

What's happening in the world of boutique hotels?

ELIZABETH MISTRY TAKES A LOOK AT SOME OF THE LATEST OPENINGS AND NEW OFFERINGS AT BOUTIQUE AND LIFESTYLE HOTELS AROUND THE WORLD.

LONE STAR COURT, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

Texas has many intriguing properties - some of them owned by the Valencia group - including the Lone Star State's first boutique motel. Newly-opened Lone Star Court in Austin has 123 rooms decorated in a 'retro ranch' style by designer Lauren Rottlet. Deluxe rooms have full-size SMEG fridges and wrap around porches, complete with rocking chairs. The F&B concept includes a restaurant and a food truck court and there are adapted rooms and facilities for disabled guests. Rates include continental breakfast and use of bicycles.

www.lonestarcourt.com



CORINTHIA, LONDON

Is it a design hotel with a spa or an ace spa with a rather fabulous hotel attached? The latest offering from the Corinthia is really about getting back to the basics - in this case, sleep. Executive chef Gary Hollishead and nutritionist Jeanette Hyde have teamed up to offer a bespoke sleep menu and the spa has dreamed up a sleep enhancing treatment which can be booked in conjunction with a consultation with expert Guy Meadows.

www.corinthia.com/hotels/london/the-power-of-sleep



OZO COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

OZO is Colombo's newest family-friendly lifestyle property with a relaxed vibe across the hotel's 158 rooms and the rooftop splash pool and gym area. Hassell designed the airy guest rooms and public spaces. There are rooms for mobility-impaired guests and babysitting is available on request.

www.ozohotels.com/colombo-srilanka

THE HAZE, ISTANBUL

After unrest last year, Turkey's de-facto capital is back in business and this new 44-room hotel is brilliantly located in the trendy Karakoy district near the Galata bridge, where it straddles Necatibey and Maliye streets and their 18-metre high facades. The building was a factory but inside the rooms are starkly modern, many with high ceilings and custom-designed furniture. The rooftop restaurant is overseen by highly rated chef Arda Turkmen.

www.thehazeistanbul.com

