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Our pick of the best new hotels to have opened in the past year
FREEHAND NYC, USA  Located in the former George Washington Hotel, which was frequented by writers and musicians, the new property goes by the motto of “revitalising the artistic community in a historic NY neighborhood.” Designed by Roman and Williams, this nifty property offers cozy rooms with murals and bunk beds and suites with expansive city views.  **TIP:** Even if you have to pick between the hotel’s five trendy eateries, don’t miss sunset cocktails at the rooftop bar, Broken Shaker.  ([freehandhotels.com])

NOMAD LOS ANGELES, USA  The West Coast sister hotel to the hit NoMad New York is set in a magnificent Neoclassical building, the former Bank of Italy. French designer Jacques Garcia took his cue from the coin-themed detailing of the original blue-and-gold Italianate ceiling and wove it through everything, from menus to matchbooks. The rooms are big and cheery, with sofas covered in floral fabrics; the marble bathrooms are gilt-trimmed and the cupboards are lined with custom-print paper.  **TIP:** Check out the other historic landmarks nearby: the CalEdison, the PacMutual and the Art Deco Oviatt Building.  ([thenomadhotel.com])

THE LINE HOTEL DC, USA  Set in a repurposed Neoclassical church (with 60ft vaulted ceilings), this is by far the most interesting hotel in DC. The 220 rooms combine utilitarian chic and urban sophistication, with parquet floors, brass bedframes and handsome solid-oak writing desks. The Line also has a massive fitness centre and even its own radio station.  **TIP:** It’s a great base to explore Georgetown, the National Zoo and the White House.  ([thelinehotel.com])

AWASI IGUAZÚ, ARGENTINA  The Iguazú Falls has always been world-class spectacular; now it has a hotel to match. The small, intimate lodge that was 10 years in the making now sits pretty on a bluff over the Iguazú River, surrounded by Atlantic rainforest. It has just 14 bright, airy villas built from sustainable hardwoods, with whitewashed walls, vast white beds and expansive wooden terraces that are adorned with plunge pools. Venezuelan chef Aarón Castillo Telleria balances the requisite Angus steaks with chilled soups and locally grown manioc and plantain, while head barman Juan specialises in old-school Argentine apéritifs and digestifs, such as yerba maté infused in gin.  **TIP:** Expert guides take guests kayaking and birding in off-radar forests, as well as to the cascading cataracts.  ([awasiguazu.com])