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'In the newest design hotel in Tignes it's as though you've been teleported to the Rockies'
Bridget Harrison on the coolest new hotels in the Alps



The best new hotels for 2016

From a treetop resort in Italy to a hip hotel in Manhattan, **Tom Chesshyre** knows the places to book

Long haul

1 The Silo, Cape Town South Africa

This one is due to open next December — but the wait will be worth it. The Silo is built within an old grain elevator by the V&A Waterfront, which is being transformed into the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa on the lower floors (zeitzfoundation.org), with 28 stylish rooms on the top floors, including a massive penthouse. It will be expensive but a stay can include a visit to an exhibition below as well as a drink in the rooftop champagne bar (next to its rooftop pool). The views should be great at 57m, the building was the tallest in

sub-Saharan Africa when it was completed in 1924.
Details Doubles cost from about £570 (theroyalportfolio.com/thesilo, book through aardvarksafaris.co.uk)

2 Leeu House Franschhoek, South Africa

With the feel of a little country guest house, Leeu House is a stylish 12-room hideaway that opened this month in the centre of Franschhoek, close to many high-quality restaurants, art galleries and boutiques. It's owned by Analjit Singh, an entrepreneur who is also a partner in Mullineux & Leeu Family Wines; house wines are included in the price of stays and a wine-tasting is

arranged. There's also a complimentary laundry and pressing service. Rooms are tastefully decorated in neutral colours.
Details B&B doubles cost from £120 (leeucollection.com)

3 Dhawa Cayo Las Brujas Cuba

With Cuba increasingly opening up to the outside world, the spa group Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts has decided to move in, with a vast 516-room property on the north coast island of Cayo Las Brujas. Rooms have slick red, black and white decor with contemporary furniture and spotlighting. Each floor of the hotel will



have a lounge with complimentary hot drinks, sodas, snacks and ice cream. The hotel will, of course, come with a spa (to be called the "Chill Chill Spa") — plus a kids' club.
Details Room rates are yet to be set (dhawa.com)

4 Limalimo Lodge Simien Mountains, Ethiopia

On an escarpment by the Simien Mountains — considered by some to be Africa's answer to the Grand Canyon — Limalimo Lodge is one for adventurous nature lovers. The 14-room lodge opens in the new year, with a ▶

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