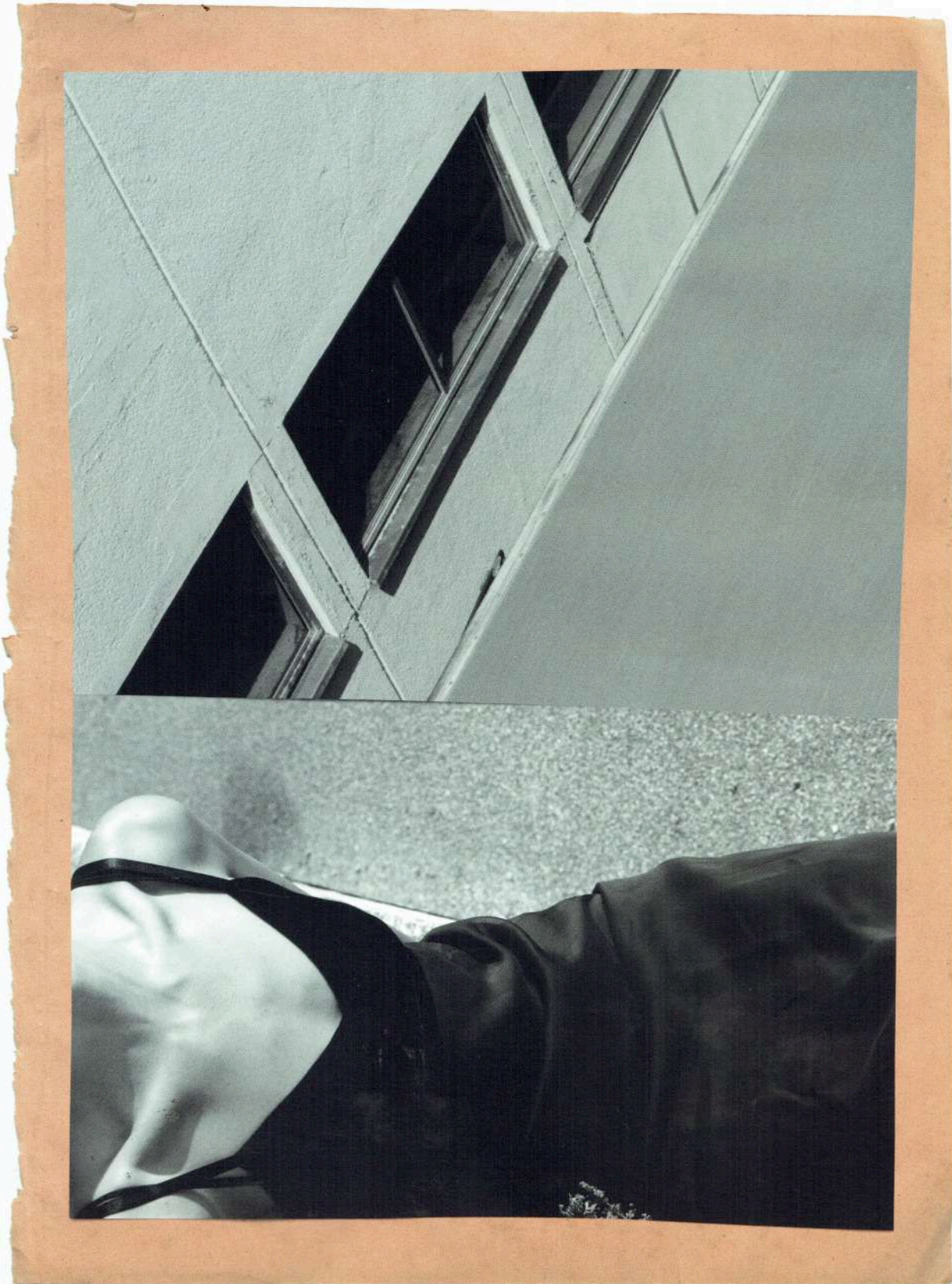


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DEPARTURE INFO

Take a breather in a Turkish retreat overlooking the Aegean or sip on Negronis in a New York speakeasy

