

## Top Ten Hotel Openings of 2010

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The tentacles of luxury have gripped capital cities so tightly that the phrase "The Big Smoke" more likely refers to wisps of black forest incense and lavender candles, not the white clouds of industry. Last year's list of top hotel openings was impressive for the mere fact that luxury boutique hotels were still fighting to open their doors, no matter where they were. This year, though, with the luxury tide returning to strength, there were a huge number of openings all over and the list took a bit more curating than even we expected. That means there were a very good hotels and resorts that aren't on this list, but - again with the help of our friends over at [TabletHotels.com](#) - these are the special establishments in special places that we think you should know about...

Forty 1<sup>st</sup> North Marina Resort (Newport, Rhode Island)  
351 Thames Street, Newport, Rhode Island 02840



Another [TabletHotels.com](#) selection, sited on the shore of Newport, Rhode Island at 41 degrees north latitude the toponymically named Forty 1 North Marina Resort is where new waves meet an old town. Its clapboard-and-shingle exterior and dark interior spaces treated with stained woods and stone hold fast to a centuries-old aesthetic, while its 28 rooms, some laid out like cottages, are awash in light and ocean breezes from the floor-to-ceiling windows and sliding French doors.

The amenities in this LEED-certified escape, though, are all of today, with flat-screens and free Wi-Fi, pre-loaded iPods, newspapers delivered on iPads, Frette bedding, Malin+Goetz toiletries and superfine Green Earth Towels, in-room spa services and 24-hour in-room dining. Wet bars can be stocked with your choice of aperitifs, and gas fireplaces warm each guestroom and suite - or you can steam off the chill in your two-person soaking tub.

There's valet parking to boot - but better than that, the marina can house yachts up to 250 feet. So when you've given up on the old town in Nice, a New World berth at Forty 1 North will await you.

