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The Mark NEW YORK, USA

The Mark's understated refinement comes courtesy of the interior designer Jacques Grange, whose previous clients include Valentino and Princess Caroline of Monaco. The Frenchman's flourish can be seen in the penthouse suite (the largest in the US) – a 12,000-square-foot abode with five bedrooms, six bathrooms and a terrace overlooking Central Park. Even in the less palatial rooms you'll be able to enjoy sleek surroundings such as black and white marble bathrooms. *From about £650 a room a night (www.themarkhotel.com).*



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The Beaumont LONDON, UK

It's not surprising that Jeremy King and Chris Corbin should have launched such a successful establishment as the Beaumont: who can doubt the taste of the men who brought us the Wolseley, Colbert and so many more? But not content merely to offer a traditionally sophisticated hotel, they want to experiment. Hence the Antony Gormley sculpture/room hybrid; the guests-only Cub Room bar; and the fact that all this luxury comes with the presiding spirit of James Beaumont, an imaginary Prohibition-era hotelier who escaped New York for this art deco Mayfair establishment. *From £395 a room a night (www.thebeaumont.com).*



110 Soho House BARCELONA, SPAIN

At 80,000 square feet, the latest Soho House outpost has opened in Barcelona's once-gritty Gòtic district. Aside from the 57 beautifully appointed bedrooms that have been built around a central courtyard, there's a familiar assortment of public spaces, including the Italian restaurant Cecconi's, a Cowshed spa, a 30-seat cinema and a rooftop pool with stunning views over the marina. Nods to the host city are everywhere, from the hand-worked wooden headboards in the bedrooms to the wrought-iron chairs on the roof terrace and the vibrant Catalan floor tiles.

From £162 a room a night (www.sohohousebarcelona.com).



107 Ett Hem STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Ett Hem has Scandinavian cool in abundance. Situated in the embassy district, away from the tourist bustle of Gamla Stan, it features an elegant mix of antiques and classic design pieces: one room is lit with candles in a brass chandelier, another by chic Michael Anastassiades lights. Kaare Klint chairs sit alongside bespoke pieces commissioned from Ilse Crawford, who designed the hotel's interior. After a meditative sauna in the stone-flagged spa, settle down in front of the tiled stove with a glass of wine.

From about £350 a room a night (www.etthem.se).

