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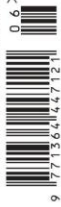
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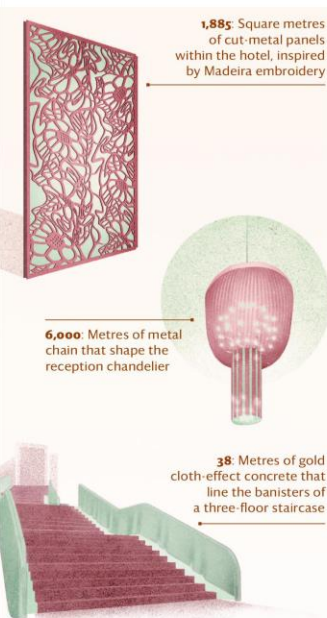
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Travel

ARTFUL LODGER

From ocean-watching in Madeira and the Maldives to boutique style on Paris' Left Bank



1,885: Square metres of cut-metal panels within the hotel, inspired by Madeira embroidery

6,000: Metres of metal chain that shape the reception chandelier

38: Metres of gold cloth-effect concrete that line the banisters of a three-floor staircase

First resort

SAVOY PALACE, FUNCHAL

Though cherished by insiders for its rugged landscape and unwavering subtropical climate, Madeira has lacked a notable destination resort – a gap now filled by the arrival of the Savoy Palace on the edge of the capital Funchal's Old Town. Designed by architecture studio RH+, the 16-floor resort has 352 rooms, all facing the Atlantic, a rooftop infinity pool, and a terraced façade that steps down to more pools, gardens and unobstructed views of the sea. Interior designer Nini Andrade Silva lightly channels the Belle Epoque and local crafts, dressing the rooms and public spaces with light-coloured stone and customised furniture. There are five restaurants and five bars, but it's the spa that captures the attention. A 3,000 sq m moodily lit labyrinth inspired by the laurels of the local Laurissilva Forest, it includes a Turkish bath, halo therapy room and, in case you're thirsty after your facial, a champagne bar.

Daven Wu

Avenida do Infante, Funchal, Madeira, tel: 351.291 213 500, savoyresorts.com. Rates: from €195

Reef encounter

WALDORF ASTORIA, MALDIVES

Celebrated for its crystal-clear seas, colourful marine wildlife and talcum-white sands, the Maldives has just boosted its charms with the unveiling of the Waldorf Astoria. Spread over three islands in the South Malé Atoll, a 30-minute yacht journey from Velana International Airport, the resort flies the brand's luxury flag with 11 drinking and dining destinations – including treetop dining pods and contemporary Chinese and Middle Eastern options. There's also a private island that features two villas, its own spa, gym, entertainment centre, chef, concierge team and five pools. Back on the main island, the in-house design team, together with MG Art Design, has layered the 120 light-drenched villas (among them a variety of over-water and beachside offerings) in soothing oatmeal tones, gold accents, sleek furnishings, art and accessories. When each villa has its own infinity pool, however, it's difficult to imagine spending time indoors.

Lauren Ho

Ithaafushi Island, South Malé Atoll, waldorfastoriamaldives.com. Rates: from \$2,600

800: Weight in kilograms of the Ming Dynasty-inspired chinoiserie bell in the Li Long Chinese restaurant



31: Antique Arabic doors and windows, some 400 years old, at Yasmineen, the hotel's Middle Eastern restaurant



462: Decorative porcelain seashell necklaces, by MG Art Design, on display in the resort's villas

600: Kilograms of burnished brass that clad the monolithic walk-in closet in the Signature Suite



29: Door handles modelled on an antique one found at the Marché aux Puces

1950s:

The decade in which artist Enzo Assenza composed the plaster bas-relief in the reception



French leave

JK PLACE, PARIS

After more than five years' searching for the perfect Parisian address, hotel group JK Place is finally opening its first outpost outside Italy, on rue de Lille on the city's Left Bank. Co-founder Ori Kafri has turned to Florence-based architect Michele Bönan, the design force behind all JK properties, to meticulously curate each of the 29 rooms. Features such as original mouldings and Versailles parquet flooring provide an elegant backdrop for Bönan's handsome interiors, where bespoke Italian furniture and sumptuous fabrics from the likes of Dedar sit comfortably alongside French antiques gathered from Paris' Marché aux Puces. In the bathrooms, mother-of-pearl and marble finishes exude understated luxury. Guests can enjoy an indoor pool and spa courtesy of Sisley – the beauty brand's only hotel spa in France – while restaurant Casa Tua ventures outside the US for the first time, serving up relaxed Italian cuisine with a touch of French flair. **Nicola Leigh Stewart**
82 rue de Lille, Paris, jkplace.paris. Rates: from €1,000