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GALLERIA VIK, MILAN →

Hot on the heels of its South American resorts, Vik Retreats has made its first foray into Europe. Galleria Vik is the latest luxury hotel to take up residence on Milan's 19th-century historic shopping arcade Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, and it hosts a sprawling network of 90 suites, private spa and three restaurants, including a rooftop pizzeria. Owners Carrie and Alexander Vik recruited a top-notch clique of Italian, Uruguayan and international artists to install original works in each room, while a version of Rodin's The Thinker holds court in the reception area, kept company by a writhing tangle of heroic male figures in a ceiling and wall fresco by Italian artist Alex Folla. Laura May Todd Via Silvio Pellico 8, Milan, tel: 39.02 8905 8297, galleriavikmilano.com. Rates: from €500

