

## Start Spreading The News: These Three New Hotels Are Seriously Upping New York's Hospitality Ante

There are any number of reasons – beyond just the Manhattan skyline and vibrant sense of being in the nearest there is to a capital of the world – to be enamoured with New York. There's the sensational gastronomic scene, unfolding from street level right up to the tip of its skyscrapers, to start with, not to mention the depth of its unbelievable art collections. But another major draw is getting to enjoy these attractions with a haul of stellar hotels as your base – which now includes these three freshly minted properties.

### The Ritz-Carlton New York, NoMad



The hotel, from some angles, stands like a modern sibling to the Empire State Building

Trust The Ritz-Carlton – a group whose innovative approach to hospitality was showcased with its recent entry into the world of yachting as its first vessel, the 190 metre Evarima, set sail in Lisbon – to insist on a brand-new skyscraper in which to set up a New York residence. And then to bring in a team of creative hotshots – among them Rafael Viñoly Architects, Rockwell

Group and Martin Brudnizki – to clad the vast spaces with acres of stone, intricate patterns of florals and petals and vivid grid lines that evoke New York’s elevated, bird’s-eye perspectives.

Sitting pretty at 500 feet above the fray, the hotel is, at once, removed from the clamour of the street and yet distinctively connected to the city through bracing city views fairly flood in through tall windows. The whispery quiet of its collection of rooms – 250 of them in all, plus 16 one- and two-bedroom penthouse residences – is paired with a 6,800 sq ft pleasure dome of a spa.

All this gentility smoothly gives way to a culinary buzz that begins with the ground floor Middle-Eastern restaurant Zatinya, which Rockwell Group has clad in bronze and white oak, and rises all the way to the rooftop bar, Nubeluz, where Michelin-starred chef José Andrés serves up boards groaning with embutidos and jamon. ***From around £825 per night***



The Lobby Lounge