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10 ONES TO WATCH

Our choice of this year's most hotly anticipated hotel openings

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The Aman's six-site villa on the mainland may already have opened, but still to come is the 55-room hotel carved out of 15th-century buildings on the island of Sveti Stefan, due to open this August. The hotel in two parts will be linked by a causeway.



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From the 1930s to the 1960s, the St Moritz was a much-loved hotel that sent its chefs to Switzerland to raise their game. But by 2005, various extensions had dented its charm, so new owners Steve Rutledge (CEO of Virgin Atlantic) and his brother Hugh decided to recreate it from scratch. The imposing white building caused a stir when it opened last March. Its 63 doubles, suites, and apartments (some of which are on sale from £499,000) are designed in a shimmering Hampton style by Falmouth-based Absolute Design; its spa is by Cornhill, and its restaurant is presided over by Eliot Kelley, back on his native soil after four years at Suhu House New York. Even last year's wet summer couldn't dampen the mood on our visit: guests curled up in large leather armchairs in the lounge, swam in the indoor pool and binned out with the spa's signature Sun & Sea treatment. 'Wavehunters' take gulls surfing, sailing or fishing in Pozeath, and Rick Stein's Poldhu restaurant are only a starlit ferry ride across the estuary. The restaurant closed recently for five months to resolve some minor issues, but Kelley is all set to wow diners anew with his scallops thermidor this summer. And with only luck, the sun will shine on the new outdoor pool.
WHEN TO GO Any time except July and August.
ROOM TO BOOK A test floor suite with estuary view and kitchen.
01208 862242; www.stmoritzhotel.co.uk. Doubles from £95



CITIZEN M SCHIPHOL

AMSTERDAM
The M is for 'mobile', though it could just as easily be 'modern': everything about Citizen M, which opened at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport last year, is futuristic. Factory-made modules were transported to the site by shipping container and stacked up like shoeboxes, so each room is identical and shipping-container-sized (14 square metres). 'Technohobos beware: there is no lobby, and guests check in via computer with a swipe card (just take one from the boat). Hip architects Concrete have divided the ground floor with screens and staving, creating a series of spaces in which to work, sit and lounge. If it resembles a Vitra furniture showroom, that's because it is. Citizen M's collaboration with companies such as Vitra, Philips and Frette means everything is of the highest quality, while the price remains budget. The 230 bedrooms are small, with runway or flyover views, but they are strangely comforting: soundproof sleep-pods with big, inviting beds. Best of all are the Mood Pods with which you control your environment - temperature, lighting, music and movies. Swipe your card again, and it saves your settings. You can tailor your own, or choose from pre-programmed options such as 'Party' or 'Romantic' - though we challenge anyone to get romantic in a room with a loo at its centre (a frosted-glass door slides around to screen it from the bed, but still).
ROOM TO BOOK Views of the runway are preferable to those of the flyover.
WHEN TO GO It's very handy for a stopover flight or business trip.
00 31 85 580 0300; www.citizenmamschipholairport.com. Doubles from €69

Above, a sitting area at design-oriented Citizen M. Right, sea-view terrace at Cornwall's St Moritz hotel. Opposite, one section of the restaurant/bar/boutique at Mama Shelter



MAMA SHELTER

PARIS
The most talked-about hotel opening in Paris in 2008 was Mama Shelter, the latest in a wave of affordable designer properties. Serge Tsigano, former CEO of Club Med, his son Jérémie and Cyril Fauzeurat called in Philippe Starck to work with architect Roland Castro, better known for his media projects in the city. Witty details and gregarious finishes - raw and waxed concrete, french glass and steel, rustic wood, and griffined blackboard-style ceilings - are accompanied by plenty of gadgetry: each room has an iMac and there's a photo booth in the restaurant for posing your portrait on-line. Standard Mama bedrooms are rather small and the lighting is inadequate, but great attention has been paid to service, and the chief concierge was poached from the Plaza Athénée. The best thing

about the hotel is its vast, open-plan restaurant/bar/boutique where you can order cocktails at the island bar, snack at the high communal table or choose between stool, throne or squarish sofa in the restaurant, although the food - ever-priced French favourites masterminded by renowned chef Alain Senderens - needs improving. The area, with the bars of rue Saint-Blaise and Père Lachaise Cemetery nearby, is great for a taste of 'real Paris', but if you're short on museums and shopping be prepared for taxis or metro hailing, or keep one of the hotel's bikes or scooters.
WHEN TO GO All year.
ROOM TO BOOK A top-floor Mama Terrace room with an outdoor seating area on the roof.
00 33 1 43 49 48 48; www.mamashelter.com. Doubles from €89

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