



▲ **THE INSTANT DESIGN ICON**
THE SILO

Where Cape Town, South Africa

What After a 15-year hunt for a site, luxury hotelier Liz Biden and British designer Thomas Heatherwick's hotel collaboration will open this year on Cape Town's V&A waterfront, above the new Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa. Heatherwick – who created the 2012 Olympic Cauldron and London's new Routemaster buses – has re-imagined the old grain silo to comprise 28 suites, plus a penthouse with views over Robben Island and Table Mountain.

Opening winter

theroyalportfolio.com/thesilo



▲ **THE WATER WONDERLAND**
AMANEMU

Where Shima, Japan

What The healing powers of water will be harnessed by this new hotel in a traditional Japanese design on the shores of Ago Bay in Ise Shima National Park, with bathing pavilions and relaxing treatments making use of the nutrient-rich spring water. Don't miss the chance to visit the area's Shinto shrines while you're here.

Opening spring

aman.com

▶ **THE SPACE-AGE SKI RESORT**
DAWANG MOUNTAIN RESORT

Where Changsha, China

What A shimmering construction that encircles and overhangs a former quarry pit, the resort will soon be attracting adventurers, keen to try its indoor ski slope and water park in the vast Ice and Water World. Five-star accommodation is in the form of a 100m tower overlooking the action.

Opening late 2016



THE CHECK-IN CHECK LIST

From seven-star high-rises to design trailblazers, **Issy D'Arcy Clark** reports on the best new hotels set to open around the world in 2016 and beyond





THE PRIVATE PARADISE
ST REGIS VOMMULI

Where Maldives

What Set in more than 20 acres of tropical land on the island of Vommuli in the Dhaalu Atoll, guests at the St Regis Vommuli resort will enjoy free rein of a private island in the Indian Ocean. Jutting out into the crystal-clear sea is the Sunset Bar, where they'll be able to sip cocktails while taking in the view of the tropical coral.

Opening autumn
starwoodhotels.com

THE TROPICAL TREAT
PARK HYATT ST KITTS

Where Banana Bay, St Kitts

What The Caribbean's first Park Hyatt will be bringing a more contemporary feel to beach resorts. Many suites will include private rooftop pools with views over The Narrows, the strait separating St Kitts and the volcanic island of Nevis. It will also include an upscale seafood restaurant, the Fisherman's Village – a welcome addition to the island.

Opening winter
park.hyatt.com

THE CITY HOTSHOT
JUMEIRAH GUANGZHOU CHINA

Where Guangzhou, China

What Set on the banks of the Pearl River in the burgeoning city of Guangzhou just north of Hong Kong, this 207-room property will have all the hallmarks of the Jumeirah brand including a Sky lobby, Talise spa and an excellent choice of restaurants. Perched on the uppermost floors of the 50-storey GT Land Plaza, the views over the city will be sensational.

Opening 2017
jumeirah.com

THE ECO PIONEER
LIMALIMO LODGE

Where Simien Mountains, Ethiopia

What Sustainable tourism is the driving force behind this 14-bedroom lodge, coming soon to the Simien Mountains National Park. Built with natural resources like wood, thatch and rammed earth, and powered by renewable energy, this luxury retreat takes care of the surrounding environment, giving guests the freedom to lounge in hammocks strung from acacia trees and admire the gelada monkeys.

Opening spring
limalimolodge.com



THE DESERT BLOOM
LUX* AL ZORAH

Where Ajman, UAE

What Nothing in the UAE is done by halves and the new LUX* Al Zorah is no exception. What makes this hotel unique is its location next to a lush mangrove forest on the Ajman coast – this isn't your usual desert retreat. Greenery includes an 18-hole course operated by Swiss specialists Troon Golf.

Opening winter
luxresorts.com

THE COOL COMBO
11 HOWARD

Where New York, USA

What Giants join forces in this latest addition to the Design Hotels portfolio, as luxury hotelier Aby Rosen and legendary restaurateur Stephen Starr create a little slice of European glamour on Lafayette Street, New York. The 226-room hotel will be Scandinavian in style and offer fuss-free French food.

Opening spring
11howard.com

THE CROWD-PLEASER
ME MIAMI

Where Florida, USA

What This outpost from the fun and fashionable ME by Melia group has its own in-house DJ – so you can listen to tunes as you lounge by the pool. On Biscayne Boulevard in downtown Miami, it's perfect for the city's new Pérez Art Museum and the soon-to-open Frost Science museum.

