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At a glance

Pamela Goodman offers a bird's-eye view of some of the best hotels in the world – both old and new

IRELAND County Galway has started to pull in a fashionable crowd with the opening of **The G Hotel**, designed by milliner Philip Treacy. In Dublin, visitors should check in to the much-loved **Clarence**, or the boutique-style **Brownes Hotel**

FRANCE/SWITZERLAND Paris offers something for everyone: **The Lancaster** provides old-fashioned glory; **Hôtel Costes** is for the fashion conscious; and **Hôtel de Sers** provides elegance with a modern twist. **Le Domaine de La Baronnie** has been causing a stir in Ile de Ré, as has **Hotel Casa del Mar** in Corsica. Those in love with the Lubéron should visit **La Bastide de Marie**; and to be cosy in the Alps, try **Le Saint-Joseph** in Courchevel 1850. In Geneva, go to **La Réserve**, on the lake shore

PORTUGAL Try **Bairro Alto** in Lisbon, the latest offering from chic hotelier Grace Leo-Andrieu; or **Convento do Espinheiro**, which overlooks the ancient city of Evora. Across the water, **Choupana Hills** has rejuvenated the island of Madeira

ENGLAND Malmaison **Oxford**, the latest hotel from the inspirational Malmaison group, opened its doors at the end of 2005, while in London, **Brown's Hotel** was relaunched after a makeover by Olga Polizzi. The opening of **Hotel du Vin** packed a strong style punch in Henley-on-Thames, while the **Four Seasons** in Hampshire drew on the standards of good design already set by **The Grove** in Hertfordshire

CZECH REPUBLIC/ HUNGARY **Hotel Josef** in Prague provides cutting-edge minimalism from architect Eva Jiricna. Meanwhile, **Gresham Palace**, the Four Seasons hotel in Budapest, has one of the most sensational lobbies in the world

RUSSIA Take note of the **Grand Hotel Europe** in St Petersburg, now managed by Orient-Express Hotels

THE NETHERLANDS/ AUSTRIA/GERMANY In Amsterdam, try the young, fresh-faced **College Hotel**, a converted school with a hip bar that is conveniently close to the museum district. Vienna is looking to the future with the launch of **Do & Go Hotel**, in the postmodernist Haas Haus next to St Stephen's Cathedral; and in Frankfurt, the spotless, whiter-than-white **Pure Hotel** opened last year. In Berlin, visit the futuristic **Qi**, where, in some rooms, baths and beds come as integrated units

SPAIN Barcelona is Europe's hippest city – stay at the new **Grand Hotel Central**. **Hacienda de San Rafael** outside Seville is a haven of Andalusian peace. In Seville is the gorgeous **La Casas del Rey de Baeza**. In Majorca, the **Puro Hotel** in Palma is young and modern, while **Ca's Xorc**, near Sóller, has the best views on the island. **Gran Hotel Son Julia** is a new addition to the island

ITALY The **Bauer Hotel** in Venice, the **Gallery Hotel Art** in Florence, and **Hotel de Russie** in Rome set the trend for mixing old and new. **Villa Feltrinelli** on Lake Garda exemplifies exquisite, early-twentieth-century style; **Hotel Caruso** in Ravello showcases recently restored grandeur; and the **Hotel Raya** on Panarea demonstrates whitewashed chic. In Puglia, don't miss **Masseria Torre Coccaro**

CYPRUS/GREECE/ TURKEY The **Anassa**, which put Cyprus back on the tourist map, has a cool younger sister in Paphos – **The Almyra**. Greece is slowly getting the style message, too. **Katikies** on Santorini, **Theoxenia** on Mykonos, and the **Elounda Gulf Villas** in Crete are leading the way. In Turkey, the **Ada Hotel** near Bodrum is small and eclectic >