

# New Hotels

## CITY



Set within a late 19th-century mansion, Barcelona's newest boutique hotel **Casa Bonay** has retained many of its original features and charms. Brooklyn-based design firm Studio Tack carefully preserved the original mosaic tile floors and in-room solariums that overlook an inner courtyard, while also infusing the space with a contemporary edge through wallpaper and custom textile designs by Batabasta. The 67-room hotel is located within the architecturally rich Dreta de l'Eixample district and near the up-and-coming neighbourhoods of El Born and El Poblenou.

To step inside the newly restored **Chicago Athletic Association** building is to journey back in time to the Chicago World's fair of 1893 — the same year the building was originally completed by revered architect Henry Ives Cobb. Roman and Williams have preserved the original character of the interiors while bringing the lodge aesthetic firmly into the 21st century. Thus, colossal fireplaces with original bas-relief woodcarvings and 19th-century stained glass mix with a modern masculine palette of lacquered wooden furniture and tobacco-hued leather. Grab a cigar and settle in.



With a design inspired by Walter Burley Griffin's original urban plan for Canberra based on circular geometrics, architectural practice Bates Smart has unveiled the striking **Vibe Hotel** in Australia's capital city. Situated adjacent to the city's new airport terminal, the building is centred on a dramatic full-height circular atrium; it features 191 rooms including 12 suites and nine apartments as well as conference facilities, a restaurant and bar, and lounges. Circular references play out through furnishings and subtle patterns while finishes are warm, focusing on bronzed natural tones and textures.

Following a seven-year renovation, the **Hotel Palisade** in Sydney's Millers Point is back. This storied building dating back to the late 19th century is a former stomping ground for dockyard workers and engineers working on Sydney Harbour; traces of its history can still be found through the updated interiors thanks to designer Sibella Court, who filled the spaces with Australian-made furniture, artwork and unique detail. The nine boutique 'sleepover' rooms that sit atop a traditional ale house command spectacular views of Sydney city, Barangaroo Reserve and the harbour.





## COUNTRY

You'll find famed design firm Autoban's latest project in a secluded forest on the outskirts of Istanbul. **The Kemer Golf Resort Hotel** is an exclusive 35-room country retreat with golf, horse riding and tennis available on the grounds, as well as a spa and fitness facility. But you may not want to leave your room at all. Exuding secluded relaxation, the interiors are classic and luxurious with bespoke furnishing, warm oak and marble detailing, Autoban's Ripple Light Series and exquisite hand-carved wooden doorframes.

Located in the lush woodlands of Phuket, the new **Keemala** resort features distinctive architecture from the talented Thai firm Space Architects. The use of natural features such as mature trees, streams and waterfalls and the integration of these into the overall design results in the feel of a valley village, albeit a luxury one. All suites are fitted with private dip pools and a range of either sea or mountain views. A full-service spa is available, as well as multi-day holistic retreat packages.



The Aman brand's first hot springs resort, the **Amanemu** is situated at the tip of the Osaki Peninsula in the Ise-Shima National Park. Surrounded by a rugged coastline, each of the resort's 24 suites and four two-bedroom villas offers tranquil views of Ago Bay and a private *onsen* (mineral hot spring). Designed in a classic Japanese aesthetic, this resort provides an exclusive sanctuary in harmony with its natural surroundings.

## SEA

Immersed in the dramatic setting of the Dominican Republic between jungle, ocean and the Cordillera Septentrional mountains, the **Amanera**, perched on 20-metre cliffs, celebrates the secluded setting. The 25 *casitas* designed by John Heath have a warm, contemporary feel and are integrated into the environment with terraces overlooking an ocean vista. The resort is the first of the Amans to include a golf course, as well as hosting several other facilities such as a beach club, swimming pool, children's club, fitness centre, multiple restaurants and more.

