

# The Hot List

OUR FAVOURITE NEW HOTELS AROUND THE WORLD



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## USA

### THE MAKER, NEW YORK STATE

Art-loving New Yorkers don't need much excuse to escape up to Hudson for the weekend, with its throngs of antique shops and galleries and woodworking studios run by Brooklyn-transplant creatives. But this 11-room hideaway was a welcome new draw in a year when most city dwellers were confined to exploring their home state. A cabinet of curiosities writ large, it fused together a 19th-century carriage house, a Georgian mansion and a Greek Revival villa on a sunny corner of Warren Street, the town's main artery, and filled them with an equally period-hopping collection of one-of-a-kind treasures worthy of the hotel's name. There's a metal writing desk made by a French blacksmith and woven rugs picked up in Morocco, as well as original painted ceilings and stained-glass windows. The four suites are dedicated to various makers – The Artist, The Writer, The Architect, The Gardener – and all are stocked with products by Fresh, the beauty brand founded by co-owners Lev Glazman and Alina Roystberg. Downstairs, there's a pool and a light-filled restaurant inside a conservatory. But the best part is the low-lit, velvet-clad bar, an extension of The Maker's old-world bohemian glamour that's primed for future partying.

**FLASH POINT** Check out the Fragrance Library with around 180 scents for guests to try. The limited-edition eau de parfum The Maker is a woody, spicy number blended by Glazman and local nose Christopher Diagh. *Doubles from about AED 1,600.*

[themaker.com](http://themaker.com)



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## ITALY

### PARAGON 700, PUGLIA

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**FLASH POINT** Grassy lawns, the only outdoor pool in Ostuni's old town and sailing trips on the private yacht are all enticing propositions. *Doubles from about AED 1,500.* [paragon700.com](http://paragon700.com)

## TURKEY

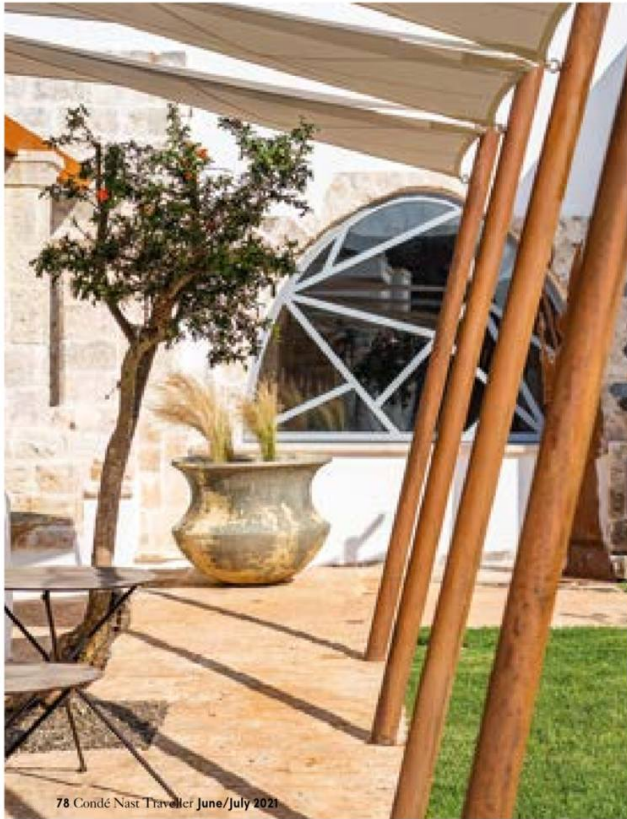
### METT HOTEL AND BEACH RESORT, BODRUM

In the past decade, Bodrum has boomed into one of the most sought-after spots in the Mediterranean. In between ruins of the antiquity and rugged coastline now lie buzzing beach clubs and five-star hotels, the newest being the baby of the Dubai-based Sunjet Hospitality Group – the group behind Dubai's Lulu, Taberna Española, Goldfish Sushi & Yakitori and Laiga. Having opened this May, the ultra-premium Mett Hotel and Beach Resort occupies a spot on the outskirts of Bodrum overlooking the Turquoise Coast. The first of 11 Mett properties in the pipeline, the Bodrum resort has just 103 keys, made up of 72 rooms and suites along with 31 two-, three-, four- and five-bedroom villas. Bobo beach-shack style rooms are swathed in warm, earthy tones, with rattan touches, ocean-inspired art and hand-picked accessories. Some come with fully-equipped kitchens and living spaces, perfect for hosting new friends, and all back onto the coast or lush green gardens. Capping the hotel in style, the four-bedroom Villa Ak Ana sits high on a hill overlooking the ancient city itself, with a private landscaped garden and an inviting 13-metre infinity pool. A Turkish spa, cabana-fringed pool and four stylish F&B outlets complete the offering, including an iteration of Dubai's stylish Mood Lounge. Beach club Folie is also very jolly. With locations in Mykonos, Santorini, Monaco, and Dubai – to name a few – set to open in the near future, this is the start of something truly special.

**FLASH POINT** Make full use of the private poolside cabanas, where you can enjoy breakfast, dinner, a personal DJ, spa treatments and butler service. *Doubles from AED 1,200.* [mettcollecting.com](http://mettcollecting.com)







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