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## VIP Arrivals: hotels opening in April 2020

**Despite COVID-19 putting the brakes on hotel development activity, *Hotel Designs'* Hamish Kilburn wants to still celebrate the hotels that were originally planned to open in April so that we have something to look forward once the crisis is over...**

It was all going so well. Only last month I wrote that 2020 was shaping up to be a year of expansion for many hotel brands.

A few weeks after [publishing that article](#), the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared a pandemic following the COVID-19 outbreak. Now with businesses and homes in lockdown – something that everybody is having to come to terms with – hotels that were originally planned to open in April have hit a temporary red light, but we still want to shine the spotlight on a handful of them away.

## Villa Copenhagen



Image caption: CGI rendering of The Brasserie inside Villa Copenhagen

Sheltered inside what was the century-old Central Post and Telegraph Head Office, the 390-key Villa Copenhagen was originally planned to open in April. Traditional Danish and international F&B areas have been designed by London-based studio Goddard Littlefair with the aim to promote wellbeing and sociability. It was [described in an interview with Jo Littlefair](#) as “the destination’s answer to The Ned, London”. A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts, the hotel will offer a conscious approach to luxury with a focus on all things eco-friendly.