

The World's Best New Hotels in Europe

by Team Fathom

We're kicking off 2021 by highlighting the world's best new hotels, many of which opened under the shadow of a global pandemic. They did it against all odds (or to stick to long-held schedules), with full faith and fortitude. We applaud them and wish them all a long and healthy future, or at least once that's better than their inevitably rocky start. Also on this list are a few hotels that opened in late 2019 because — poor things! — they never got a fair shake once Covid reared its ugly head.

You may notice that we are calling attention to the special initiatives that the hotels are doing around sustainability, inclusivity, and community-building. If we've learned anything this year, it's that we all need to be more accountable for and thoughtful about our behavior. To that end, we commit to being more responsible in our reporting, with the dual goals of helping us all make better travel decisions and to support the companies that do what they can to have a positive impact on the world.



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Where: Milan, Italy

Why We're Excited: We're already fans of every one of the [Vik Retreats](#) in South America, in no small part for their gorgeous natural settings. Their first European (not to mention first urban) outpost ups the ante in a location overlooking the double arcade of Milan's Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, one of the world's great shopping arcades. As with every Vik hotel, art is central to the experience: With each of the 89 rooms and suites, as well as the hallways and restaurant [designed by different contemporary artists](#), not to mention a robust artist-in-residence program, the aesthetics within the hotel are only just surpassed by those of the floor mosaics, the iron and glass dome, and the paintings of the galleria outside.