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SPOTLIGHT

New York City

The Big Apple is undergoing yet another hotel building boom, with a wave of openings across the city, from leafy Greenwich Village to skyscraper-packed midtown. Historic refurbishments; glitzy towers; high-end boutique properties—here, our list of Manhattan's most exciting arrivals.

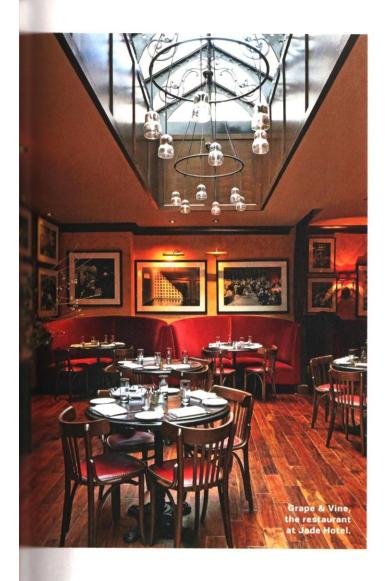


■ The Marlton

Hip hotelier Sean MacPherson's urbane inn has a rich literary past: Jack Kerouac and Lenny Bruce were once guests at the former Greenwich Village flophouse. Behind the original brick façade, weathered herringbone floors line a library filled with Beat novels, and the 107 diminutive roomsmost a snug 150 square feet-have ornate moldings and lighting fixtures that pay homage to the early-20th-century industrial designer Serge Mouille. Thoughtful details, such as products from Provençal perfumer Côté Bastide, complete the picture.

5 W. Eighth St.; 212/321-0100; marltonhotel.com. \$\$







Jade Hotel

A 1920's-Paris sensibility defines this brick-clad Georgianstyle building on a prime block in Greenwich Village. Inspired by legendary French designer Émile-Jacques Ruhlmann, the 113 rooms have Art Deco details (old-school rotary phones; clubby leather chairs) and vintage photos of popicons such as the Rolling

Stones. Art aficionados won't want to miss the dimly lit lobby lounge, which is stocked with a collection of design books curated by *Maker* magazine. For dinner, reserve one of the red velvet booths at the hotel's subterranean Grape & Vine restaurant and feast on cocoa-cinnamon-braised short ribs with mac and cheese.

III High Line Hotel

Blink and you might mistake Chelsea's latest debut for an old-world university campus. Housed in a wing of the General Theological Seminary, which stands on a former apple orchard, the 1895 Gothic-style structure has stained-glass windows and cloistered courtyards that give it a stately, collegiate feel.

But modernity isn't far away—hipster favorite Intelligentsia Coffee Bar opened its first East Coast shop in the mosaic-tiled lobby; cult bakery Mah Ze Dahr serves caramel-oatmeal bars from the hotel's 1963 Citroën van parked by the entrance; and it's just a short walk east to the High Line park.

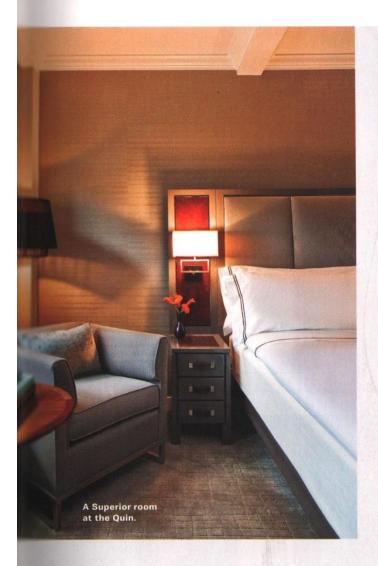
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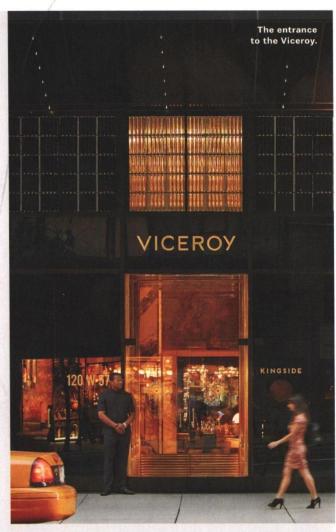


■ Refinery Hotel

This 1912 edifice once housed hat factories on its top floors and a ladies-who-lunch tearoom in the lobby; now it's one of midtown's trendiest additions. thanks to Stonehill & Taylor, the architects behind the NoMad and Crosby Street hotels. The look? Distressed hardwood floors and 12-foot-high concrete ceilings; writing desks designed to resemble old sewing machine stands and factory-cart coffee tables. At dusk, the terrace draws fashionable Manhattanites with a cocktail menu conceived by a molecular biologist and former NASA consultant.

63 W. 38th St.; 646/ 664-0310; refineryhotel newyork.com. \$\$\$





■ The Quin

When you check in to the Quin, a stylish newcomer in Midtown West, you get much more than the key to an airy, 600-square-foot room. Fancy a private trunk show at Bergdorf Goodman or an after-hours tour of the Guggenheim? Personal travel attachés are on hand to curate bespoke experiences. Don't feel like leaving your custom
Duxiana bed to change
the music? Grab the
bedside iPad mini, which
you can also use to
order room service or
change the temperature
settings. Bonus: the
lobby-level art gallery
showcases local
talent such as graffiti
artist Nick Walker and
multimedia installations
on a 14-foot video wall.

Viceroy

Style-conscious business travelers have a new stomping ground: the sleek, 29-story brick-and-glass Viceroy, the brand's Manhattan debut. On-site translators and high-tech wireless printing services are just a few of the office-away-from-home perks. Inside, a sophisticated retro design by

heritage-chic specialists Roman & Williams—multipaned windows and brass hardware in the guest rooms; black-and-white tiles with scarlet grouting in the Kingside restaurant—sets the scene. If you're seeking refuge from the city, head to the rooftop bar and take in the bird's-eye view of Central Park.