



PRISMATIC VIEW

The colorway used on the hotel's exterior follows the light spectrum, which in turn creates different perspectives of the hotel according to the time of day

DESERT INSPIRATION

The natural desert surroundings heavily influenced the hotel, including its name, which is after the iconic Saguaro cactus, and its bright color palette, which is inspired by the area's native flowers

1 THE SAGUARO

Coachella Valley, Palm Springs, CA

It's hard to miss the Saguaro Hotel in Palm Springs. Much like its sister hotel in Scottsdale, The Saguaro Palm Springs was also designed by Stamberg Aferiat Architecture, and features a façade painted in fourteen different hues—think vivid Southwestern tones meshed with Roy G. Biv. The interior boasts cool custom furnishings, a lush courtyard, three different restaurants, and of course, the requisite pool.





SOPHISTICATED AND SCALED BACK
 A neutral color palette is complemented by warm, amber lighting, clean lines, and comfortable furniture



2 PUBLIC

Gold Coast, Chicago, IL

Ian Schrager, famous for NYC spots like Studio 54 and Gramercy Park Hotel, has made his mark in Chicago with Public, the first in his line of boutique hotels that are as high end as you'd expect but without the price tag. Schrager's mission with Public is to cut out the riff raff and unwanted amenities, and to make sure the space and the services are all top-notch. Accessible luxury inside impeccable design? Now there's no good reason not to visit the Windy City.

DINING DETAILS

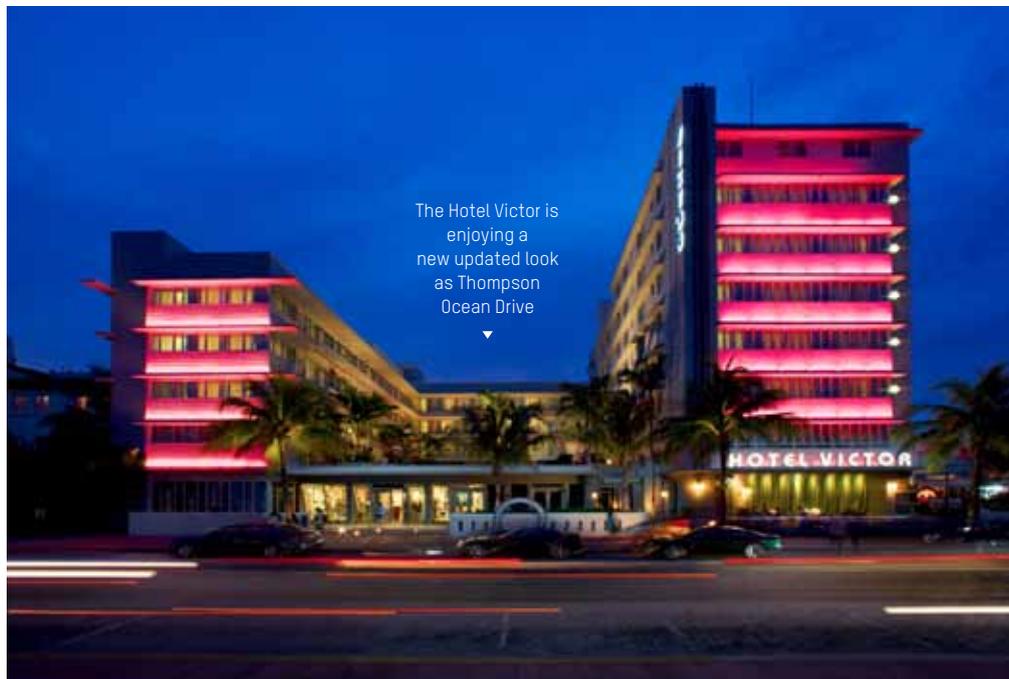
THE PUMP ROOM—
 Hollywood's favorite old haunt has been revived and is now the Gold Coast's hottest spot. Dine on farm-to-table American fare while living it up at the place where Frank Sinatra, Humphrey Bogart, and a slew of other stars used to frequent.



3 THOMPSON OCEAN DRIVE

South Beach, Miami, FL

Electric pink lights on a hotel façade can only mean one thing: you're in Miami. One of the hospitality industry's most buzzed about new openings is Thompson Ocean Drive, from the hotel group who brought us stylish places like the Hollywood Roosevelt and Smythe Tribeca, among others. Here, they took the bones of Miami stalwart Hotel Victor and revamped it for today's sexy South Beach crowd.



The Hotel Victor is enjoying a new updated look as Thompson Ocean Drive

Goodman Charlton turned to the lighting experts at Robert Abbey Lighting to create the hotel's smoldering appeal.



GO FOR *THE LOBBY*

The Empire Hotel

New York, NY

Take a good look at The Empire's lobby—you'll probably recognize it. "*Sex and the City* was filmed on the second floor," says Jeffrey Goodman, the architect responsible for the sultry lobby space. It's also the hotel *Gossip Girl's* Chuck Bass owns on the New York-based teen drama. Goodman explains that the lobby feels camera chic because "it doesn't have a period or particular style—it's something in itself." To get the look, Goodman used rich fabrics in bright hues and deep textures, and played up proportion by installing oversized hand-hammered bronze chandeliers.