Opening spring
melia.com



**THE SCENE STEALER
THE CURTAIN HOTEL
AND MEMBERS CLUB**

Where London, UK

What Just when the star of Shoreditch couldn't seem to get any higher, the opening of The Curtain Hotel truly propels it in to the stratosphere. The £70 million project is set to have art curated by Steve Lazarides on the walls, a Moroccan-inspired pool on the roof and a Michelin-starred chef in the kitchen. A definite contender to nearby Shoreditch House, Ace Hotel and the new Nobu Hotel.

Opening summer

thecurtain.com

**THE TOWERING SUCCESS
FAIRMONT QUASAR ISTANBUL**

Where Istanbul, Turkey

What This hotel, comprising two 41-storey towers, will be a 2016 addition to the Istanbul skyline. The Fairmont and Quasar collaboration is set to open in the Sisli District with a view of the Bosphorus, taking design cues from 1930s New York and Paris. It will include a choice of in-house restaurants, a spa and distinctive garden-style balconies.

Opening summer

fairmont.com

**THE BEACHSIDE BEAUTY
PER AQUUM ZALU**

Where Zanzibar, Tanzania

What This decidedly indulgent Indian Ocean retreat has been buzzed about for a while and was originally slated to open in late 2015. The traditionally thatched roofs, whitewashed walls and glorious horizon pool will combine to create an air of laidback luxury.

Opening spring

peraquum.com

**THE EXPLORER'S PARADISE
EXPLORA VALLE SAGRADO**

Where Cusco, Peru

What Nestled in the valley that was once the home of the ancient Inca empire, this hacienda-style hotel will offer guests a chance to explore the ruins of the Sacred Valley and mountainous countryside beyond. A range of hiking trails and cycle paths are sure to appeal to anyone in search of an adventure.

Opening autumn

explora.com

**THE SHOW STOPPER
VICEROY DUBAI PALM
JUMEIRAH**

Where Dubai, UAE

What With other hotels opening in Chicago, Algarve and Cartagena, it's set to be a busy year for the Viceroy group, but it's the new Dubai hotel that really stands out. Located at the trunk of the Palm, the pioneering design and panoramic views of the Arabian Gulf bring a true moment of grace meeting glamour.

Opening autumn

viceroymotelsandresorts.com

**THE STAR ATTRACTION
THE CRESCENT HOTEL**

Where Baku, Azerbaijan

What There are luxury hotels and then there are the ultimate, OTT, mind-boggling luxury hotels: enter The Crescent. On an island in the Caspian Sea just off the coast of oil-rich Baku, this newcomer is setting its sights on becoming a seven-star rival to Dubai's Burj Al Arab.

Opening autumn

aecom.com





ON THE HORIZON
LOFOTEN OPERA HOTEL

Where Lofoten, Norway

What Though it's remote – and the opening date is even further in the distance – the Lofoten Opera Hotel will be a spectacular reward for those intrepid enough to venture into the Arctic Circle. Situated on the cusp of where the sea meets the mountains, the slanted curves of the serpentine structure seem to mould around the contours of its rocky perch, making it the perfect sleek abode to enjoy the outstanding landscape.

Opening 2018

snohetta.com

THE SUPER SPA
THE OBEROI MARRAKECH

Where Marrakech, Morocco

What Hidden away between citrus orchards and ancient olive groves, the new Oberoi on the outskirts of Marrakech will be the ultimate place to unwind and rest. The spa – offering Ayurvedic massage and a traditional hammam – will be set in the grounds on a private island in the middle of a lake.

Opening spring

oberoihotels.com

THE GLAMOUR GETAWAY
THE WESTIN DUBAI AL HABTOOR CITY

Where Dubai, UAE

What With Art Deco styled interiors, The Westin Dubai Al Habtoor City is located in a prime position to enjoy the soon-to-open Opera District and is also super-close to the Dubai Mall. The hotel will also be joined by a new St Regis and a new W hotel in the same location, marking the first time that all three Starwood properties will open in one site.

Opening spring

starwoodhotels.com



THE MUSO HANGOUT
SIR ADAM

Where Amsterdam, The Netherlands

What Part-hotel, part creative-hub, the Sir Adam will be housed in the Dutch capital's famously rotating A'DAM Toren tower. The 22-storey building is home to the office's music brands, including Gibson guitars, and the new hotel will have plenty of rock star flair. It will include a unique Music Library, where guests can tune in to a curated collection of new and exclusive tracks.

Opening spring

siradamhotel.com



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