

CITY COUTURE

As we celebrate the most beautiful creations from AW14's couture collections, we are inspired to travel as we dress, with a stay in some of the world's most distinctive hotels. Just the place for the fashion pack to retreat to for comfort and super stylish diversion

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THE NEW MAJESTIC, SINGAPORE
If you love the elegant recasting of vintage pieces into new creations, in sync with Maison Martin Margiela then you need to book a stay at The New Majestic in Singapore. Designed to cradle every creative, from eccentric art gurus to the sartorial muses, each of the rooms has been individually designed by Asian artists or personalities with an eclectic mix of contemporary and heritage design. This Chinatown chameleon conveys the spirit of modern day comfort, including its secluded rooftop glass bottom pool – opulence at its very best. Rooms from Dhs900 per night.

THE SURREY, NEW YORK

Layers of polka dot netting in red, white and black at Armani Privé's couture show are the perfect inspiration for this legendary hotel. In New York's Upper East Side, the magical Surrey is renowned for its historic charm and illustrious past. The Surrey's luxury salons are similarly draped in neutral monochrome tones and include hand-painted wardrobes, oversized desks with hidden vanities and tranquil sitting areas. And for those who come to indulge, don't forget to pamper yourself with a visit to the Surrey's in-house Cornelia Spa before heading to the private roof terrace with mesmerizing views of the neighbourhood. Deluxe Salon from Dhs1,635.



LA RESERVE, PARIS

Chanel's beautifully sculpted dresses, heavily embellished and styled with a streetwise edge would be the perfect ensemble when booking into this ultra exclusive luxury accommodation just a hop, skip and jump away from the Eiffel Tower. The grand rooms of the La Reserve Paris Apartments, where clean lines, crisp linens and gold detailing complement the marble floors with effortless chic, are worthy of Coco herself. The contemporary design works perfectly within the classic walls of La Reserve. The apartments come in one, two and three bedrooms, and offer private butler and chef service. Apartments from Dhs1,030.



THE THIEF, OSLO

Where else could you be understated in Atelier Versace than in Oslo's most unique design hotel, where bold colour choices and rich fabrics distinguish this extraordinary waterfront hotel. In this up-and-coming enclave, you'll discover arty neighbours such as the new Astrup Fearnley Museum. Closer to home, the Thief curates some beautiful design pieces from Antonio Citterio and Brand van Edmond within the individual rooms and suites; with beautifully crafted furniture and soft linens for the final touch. Their attention to detail even extends to their house-designed plaid bathroom and Norwegian wool slippers for each guest. As for its name, it evokes the outlaw and embraces high-end fashion delinquents; we dare you to spend the night. From Dhs1,010 per night.



HOTEL SIXTEEN, LONDON

This sophisticated beauty is tucked away in the streets of London, around the corner from Brompton Road and Sloane Square. It almost feels like Schiaparelli's Marco Zanini had been daydreaming of his couture show in this stunningly designed hotel. The chic décor of Kit Kemp's Hotel Sixteen evokes all your senses, making you feel as if you've stumbled into a magical forest, miles away from the city's lights. The cleverly designed bathrooms are a nod to natural elements, where granite surfaces mix with oak elements. As always a triumphant tribute to design, from one of the world's foremost designers. Deluxe Room from Dhs2,387

