

## First place

VICEROY, NEW YORK →

This is hotel group Viceroy's first New York property, local design powerhouse Roman and Williams' first high-rise project, and nightlife influencer Scott Gerber and chef Marc Murphy's first collaboration. Located near Central Park, the Viceroy boasts a striking grid-like façade. 'Vertical steel struts run up the entire building; they are the exoskeleton,' explains Roman and Williams' Stephen Alesch, who cites Mies van der Rohe as a main influence. Inside, the interiors take their cue from 1940s *films noirs*, with public spaces decked in marble, and the 240 rooms designed with exotic wood, leather and metallic accents. Facilities include an indoor pool, the Kingside restaurant, and a soon-to-open rooftop bar. **Daniel Scheffler**  
120 West 57th Street, tel: 1.212 830 8000, [www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com](http://www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com). Rates: from \$559



## Bay watch

AMANO'I, VIETNAM ←

For the past few years, Aman Resorts has been remarkably bullish in Europe and America, so it's something of a homecoming for the Singapore-based luxury group to be opening a new property in South East Asia. Set on the edge of an isolated bay, about a one hour flight north-east of Ho Chi Minh City, Amano'i – a portmanteau of Sanskrit and Vietnamese for 'peaceful place' – more than lives up to its moniker. Malaysian practice Denniston has quietly inserted 36 dark grey tiled pavilions and villas into the rocky promontory and thick vegetation. The surrounding national park and a lotus-filled lake make for a perfectly idyllic backdrop to the spa and yoga pavilion. **DW**  
Vinh Hy Bay, Phan Rang, tel: 94.11 203 5700, [www.amanresorts.com](http://www.amanresorts.com). Rates: from \$750

### ■ LOCATION

The property is located next to the Nui Chua National Park and marine reserve, known for its tropical dry forest and coral reefs.

### ■ ON THE MENU

Local classics such as steamed chicken with ginger sauce, grilled mussels and poached fish.

### ■ FACILITIES

Library, beach boutique, spa, gym, Pilates studio, yoga pavilion, tennis courts and two outdoor swimming pools.



## Mexican hit

CABRITO, CAPE TOWN →

Known for their popular Royale Eatery and Neighbourhood restaurants, brothers Hugo and Sascha Berolsky have once again joined forces with restaurateurs Nic Haarhoff and Rene Jellis to launch their latest project, a small tequila bar located in the basement of their popular Mexican diner El Burro (itself housed in an Edwardian building dating from 1903). Devoid of quirky paraphernalia, Cabrito is a simple, uncluttered space with exposed ceilings, wooden tables, metal lights and handmade Spanish tiles. Serving over 50 types of tequila, the bar also offers a range of cocktails, including a popular house margarita and the Paloma, a heady mix of tequila, grapefruit juice, agave syrup and soda, as well as bar snacks such as stuffed jalapeños and nachos with homemade salsa. **DS**  
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