



ALL CALIFORNIA

# STAY A WHILE

Up and down the coast, the Golden State's hotel scene is drawing in design-minded travelers at every turn.

By Mimi Faucett

There is perhaps no better place to witness California's design boom than from inside of one of its hottest hotels. And, this season, with a handful of big-ticket renovations, redesigns and buzzy openings, designers are bringing their A game. In L.A., the flagship SLS Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Beverly Hills (from \$469 per night, slshotels.com/beverlyhills) recently unveiled a full renovation-just in time for its 10-year anniversary in November. Dakota Development, Muzeo and Avenue Interior Design teamed up for the redesign of the hotel's rooms and suites, courtesy of a \$22 million investment. Visitors should expect the brand's signature whimsy integrated within a lighter aesthetic and a luxe materials palette (think Carrara marble and textural neutrals).

In San Fran, there are three new penthouses at the sultry **Hotel G** (from \$695 per night, hotelgsanfrancisco.com), designed by Icelandicborn designer Gulla Jonsdottir, whose vision was to create a pied-à-terre that "begs for Champagne all day." Each unit boasts its own private terrace and sweeping views of the city.

Over in Laguna Beach, East Coast firm Studio Robert McKinley (Surf Lodge, Ruschmeyer's) infused its surfer-chic flair into the new pint-size Hotel Joaquin (from \$359 per night, hoteljoaquin.com). Each of its 22 rooms is equipped with vintage pieces and one-of-a-kind artwork, reflective of its eelectic beachside locale.

Further south, the swanky new
Intercontinental San Diego (from \$279 per night, intercontinentalsandiego.com) makes its way into the city's hip downtown, located on the historic grounds of Lane Field—former home of the San Diego Padres. Each of the hotel's 400 rooms, which include 21 spacious suites, boasts picturesque views of the San Diego Bay by way of floor-to-ceiling windows. California designer Linda Snyder took cues from the hotel's seaside surroundings, using soft atmospheric blues and pale sand tones to create a sense of retreat on the water's edge.

SAN DIEGO

# FRESH PICKS

New PIRCH (pirch.com) CEO Steve Smith reveals the new K&B trends for fall. -Lydia Martin



#### **Burnished Nickel Finishes**

"California Faucets" Descanso Widespread faucet (from \$659) in burnished nickel is trending right now because of the chic, classic style and easy-to-clean finish."



#### Clean Consoles

"Kallista's Pinna Paletta console table legs with towel bar by Laura Kirar (from \$1,760) offers that minimalist transitional look that is so hat right now. Clean lines. No clutter."



## Smart Grills

"Lynx's professional free-standing smart grill (from \$10,639) lets you control temperature settings and know when your steak is done—all by the sound of your voice! With everything so easily accessible through mobile apps, why not allow cooking to be that way too?"



### Vacuum Sealing

"We love Gaggenau's new 400 Series Vacuuming drawer (from \$4,500). With so much focus on zero waste, vacuum-sedied drawers allow for longer food and beverage preservation. It's not only good for sous-vide cooking, but it's also great for marinating and extended storage."



#### Wine Coolers

"Sub-Zero Wolf's IW-3OCI wine storage cooler (from \$8,650) controls and maintains the perfect temp for all your whites, reds and even cheese. We are seeing more sophisticated households with an all-in-one cooler to help preserve space."



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