



Ireland's renovated
Adare Manor claims
Hotel of the Year honors.

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BY KIMBERLEY LOVATO

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Sitting pretty: Adare Manor's Lady Caroline Suite and its river views.

HOTEL OF THE YEAR

ADARE MANOR, LIMERICK, IRELAND

SET ON 840 ACRES ALONG THE RIVER MAIGUE, THE storied castle hotel reopened last fall after an 18-month closure for renovations that left not a nook or cranny untouched. "Inside and out, Adare Manor has maintained her regal self and gracefully moved into the present," says Julie Smothers, a Virtuoso travel advisor from Montgomery, Alabama. Among the highlights: a

new 42-bedroom wing, built with local limestone to mirror the original manor house, bringing the room count to 104; an expansive new ballroom, complete with a gold-leaf ceiling and river views; and The Carriage House, which debuted in May with a cocktail bar, all-weather terrace, and restaurant serving salt-crusted sea bass, dry-aged beef, and Irish classics in an art-deco-inspired setting.

In The Oak Room, new head chef Michael Tweedie – who, at just 30, has worked in some of England's and Ireland's finest kitchens – brings a welcome verve to the castle's fine-dining restaurant. Tee up Tom Fazio's redesign of the estate's 18-hole golf course and you've got a hotel at the top of its game. *Virtuoso travelers receive breakfast daily and afternoon tea for two once during stay.*



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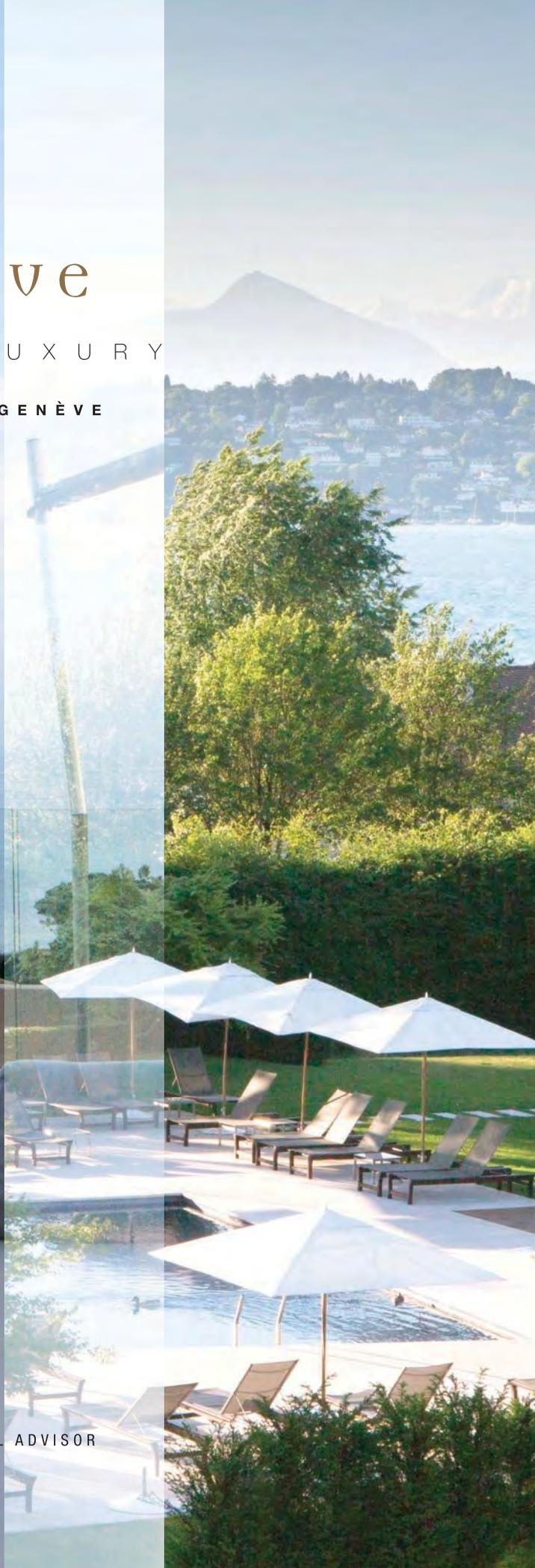
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BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN

THE SILO HOTEL, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

THE WOW FACTOR STARTS AT THE HOTEL'S FACADE, where rows of multifaceted windows bow outward like jewels in concrete settings. Industrial designer Thomas Heatherwick of London's Heatherwick Studio masterminded the transformation of this former grain silo building into an eye-

catching, 28-room hotel, occupying six floors above the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa. Inside, guests discover whimsy, glamour, and relaxed elegance through jewel tones, eclectic furnishings, and industrial-chic decor. A well-planned mismatch of patterns and prints assembled by interior

designer and Royal Portfolio founder Liz Biden elevates this architectural curiosity to what Manhattan-based Virtuoso agency executive Valerie Wilson aptly describes as "one of the sexiest contemporary buildings in the world." *Virtuoso travelers receive breakfast daily and a 50-minute massage for two guests.*

Clockwise from left: The Silo Hotel, its Granary Café, and a Deluxe Superior Suite.





