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Design stars Cortney and Robert Novogratz bring Long Branch, N.J., its first boutique hotel.

Hästens mattresses and Malin + Goetz products, pays homage to a different native with suites designed with the likes of Alvar Aalto, Eero Saarinen and Verner Panton in mind. Natalie Portman and Pierce Brosnan—separately—come for the local, slow food cuisine at the hotel's standout eatery, The Living Room restaurant. While you'll have to head to a friend's beachfront pad to enjoy the ocean, Kronan bikes are on hand, and regular yoga and massage sessions are scheduled in the garden. \$560-\$1,100 nightly, themairstone.com



The Catskills get some real drama with the Roxbury.

Small Goes Big Time!

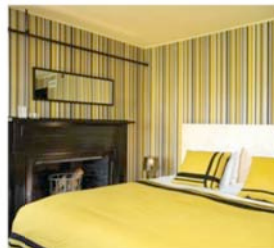
Posh properties with an eye toward chic and unique amenities are popping up from Maine to Miami. Here, the inn crowd.

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New Jersey Bungalow

The only situation this Jersey Shore hideaway presents is the question of which of the fabulous 24 oversized rooms, all designed by *Bravolebrities* Robert and Cortney Novogratz, to choose. The husband and wife principles of Sixx Design, known for tongue-in-cheek chic, put the final touches on exclusive Long Branch's only boutique hotel, just as their hit show *9 by Design* hit the airwaves. The same mod-bohemian style seen on the series pervades this beachfront outpost, which evokes St. Tropez

far better than anything GTL. Treating the hot spot as they would their homes, the couple picked up Technicolor dream finds from flea markets in Paris, Moss in Manhattan and midcentury Modern showrooms throughout the world. The famed Obama desk designer John Housmand crafted the bar and lobby, while art from Slim Aarons' photography to Brit wit Ann Carrington's collages hang throughout the stunning expanse. The couple's already working on the space's nearby sister hotel, Cabana, set to open in 2012. \$249-\$979 nightly, bungalowhotel.net



Scandinavian hoteller c/o injects Saarinen style into East Hampton.

New York c/o The Maidstone

Scandinavia has arrived in the Hamptons! In the summer of 2010, Long Island's East End became host to a Swedish-styled country home with the sleek urbanity of the European region's famed design minds. Each of the spectacularly stylish 19 rooms, complete with

The Roxbury Motel

A set designer and an off-Broadway director in the Borscht Belt—how could you not have theatrics? But this over-the-top, mountainside 27-room hotel is hardly the stuff of *Dirty Dancing*. Partners Gregory Henderson and Joseph Massa added as much style as they did *schmaltz* to the slew of new rooms at the formerly rustic retreat. Each suite's deluxe decor is rife with references to '60s and '70s fab film and TV icons. Nonpareil choices include the Angel Hair big king room, where you can tuck in under Farrah Fawcett's infamous feathered locks (well, an artist's rendition, anyway), and The Wizard's Emeralds, where guests get their own in-room yellow brick road in a decidedly mod take on the classic. The property's newly opened Shimmer Spa gives guests a restorative escape with enough drama to stay enchanted. \$99-\$335 nightly, roxburymotel.com

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The Postcard Inn space was slated to be a W Hotel, until neighbors made Starwood rethink the property entirely.

Florida Postcard Inn

When the new Salvador Dalí museum opened in January 2011—with the only glass geodesic dome in the country and one of the leading collections of the artist's work—St. Petersburg became the glitterati's finest find. And where are they laying their heads? The new Starwood Capital Group-backed Postcard Inn, with its surfer-chic-meets-Design-Within-Reach vibe. Molded fiber-glass chairs match in-room, decorative surfboards, as industrial-chic vintage fans and fixtures permeate public spaces. Guest quarters are punctuated with wall-sized photo murals or photo collages of surf life. Quotes from famed surfers and not-so-surfers, such as Andy Warhol, Thoreau and Jay-Z, get the graphic treatment as well. A riot of design, the completely overhauled former 1950s motel still retains its beachcomber charm, even with a few city-slicker additions. BR Guest Restaurants imported its Manhattan-based concept, Wildwood Barbeque, which has already inspired loyal, local fans. *\$109-\$239 nightly, postcardinn.com*

Hotel Breakwater

This faded art-deco gem got its first boost in the '80s when Calvin Klein shot one of his famed underwear ads on the rooftop. Once again, a fashion brand is breathing life into this newly renovated hotel.

