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# Summer Bliss

## GIORGIO ARMANI'S SAINT-TROPEZ PARADISE



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## DISCOVERIES



## HOTELS

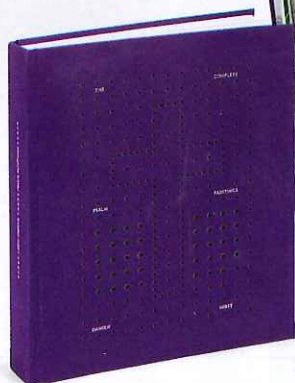
### Catalan Chic

Barcelona's peak season arrives with a pair of stylish hotels. Part of the Autograph Collection, **the Cotton House Hotel** features luminous, layered spaces by designer Lázaro Rosa-Violán, including a stunning library and a serene rooftop terrace. Built in the 19th century as the Cotton Textile Foundation headquarters, the neoclassical property is situated in the architecturally rich Eixample district (from \$276/night; [autographhotels.com](http://autographhotels.com)). For a stay near the waterfront's lovely beaches, **the Serras** won't disappoint, with crisp, breezy rooms by decorator Eva Martínez and a Mediterranean tapas restaurant from acclaimed chef Marc Gascons. The Picasso Suite pays homage to the renowned painter, whose first studio was in the 1846 building (from \$252/night; [hoteltheserrasbarcelona.com](http://hoteltheserrasbarcelona.com)). —A.B.

**From top:** A guest room at the Serras hotel, just opened in Barcelona. Original woodwork graces the library at the Cotton House Hotel, another newcomer to the city. The Cotton House Hotel's bar.

## BOOKS

### HOLY ORDER



Fashioned from butterfly wings and household paint, Damien Hirst's "Psalm" paintings combine the dizzying symmetry of a kaleidoscope with the radiant beauty of a rose window. Created in 2008, the full series now appears in a new book, *The Complete Psalm Paintings* (Other Criteria, \$100). Each of the 150 works is printed opposite the psalm it's named after, the biblical texts superimposed on swirling backdrops of veined marble. The result is a gloriously eccentric take on the age-old tradition of the illuminated manuscript. —JULIE COE

## SHOPS

### BELLISSIMA

Italian footwear brand Aquazzura has a resplendent new home befitting the appeal of its seductive sky-high heels. The four-year-old company recently opened its first shop, in Florence's grand Palazzo Corsini, the same building that houses its offices. The Portuguese design firm Casa do Passadiço has enhanced the historic interiors, restoring 17th-century ceiling frescoes, adding a black-and-white-striped marble entry, and installing jewel-tone furnishings in opulent velvets and silks. [aquazzura.com](http://aquazzura.com) —A.B.

**Right:** The Aquazzura flagship, set in Florence's Palazzo Corsini.

