

Start your day, as we did, with a five-course breakfast of fresh fruit and fried *carnes* in the courtyard, adjacent to a small-scale swimming pool and a three-story vertical garden. *6-21 Calle del Sargento Mayor; 57-5/664-4445; tcherassihotels.com; doubles from US\$360, including breakfast.*

CITY BEIRUT, LEBANON
Le Gray

The surest sign that Beirut is welcoming travelers back with open arms: Gordon Campbell Gray's sleek and smart Le Gray. In the 87 understated guest rooms, expansive windows overlook Martyrs' Square, Hariri Mosque and St. George's Cathedral (a vista that encapsulates the city's complex history). The vibrant modern art collection, rooftop infinity pool, in-room Jura espresso machines and expert concierge service trumpet the glamorous Mediterranean city's renaissance. *Martyrs' Square; 961-1/971-111; legray.com; doubles from US\$495.*

CITY HONG KONG
Upper House

More pied-à-terre than hotel, this contemporary-style 117-room property in a Central tower is all about subtle details. Although the look is minimalist, there's nothing pared-down about the quality of the materials or the size of the rooms—the smallest is 69 square meters. There are limestone-covered bathrooms (beware of the toe-trapping floating steps leading up to the tub), shoji glass, glistening pale wood surfaces and lacquered paper panels. All this, and a restaurant by star chef Gray Kunz, formerly of the St. Regis and Café Gray in New York. *88 Queensway; 852/2918-1838; upperhouse.com; doubles from HK\$2,996. »*



An Upper Suite living room at the Upper House in Hong Kong, left. Opposite: The pool view at Alifas Villas Uluwatu on the south coast of Bali.