Thanks to Fashion Week at nearby Lincoln Center, the Empire sees its fair share of well-dressed guests. "The space has a good vibe when it's filled with the fashion business," Goodman says.

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GOSSIP GIRL CHARACTER COCKTAILS

Inspired by the guilty-pleasure series, The Empire Hotel has the drinks to match your favorite tawdry teens.

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NATE'S FICKLE FLINGS

Sagatiba Cachaça, St-Germain, and Sour Blackberries

Fresh, sweet, and tart - redheads, blondes, and brunettes fill Archibald's little black book

2



JENNY'S TARTLET

Montecristo White Rum, Mint, Ruby Red Grapefruit, and a Lollipop

Deceptively devious, Little J packs a zingy punch. She'll take the limelight at any cost...kids these days.

3



GEORGINA'S MIND ERASER

Vieux Carré Absinthe Wash, Don Julio Silver Tequila, Pomegranate, and an Atomic Fireball

Dangerously delicious and surprisingly strong, this one leaves a mark like mean G

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XOXO

Gossip Girl doesn't reveal her identity, and the Empire can't give up the secret concoction that comprises this signature drink. Just enjoy the chocolate catch phrase—XOXO.

GO FOR *THE HOLLYWOOD SCENE*

Chateau Marmont

Hollywood, CA

Who doesn't know about Chateau Marmont? The castle-like hotel has served as a playground for Hollywood's elite for many years, and it shows no signs of cooling off. Fernando Santangelo, the designer who led the hotel's renovation, enhanced its old-school charm by using vintage lamps, custom shades, and rich upholsteries to perfectly capture the Chateau's silver screen style.

Photo by Tim Street-Porter

Santangelo studied up on the Chateau's golden years while planning the redesign. "I spent a lot of time driving around Los Angeles imagining the glamour of old Hollywood," Santangelo says. One surprising influence? "There was a lot of Hitchcock as inspiration."

▲ Since completing Chateau Marmont, Santangelo has incorporated custom metal pieces into his designer bag of tricks. Brooklyn Built LLC makes sure they always look just right.



Unexpected Places, Well-Designed Spaces

MUST-SEE HOTELS
OUTSIDE THE US



JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Hotel Mamilla

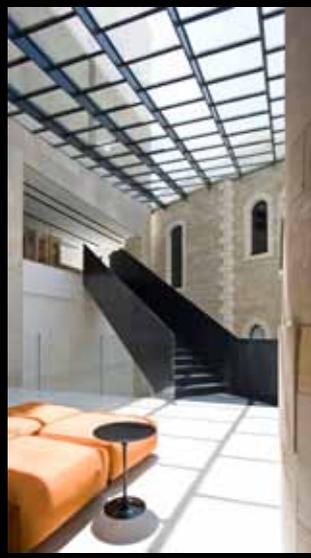
At Hotel Mamilla, cutting-edge design meets ancient architecture. Familiar arched windows and hewn limestone combine with modern furnishings and arresting lighting to create a new world atmosphere done in Jerusalem's Old City style.



ST. KITTS, WEST INDIES

Pavilion Beach Club

Making the beach the star of The Pavilion Beach Club was a no brainer for landscape architect Raymond Jungles. He used coconut palms and low-growing greenery to outline the gorgeous infinity pool and highlight the pool's nearly seamless transition into the clear blue sea.



OUTSIDE OF ST. KITTS: Back in the states, Jungles assembled a tropical landscape for a home in Miami that brought the outdoors in. "His design with water features and warm Brazilian wood garden elements fused [with] the built environment seamlessly," says Carlos Sardiña of Woolems Inc. Miami, the general contractor for the project. Groups of indigenous plants flush out this effect and make the house feel like a secluded tropical resort in the heart of Miami's suburbs.

GREAT GARDENS AT A MIAMI MALL: Architecturally, outdoor malls can be such a bore, but at Miami's 1111 Lincoln Road, sexy design takes top precedence. To add some va-va-voom to its landscape, Jungles called upon

Edgewater Exhibits to install impressive water features and luscious tropical plants. The combination "encourages tree and plant growth," says Kristin Mertz, Director of Edgewater Exhibits. These not only enhance the mall's

overall look, but also attract local fauna, too. Nobody, including Mertz, minds this residual effect. "There is something soothing about the running water and watching the wading birds chase the fish around in the middle of the city."



SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Hotel Unique



Hotel Unique taps into São Paulo's unconventional attitude. Designer Ruy Ohtake built it to resemble a ship in dry dock, complete with a glass lobby that looks like water flowing beneath a hull. Stop in and enjoy a cocktail under the stunning glass bar that soars 60 feet into the air.



***2012'S
BRIGHTEST
HOSPITALITY
DESIGNERS***

This year, NEWH, the Hospitality Industry Network, named 51 firms that are setting the pace in elite hospitality design, which they dubbed the Top ID. "The leading firms are firms who have embraced change and reach to the future," says Trisha Poole, principal of Design Poole and a member of NEWH. Since these firms know all about designing the best hotels, we had to ask:

WHAT DOES "LUXURY" MEAN WHEN IT COMES TO HOSPITALITY DESIGN?

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