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We slept there {and you should, too}. The world's 102 best new hotels

Every year around this time, we pool together our notes about the new hotels we've visited in the past 12 months — and those that our wandering tribe of freelancers have popped into — and whittle down the list to only those that are truly "hot". There are many ways in which a new opening can impress, from surprising design to exceptional culinary offerings, from delivering on a promise to showcasing a destination in a way we've never seen it before. Herein we present this year's list of new hotels that should be on your radar — and with 18 right here in the Middle East, you don't have to venture far to get a taste of what's hot right now.

