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A woman wearing a black long-sleeved dress and a large, wide-brimmed, light-colored hat is sitting on a white daybed. The daybed is positioned on a raised platform made of light-colored stone or marble, supported by several golden columns. The room is highly ornate, featuring intricate white carvings on the walls and ceiling, and a large, patterned rug behind the daybed. A golden lantern hangs from the ceiling. In the foreground, there is a blue pool of water that reflects the scene above.

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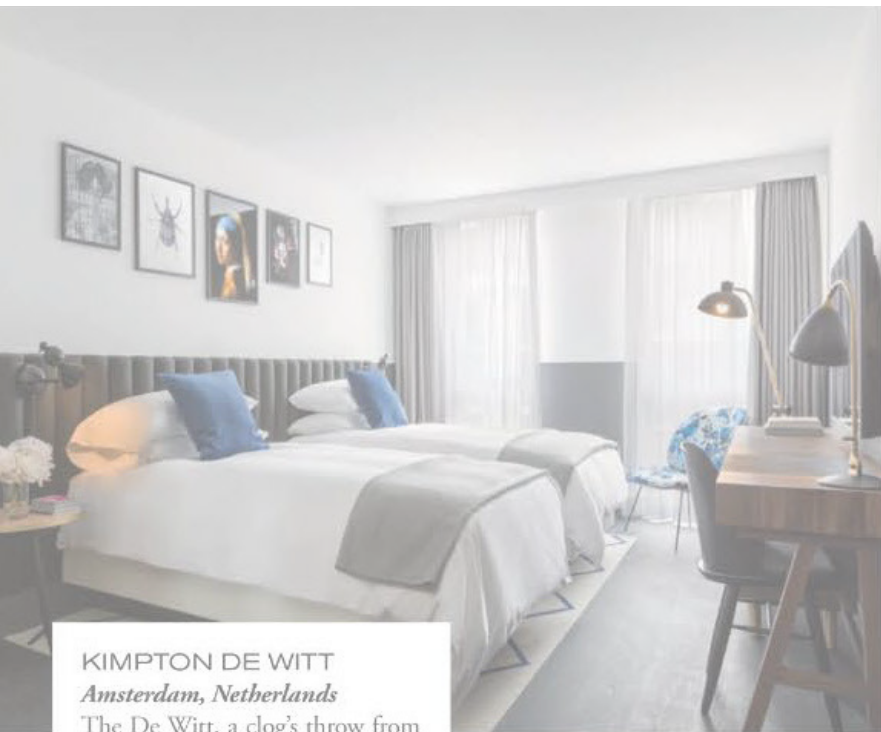
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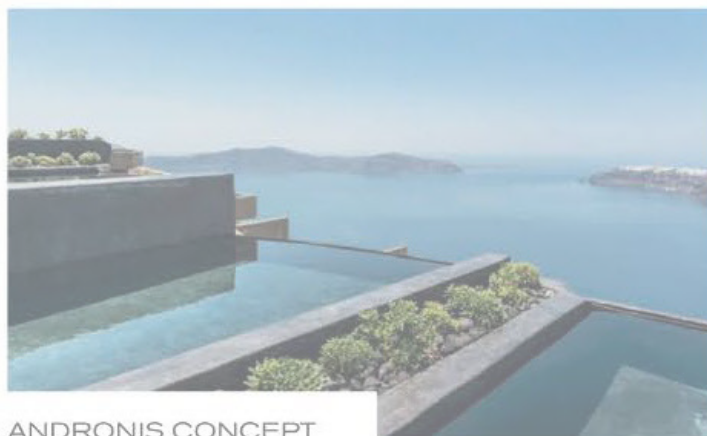
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KIMPTON DE WITT
Amsterdam, Netherlands

The De Witt, a clog's throw from Amsterdam Centraal station, is the Kimpton's first foray outside the US. At the entrance, a pink neon sign (perhaps a cheeky wink to the nearby red-light district) reads 'and breathe'. We're in hipster territory. The cool decor continues inside, with blue and white tiles throughout the lobby and each corner filled with furniture by Dutch designers – the armchairs by Gerrit Rietveld are covetable. For the experience of living in a traditional Dutch house, but with full access to five-star comforts, book the Little House, a restored three-storey building right in the middle of the hotel and once the home of Dutch playwright PC Hooft. Have a glass of wine on the house during the daily 'wine hour', then head to the hotel's Wyers restaurant, which serves American comfort food: delicious Southern-style 'biscuits', the creamiest mashed potato, moreish fried chicken. Leave some space for pudding though: the *beignets* (deep-fried choux pastry) are so addictive you'll have gobbled down a dozen before you know it. Want to burn them off afterwards? Grab a complimentary VanMoof e-bike and explore the city the Dutch way. *Double, from £255 (kimptondewithhotel.com; +31 20 620 0500).*



ANDRONIS CONCEPT
Santorini, Greece

The newly launched Andronis Concept is not like most other Santorini hotels. No boxy white villas spilling down the cliffside here. This place is cool. It's curvy. It's spacious, in slate greys and sandy browns, reflecting the natural colours of the volcanic island. It's set on the highest point of the caldera and nearly all of the 28 rooms have private, heated infinity pools, from which you can watch the Santorini sun set rosily into the Aegean. Interiors are elegant and minimalist, with some of the whitewashed rooms spread over two floors. Central to the hotel's ethos is wellness, which goes much further than fitness (tennis court,

50m pool, sea-view yoga), spa (invigorating and cavelike, where you're massaged and pampered and hammamed into a state of bliss) and food (nutritionist-approved menu serving up fresh Greek classics). Wellness here is about creating an atmosphere of complete relaxation, where every need is anticipated – from sun cream by the pools to the pillow menu next to your mattress. Being healthy has never been this indulgent. *Double, from £220 (andronisconcept.com; +30 228 60 36 737).*



ES PRINCEP
Palma, Spain

Overlooking the Bay of Palma in a quiet corner of the old town, Es Princep is all about discreet urban glamour. Stress melts away as soon as you walk into this taupe temple, with its soothingly minimalist rooms, each one with a view of the Mediterranean. Michelin-starred chef Andreu Genestra oversees the Bala Roja restaurant, where local produce on the menu includes Mallorcan black pork, and a glass floor reveals the remains of a medieval tannery. But you'll probably spend most of your time up on the roof, gazing across the bay from the pool with a glass of cava sangria in your hand. Head down to ground level for a celebratory kir royale or mint julep at Gremium, the chic cocktail bar, then discover the second pool in the Coco Spa Oasis and kick back after a day's shopping – which Palma is really rather good for – whatever time of year you visit. *Double, from £175 (esprincep.com; +34 971 72 00 00).*

Head down for a celebratory kir royale at the chic bar