

Hot hotels 2016: part one

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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



St Regis Maldives

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

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

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



Fairmont Quasar, Istanbul

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

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

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

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

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



Sir Adam, Amsterdam

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

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

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