Baroque follies

HOTEL PACAI, VILNIUS

The overhaul of historic piles into modern hotels often results in slick contemporary interiors with absolutely no sense of the building's storied past. A round of applause then for Lithuanian architect Saulius Mikštas and studio Yes Design Architecture for their admirable work on this grand 17th-century baroque mansion in Vilnius' Old Town. Anchored by a dramatically proportioned 500 sq m courtyard, the public spaces and 104 rooms all feature deep grey walls and curtains, tufted leather finishes, marble benches and slender-limbed midcentury furniture, but what catches the eye are the mansion's textured old bones, which peek out like an architectural palimpsest at unexpected moments – a wall of exposed original bricks and barn timber here, cracked pilasters and a patch of ancient frescoes there. The best room is the Pacai Suite with its views of the Old Town, but we're equally impressed by in-house brasserie 14 Horses, which harnesses local produce in its Lithuanian- and Baltic-inspired menu.

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Didžioji 7, tel: 370 5 277 0000, hotelpacai.com.

Rates: from €144



■ SUITE DREAMS

At 125 sq m, the Pacai Suite is the largest of Hotel Pacai's ten suites and it offers 4.5m-high ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows and a separate lounge area, as well as restored frescoes and a large balcony with views over Vilnius Old Town

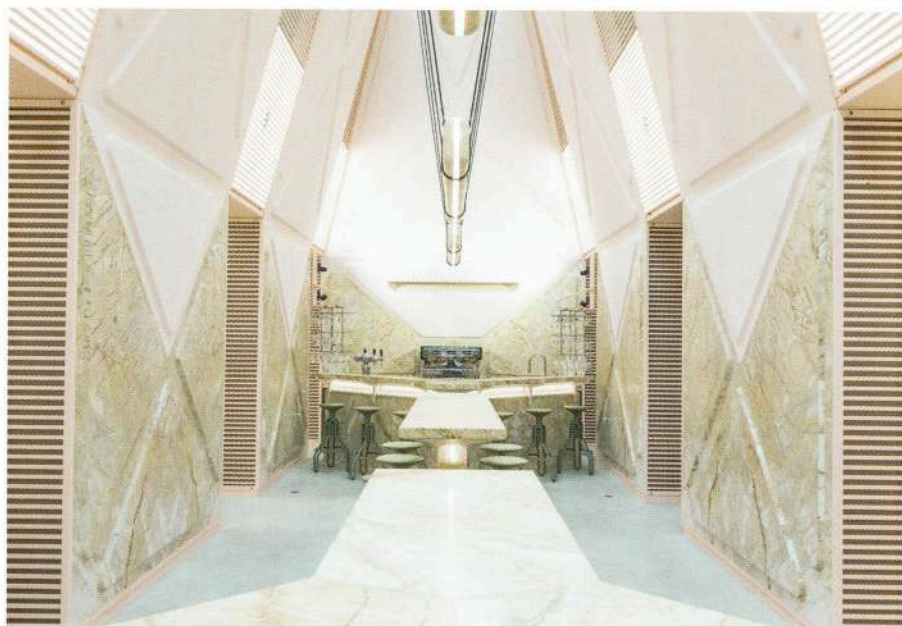
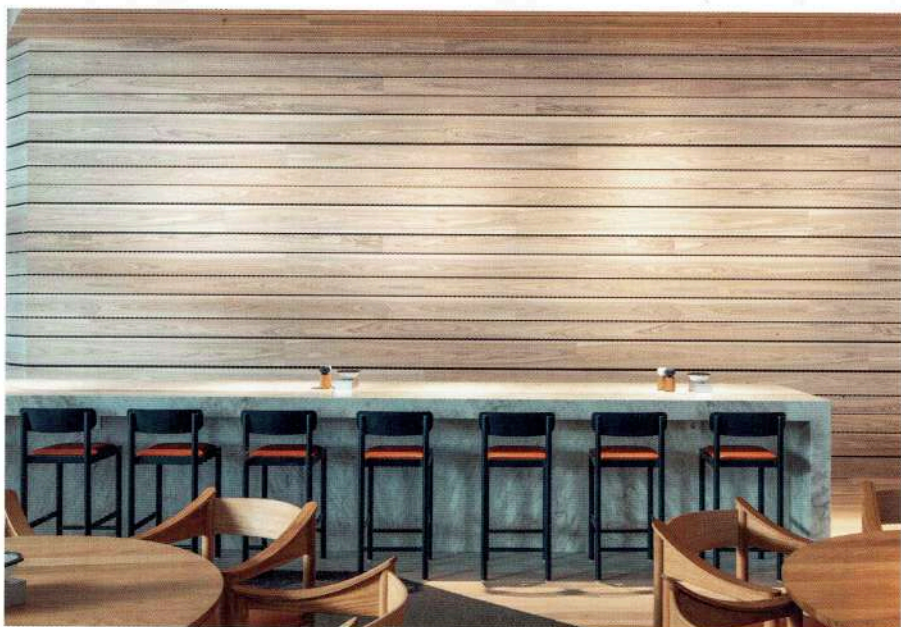
Raise the bar