The Jordache jean family has set a spring 2011 date for the hotel's reopening, where a wellness deck—featuring a glass-enclosed pool—will have on-hand frozen towels, eye masks and face mist. The re-tooled oceanfront oasis offers 100 spacious rooms, complete with glass rainforest showers and sushi on speed dial, no matter what time the craving hits. While the building's exterior has been restored to harken back to Miami's first heyday, the interiors are au courant with Dwell-style bold, graphic prints and minimalist, modern furnishings. As for that Calvin Klein ad? The Rooftop Lounge will soon be open for whatever fantasies you choose to play out. *\$399-\$1,599 nightly, breakwatersouthbeach.com*



Happy Chic hits The Tides Beach Club.

Maine The Tides Beach Club

From the hoteliers who brought the first signs of chic to Kennebunkport in 2008, the owners of the luxury cottage enclave Hidden Pond will reopen the famed Tides Beach Club

on Goose Rocks Beach by Memorial Day weekend, 2011. The hotel, originally built in 1899, has received a massive overhaul, inspired by the Happy Chic designs of Jonathan Adler. The designer's signature color pops and whimsy flash throughout the space, but turn to the Ocean and Sea suites for true homages to Adler. Each is entirely composed of pieces from his Boston boutique, including Adler-designed wallpaper, textiles, throw pillows, rugs and accessories. The inn's other 19 rooms are chockablock with amenities that elevate the beachfront experience to that of an exclusive hideaway as well. Guests also have access to Hidden Pond, which has added the new restaurant Earth and the Tree House spa this season. For those content to stay oceanside at The Tides, complimentary breakfast and bikes are on offer, while Sundays bring a New England oyster and Champagne toast. *\$225-\$725 nightly, tidesbeachclubmaine.com*



Charleston goes mod at The Restoration on King.

South Carolina The Restoration on King

Making its downtown debut in the spring of 2010, Charleston's newest 16-suite hotel serves as a beacon of modern design in a sea of old-Southern style. Rooms here are larger than most Manhattan apartments, ringing in at 800-1,300 square feet of historic hardwood floors and exposed brick walls, showcasing seductive low-country landscape photography. For those looking to bunk in for a while, brand-new Jenn-Air appliances abound, as well as Apple TVs and preloaded personal iPads, with apps for on-the-go Charleston concierge consultation. *\$299-\$499 nightly, restorationonking.com*



Forty 1° North is the latest in Newport resorts.

Rhode Island Forty 1° North

Imagine the Hamptons' elegance and South Beach's energy got together for a leisurely waterfront respite, and you have Newport's newest nautical outpost and only dockside hotel in the storied harbor town. The LEED-registered resort, which held its soft opening in summer 2010, has married top technologies, edgy, contemporary design and long-standing Newport tradition into a shrunken footprint. Recycled glass and shells mix with concrete for stunning and sustainable outdoor walkways, while Green Earth towels and floor-to-ceiling operable windows curb the property's energy output. Each of the 28 sleep spots—two lofts, two cottages and 24 guest rooms and suites—has been outfitted with Frette linens, iPads and hospitality-grade LED flat-panel televisions (This is the first property in the U.S. to have them.). Two on-site eateries, The Grill, a white tablecloth restaurant and raw bar, and Christie's, a hip Asian-inspired tapas joint with mod tableside chair swings, regularly host hotel guests, Newport locals and the yacht set that pulls up to the slips at the property's brand-new, state-of-the-art marina. Outdoor lounge areas mix cutting-edge furnishings, such as striking love seats with attached acrylic arches and playful accents, including an outside chess board and lacquer pieces that attract boaters for midday cocktails and impromptu games. *\$400-\$1,200, 41north.com* ■