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BEST DINING EXPERIENCE

THE RESTAURANT AT MEADOWOOD,
MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY,
SAINT HELENA, CALIFORNIA

IT MIGHT HAVE AN ORDINARY NAME, BUT THE RESTAURANT at 250-acre Meadowood Napa Valley is anything but average, thanks to chef Christopher Kostow and his three-Michelin-star team. A table at the hillside establishment is a sought-after destination for culinary pilgrims, who come for Kostow's ever-changing eight- to ten-course tasting menu (20-plus for the Chef's Counter tasting menu), which he often dreams up the night before. It's as much of a love letter to cooking as it is to California's bounty, revealed through the prose of fresh produce, herbs, and flowers plucked from the 85-room hotel's three-acre garden, alongside locally sourced meat, fish, and game in a firelit dining room with redwood walls. *Virtuoso travelers receive a \$50 breakfast credit daily, a \$100 spa credit, and a box of Napa Valley Chocolates.*



The Restaurant's beans-and-caviar course and (above) foyer.



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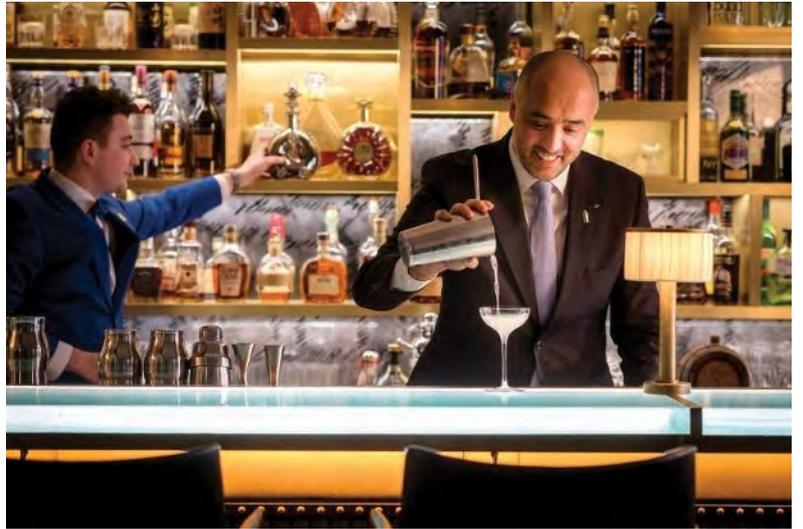
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Clockwise from left:
The Flower Power cocktail, bar manager Maurizio Palermo, and The Donovan's sophisticated new look.

BEST BAR

THE DONOVAN BAR, BROWN'S HOTEL, A ROCCO FORTE HOTEL, LONDON

TUCKED INSIDE LONDON'S OLDEST HOTEL, the intimate Donovan was recently glammed up with a pleasing palette of gold, pale blue, white, and British racing green. "It's a great mix of contemporary and traditional English," says Atlanta-based Virtuoso advisor Miriam Geiser (the space

also displays black-and-white images by celebrated fashion photographer Terence Donovan, the bar's namesake). The renovation added a side-street entrance separate from the 115-room hotel and doubled the bar seats from four to eight. Belly up to Salvatore Calabrese's renowned cocktails;

among his tasty tricks are classics such as the negroni and Salvatore's martini, as well as only-at-The Donovan originals, such as the Humadorita, a cocktail based on tamarind-infused Cenote tequila. *Virtuoso travelers receive breakfast daily and a \$100 hotel credit.*

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BEST VIRTUOSO NEWCOMER

HÔTEL DE CRILLON, A ROSEWOOD HOTEL, PARIS

AS ICONIC AS THE CITY ITSELF, THE 124-ROOM Hôtel de Crillon reopened last year after a \$300 million renovation – modernized and redecorated, but with all the gilded Frenchness of a landmark originally commissioned by Louis XV. One of the newest additions to Virtuoso’s Parisian portfolio, it features notable suites such as

two Karl Lagerfeld-designed Grands Appartements, which can be combined as one three-bedroom suite, complete with an original marble sink from the Palace of Versailles and a high-tech bookcase that reveals a secret dressing room with the push of a button. Marie-Antoinette’s namesake room has a 400-square-foot terrace overlooking

the Place de la Concorde (ironically, where the young queen met her demise in 1793). Take a dip in the new subterranean swimming pool, bedecked in gold tiles, and linger in the inviting lobby, where a new cocktail lounge allows visitors to sip and people-watch with ease. *Virtuoso travelers receive breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.*



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— Costas Christ, global strategist, sustainability



Future-focused: Six Senses Douro Valley's estate and (above) organic garden.

Gourmet Germany

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PATRIZIO CIPOLLINI,
FOUR SEASONS
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Clockwise from left: Patrizio Cipollini, the Duomo, and the hotel's Presidential Suite.



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