NORDIC LIGHT HOTEL, STOCKHOLM →

One of Stockholm's first design hotels when it opened in 2001, Nordic Light has recently had a complete makeover thanks to architect Todd Saunders, with interior design by Studio Markus Bergström and John Tong. The once-sombre palette has been given a lift with lots of light-coloured wood and shades of baby blue and burnt orange. Saunders' take on a reception desk and a bar – both made from solid Swedish Ekeberg marble – are particular standouts, as are the ash ceilings, walls and floors that run from the lobby through to the Nordic-inspired restaurant Lykke & Ljöromsbaren, which serves up small plates like white asparagus, scallops and whitefish roe.

Jonna Dagliden Hunt

Vasaplan 7, Norrmalm, tel: 46.8 50 56 32 00, nordiclighthotel.com. Rates: from £94



Spire love

XYZ LOUNGE, GHENT ←

After a successful collaboration for an exhibition in 2010, Alain Liedts, the owner of Ghent housing and arts hub Zebrastraat, and architect Didier Fiúza Faustino have teamed up again, this time for the interiors of the hub's new restaurant XYZ Lounge. Channelling bold sci-fi glamour, Faustino has lined the walls and ceilings with flesh pink and olive green slatted panels, which are pulled into a spire-like atrium above diners nursing an aperitif while munching on prawn croquettes or steak tartare. Marble-veener counters, threaded with pink swirls, are matched with army green stools, while Faustino's own 'Delete Yourself' chairs are arranged regimentally in the screening room, which doubles up as an event space. **Rooksana Hossenally** zebrastraat.be

Turkish delight

SIX SENSES KAPLANKAYA →

The Six Senses group's new sea-fronting property in Bodrum is a brisk 10-minute helicopter ride north of the airport. The 141-room hotel is set in an inlet framed with hills cloaked in cypresses and olive trees, and New York-based studio Clodagh has furnished the interiors with a calm palette of white marble bathrooms, blonde timber flooring, and capacious white outdoor sofas set under slatted overhangs. The 10,000 sq m spa includes an anti-ageing clinic and an outdoor swimming pool overlooking the Aegean, as well as an indoor lap pool crowned by a corona of timber slats, Watsu pool, crystal steam room, mud chamber, salt grotto and igloo. **Daven Wu** Bozbük Mahallesi, Merkez Sokak No. 198, Milas, tel: 90.252 511 00 30, sixsenses.com. Rates: from €350

