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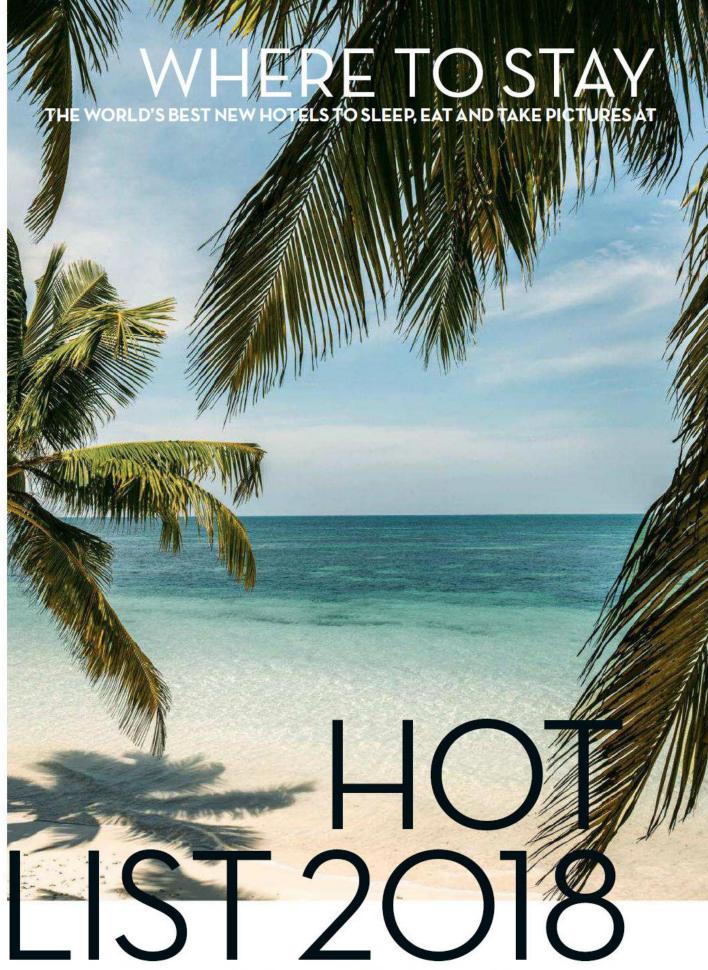
The finest new hotels across the globe

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Neha Dhupia at The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa, Gulmarg



Our pick of the best new hotels to have opened in the past year

DIMORA DELLE BALZE, ITALY

and painstakingly restored: plaster

This former masseria just north of the

Sicilian town of Noto has been lovingly

stripped away to reveal original storie

arches; roof tiles cleaned and relaid;

unhinged doors rescued and rehung.

cool stone floors and vaulted ceilings.

and soft green. The rooms are named

(Proibito, Eva. Poesie). You'll find a mix

of contemporary Italian design pieces,

custom-made cementine tiles from

suppers (seafood salad followed by

linguine with courgettes from the

hotel's organic garden, shrimp and

pistachios). And after a swim in the

salfwater pool, you can retreat to

the Limonaia, a lovely bar area in

a scented Mediterranean garden.

TIP. The small town of Palazzolo

Acreide, a 15-minute drive away, is a

baroque gern with its own little Greek

amphitheatre (dimoradellebalze.com)

Morocco. The terraces are the setting:

vintage finds and ceramics and

for long breakfasts and summer

after Sicilian artists and their works

There are only 12 bedrooms, along

with large communal spaces with

painted duck-egg blue, dusty pink

Above from left:

a bathroom at

the entrance of

Branco Mykonos,

Dimora delle

Balze, Italy:

Greece



WANAS, SWEDEN Set in the

Swedish countryside in Skidne, this

stay is all about the countryside.

So there's a mud-room stocked

with wellingtons and raincoats, so

can explore the astonishing art in

hotel and restaurant -- Yoko Ono's

apple orchard, for instance, or the

haunting Antony Gormley figure

standing sentry in the middle of a

carved out of another outbuilding.

floors, minimal furnishing, but no

deep tubs, and L:A Bruket soaps

scented with sage, lavender and

good modern Swedish fare, with

many of the ingredients grown on

the estate's vast organic farm. TIPs

with outstanding pancakes served the

traditional way, with whipped cream.

and jam, as well as meatballs and

frittatas topped with onion cream;

(wanas.se)

Brunch is something special here.

rosemary. The food is exceptionally

path. The 11 bedrooms are in a former

cowshed with a separate dining room

Bedrooms are smart Scandi: wooden

skimping on comfort with great beds.

the woodlands surrounding the

no matter what the weather guests

SANDERS, DENMARK There are plenty of tiny details at Copenhagen's most enchanting new hotel that lend it charm and character: the handcrafted wood panelling in the lift; classic brass knobs on the radiators; cocktails in glasses shaped like tulips rather than the dull old coupe; Bakelite light switches that give a satisfying clunk. And when it comes to the big picture, owner Alexander Kølpin has taken all he learned from his family's hotels in the countryside, plus the years spent travelling as one of Denmark's leading ballet dancers, and created a property that truly raises the bar. The hotel combines Danish mid-century modern and colonial British (wickerwork here and there, palms in pots), while the Sanders Kitchen, with its seasonal menu, white-tiled walls and white marble tables, has the feel of a French bistro. Outside, on a quiet street that's just a short walk from lively Nyhavn, you can borrow a bicycle to go exploring. TIP: The new fifth-floor conservatory offers lovely views of the city by evening, and is also a cheery breakfast spot. (hotelsanders.com)