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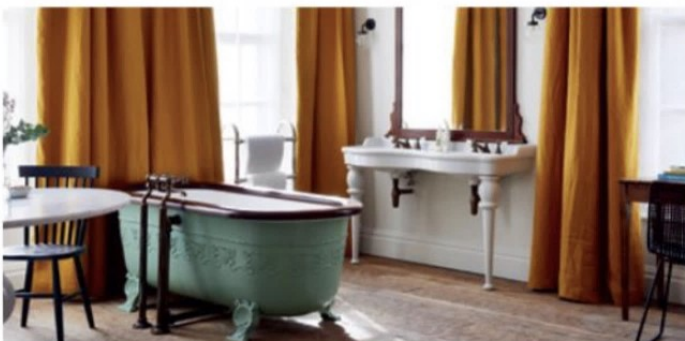


LUXURY CARS



#### SOFITEL DUBAI THE OBELISK Dubai, UAE

Towering skywards from WAFI shopping mall, Sofitel Dubai The Obelisk brings a hint of ancient Egyptian wonder and a dash of French charm to Dubai's luxury landscape. Set within a 230-metre tower crowned with a golden pyramid that shines above the skyline, the hotel's exterior takes inspiration from the Luxor Obelisk in Paris' Place de la Concorde. Inside, WA International Dubai Interior Design Studio has infused Art Deco interiors with Egyptian imagery and Emirati symbolism, creating a modern marvel that pays homage to the past. Statues of ancient mythological beings usher guests through a golden gateway into the lobby, where soaring pillars engraved with hieroglyphics surround an imposing nine-metre golden falcon and two stained-glass Tiffany lamp-inspired chandeliers, hand crafted in Egypt. Among the 498 guestrooms and 97 serviced apartments, three signature suites designed by Italian firm Duccio Grassi Architects stand out as the peak of luxury living. The Imperial Suite, Presidential Suite and Ambassador Suite span the upper floors of the hotel, with acres of marble throughout and, in the case of the Presidential Suite, a private terrace offering spectacular views of Dubai. Five distinct dining venues on offer include an outpost of Brasserie Boulud, while the irresistible allure of the Sofitel SPA with L'Occitane will sate all the senses. [www.sofitel-dubai-theobelisk.com](http://www.sofitel-dubai-theobelisk.com)



#### THE ARTIST RESIDENCE BRISTOL Bristol, UK

Creative spirit bursts from The Artist Residence Bristol, the fifth boutique bolthole from founders Justin and Charlie Salisbury, whose homely hotels have earned a dedicated following since the first one opened in 2008. Set on the corner of the historic Grade-I listed Portland Square, once home to the city's wealthy merchants, the Georgian-fronted townhouse has been given a new lease of life by the artistic duo. 23 rooms and suites are decorated in an eclectic mixture of antique, vintage and salvaged furniture, with colourful rugs by Francesca Gentilli and lively artworks by local and national talent including Bristol artists Rose Vickers and Kedals, and Brighton neon artist Andy Doig. Some, including the two master suites that look out over Portland Square, feature double-height ceilings, reclaimed wooden floors and period fireplaces. Original design elements have been preserved throughout the renovation, hinting at the building's former incarnation as a boot factory. An intimate lounge-bar and restaurant, with exposed brick walls and concrete floors provides an industrial backdrop in the main skylit bar area, and intimate corners for all-day dining or creative cocktails. Much of the food and beverage is sourced from local suppliers, including three local breweries and nearby Extract Coffee Roasters. [www.artistresidence.co.uk](http://www.artistresidence.co.uk)