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As befits its seaside setting, the Forty 1° North hotel in Newport, R.I., is awash in nautical design details, including its name—a reference to the latitude of its site. Then there's this oversized chess set, which design firm DAS Architects had installed in the hotel's lower-level event space. The game board, featuring solid teak pieces up to 30-in. high, is designed to inject an element of fun and social interactivity into the space, says DAS founding partner Susan Davidson. "We didn't want guests to feel too staid and stiff," she explains. "We wanted to create a place where they could relax and have some fun with other guests." —Megan Krause