



El Fenn
MARRAKECH

This labyrinthine hotel comprises seven conjoined riads interspersed with bougainvillea-filled courtyards and shady terraces. Former British gallerist, and Marrakech Biennale founder, Vanessa Branson established El Fenn and has filled it with an array of contemporary pieces from her own collection. Look out for the Francis Upritchard chandelier and a series of ink studies by Antony Gormley.

The sumptuous interiors are by Dutch designer Willem Smit, who combines lavish furnishings with traditional Moroccan touches such as carved wooden panels and colourfully tiled floors. — HU el-fenn.com



Sun-kissed stays
LOS ANGELES

In the tree-lined area of Silver Lake, Palisociety and Timberlane Partners have opened the **Silver Lake Pool & Inn** in a former 1980s motel building. The 54-room inn has an easygoing character with handmade Moroccan tiles, terrazzo nightstands and large windows that allow the crisp Los Angeles light to flood in. Designed for the California climate, the hotel has an abundance of outdoor spaces, including a sparkling pool and the Marco Polo restaurant that spills out into an alfresco lounge.

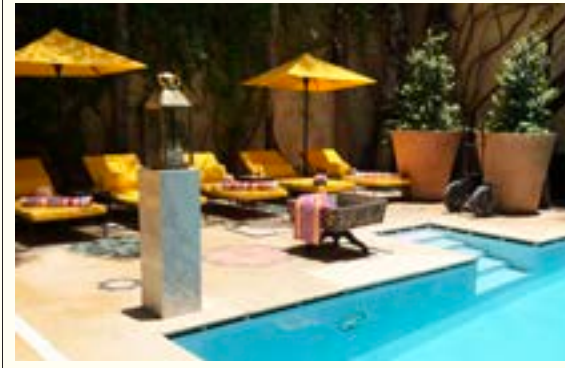
Across town **The Hoxton, Downtown LA** unveiled 174 rooms designed in-house by the Ennismore Design Studio with communal areas designed by Soho House. Drawing from the historic neighbourhood filled with beaux arts buildings and old theatres, the hotel is old-timey with chevron parquet floors and colourful additions including House of Hackney prints from London and the Sibling Rival restaurant that opened in collaboration with New York's Sunday in Brooklyn. On the rooftop, a pool is fringed with daybeds, tasselled umbrellas and staggering views of downtown.

The newest property in LA will be **Hotel June** from Proper Hospitality, which will open on the Westside this spring, a short drive from Playa Del Rey Beach. Here blonde-wood rooms designed by Venice-based Studio Collective are filled with beds draped in white linen, earthy rugs and handmade tiles that crown off a light-hearted sister property to the Santa Monica Proper hotel, which opened last year. — MHO palisociety.com; thehoxton.com; properhotel.com



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(1) Modern take on the classic diner at The Hoxton, Downtown LA (2) Silver Lake Pool & Inn (3) Hotel June is all blonde wood and natural light



Le Coucou
MÉRIBEL

This slope-side hotel boasts interiors by French designer Pierre Yovanovitch, who has filled all 10 of its floors with contemporary furnishings, including his own sheepskin-upholstered Bear chairs and patterned carpets. He has also commissioned artworks from the likes of Matthieu Cosse, whose bright blue fresco is on display above the reception desk. Sitting in the centre of the world's largest ski area, the hotel's position is second to none for keen piste heads. There's also a well-equipped spa and two pools to soothe sore muscles. — HU lecoucoumeribel.com



Maison Marou
HO CHI MINH CITY

For a taste of how quickly Vietnam is changing head to Maison Marou's newest shop-cum-chocolate factory in Ho Chi Minh City's District 2. When co-founder Samuel Maruta first moved to the area in 2007 there were still water buffalo roaming the fields. Today the neighbourhood is home to high-rise apartment buildings and international schools. Maruta has teamed up with craft brewer Bia Craft for the Maison's third location and added a breakfast-oriented bakery to boot. — JCH maisonmarou.com



Hoy
PARIS

Central Paris isn't known for its Balinese jungle or Sri Lankan beach views but Charlotte Gomez de Orozco's hotel in the 9th arrondissement has captured their slow pace of life and easygoing air with her new overnighter. "To appreciate the present moment is the simplest thing yet it's complicated," says the founder. "Instead of giving more and more, it's about what we really need."

In Hoy's case that's 22 guestrooms, which are simple, clean and calming, with white linen, wooden floors and Mexican ceramics. Mexico is also well represented in the plant-based Mesa restaurant with purple-corn pancakes and tacos aplenty. Yoga is important to the founder so there are props in rooms and studios in the hotel. — LIR hoyparis.com

Casa de São Lourenço
PORTUGAL

A visit to Casa de São Lourenço in Serra da Estrela, Portugal's highest mountain range, opens up an entirely new perspective on the country. Originally built as a *pousada* (government-run hotel) in 1948, the space has recently been revamped. It now features a glass extension housing modern guestrooms, each with a private terrace and picture windows that offers long views over the mountains and glacial valley below.

Plenty of the original features have been retained, including a vast fireplace and striking furniture by modernist Portuguese artist Maria Keil. Materials such as wood, raw concrete, brass and terrazzo feel warm and worn, and are offset by plenty of Burel wool in warm tones of burgundy, orange and mustard. After a day hiking along heather-flanked tracks, head to the small spa with its heated indoor/outdoor pool, jacuzzi and sauna. — TL casadesaolourenco.pt/en

