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It List 2024: The best new hotels of the year, all visited and reviewed by Travel + Leisure's expert editors and contributors.

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Our annual guide to the most game-changing hotel openings (and reopenings) has taken *Travel + Leisure* editors and contributors to 39 countries on six continents. We started with a list of more than 200 soon-to-open hotels, and T+L editors and reporters visited nearly 130 of them over the last 12 months. The endeavor brought us to a swish, antiques-filled hot spot in Fort Worth, Texas's Cultural District; a hideaway that breathes big personality into Spain's little-known wine region of Priorat; and an hotkaido, Japan, among other intriguing new hotels redefining the destinations around them.

Gardiner House, Newport, Rhode Island



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Entering the newly opened Gardiner House in Newport, Rhode Island, felt like stepping back into the Gilded Age. Inspired by the Gardiner family's 1860s mansion, the luxury 21-key boutique hotel is located on Lee's Wharf — a piece of prime real estate facing Newport's idyllic marina. Though it opened in fall 2023, just as Newport hit the off-season, Gardiner House turned the city's hospitality scene on its head by quickly becoming a social hub for stylish locals and in-the-know winter visitors. The heartbeat of the hotel is the Studio Bar and lounge right off the foyer, where art-littered, dark-green walls; a real-wood fireplace; and an eclectic assortment of velvet sofas, comfy accent chairs, and oversized ottomans strike the perfect balance between cozy and chic. There's a variety of delicious craft cocktails to choose from, and a small menu of light bites: yellowfin with avocado, kobe beef sliders, and truffle fries were my favorites. The property's culinary portfolio will expand this spring with the debut of a second-floor Mediterranean restaurant with an outdoor terrace and floor-to-ceiling windows offering an unobstructed view of Newport Harbor. Most of the rooms and suites have harbor views, too, plus simple, beachy decor and thoughtful amenities — Matouk linens and Ortigia toiletries, for example throughout the space. Guests can walk to Thames Street, Newport's buzzy downtown area, in less than a minute where a myriad of mom-and-pop shops, vintage boutiques, and restaurants await. From \$725/night.

Accessible hotel. — Annie Archer