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## THE CULTURE MAGNET | FAENA MIAMI BEACH

Developer Alan Faena tasked Baz Luhrmann and Catherine Martin with helping him reimagine the historic Saxony Hotel, the anchor of his six-block-long cultural district. The result? A surreal mash-up evocative of late-period Gianni Versace and the Moulin Rouge. The lobby has eight Juan Gatti murals, including neo-Baroque images of skulls and horses. In the garden is Damien Hirst's *Gone But Not Forgotten*, a giant 24-karat-gold-gilded woolly-mammoth skeleton. Los Fuegos, Francis Mallmann's first U.S. project, serves a rib eye with chimichurri that transcends the hype. And the guest rooms are over the top, with red velvet armchairs and turquoise carpeting. Up next is an arts center by Rem Koolhaas/OMA. Brace yourself, America: the FaenaLand invasion has begun. [faena.com](http://faena.com); doubles from US\$899.

## THE NEW GRANDE DAME | COTTON HOUSE HOTEL BARCELONA

If a city hotel could ever mimic the why-bother-going-out feeling of a resort, it would be the Cotton House. Set in a 19th-century Neoclassical landmark—once the Cotton Producers Guild—the 83-room gem from Autograph Collection has been deftly reinvented by designer Lázaro Rosa-Violán. His preservation of many original features, like the spiral staircase, tiled floors and intricately carved ceilings, gives the lobby a sense of history. The location by the boutiques of Passeig de Gràcia is another plus. Nonetheless, we saw guests content to stay on-property, lounging by the rooftop pool and reading in the library. [hotelcottonhouse.com](http://hotelcottonhouse.com); doubles from €260.

## THE BEACH BABE | ONE&ONLY OCEAN CLUB PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS

When A&P heir Huntington Hartford II conceived his Bahamian retreat a half-century ago, it's unlikely that he could have pictured guests arriving in Bentleys with Wi-Fi. But times have changed—and so has this property, following a partial but impactful face-lift. The most exciting addition is the oceanfront infinity pool, where couples sip elderflower martinis from butler-serviced chaises. The 52 rooms in the original Hartford Wing were also enlarged and redone; the colonial-style décor was swapped out for clean-lined furnishings and blue-and-cream hues. Hartford would definitely have approved. [oneandonlyresorts.com](http://oneandonlyresorts.com); doubles from US\$1,035.



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