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## The best new affordable luxury hotels in the world: 2023 Hot List

*The most affordable hotels of the past year's best new openings, selected from our global list of winners*

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Nothing makes us more excited to get up and go than putting together our annual Hot List of the best new hotels, cruises, restaurants, cultural destinations, and transportation projects. Now in its 27th year, this curated collection is a labour of love for our global team, which spends the year researching, visiting, and vetting the entries to bring you a definitive directory of places whose style, ethos, and service set new standards for hospitality. This year's most affordable hotel winners – defined as properties with nightly rates under around £320, from cheapest to most expensive – can take you on a tour across the globe, from Panama to Dubai to Thailand. All that's left is for you to decide where you're going first.



Francisco Nogueira/Sommerro

HOTEL

## Sommerro – Norway →

Sitting on an elegant tree-lined street in Frogner, one of Oslo's oldest neighbourhoods, this 246-room hotel occupies a prominent 1930s building – the former headquarters of the city's first electricity company. The eclectic interiors are a decadent embellishment to the original mishmash of Art Deco and sober, functionalist details – from the handsome timber wall panels in one of the suites, the former director general's office, to the grand staircase in the lobby. Designed as a social hub with a roster of cultural events for visitors and Oslo locals, the ground floor is a sweep of humming restaurants and bars, plus a cinema and a theatre. Meanwhile, the top floor, with sublime Oslo views, is home to a restaurant by Nordic sushi pioneer Frida Ronge as well as the city's first rooftop pool and sauna. A spacious subterranean wellness floor occupies the building's former public baths, where you'll find the original pool and a restored mosaic wall by Norwegian artist Per Krohg. From bathrobes by local bed-linen company Abate to tote bags and cushions from Sisters in Business, a sustainably focused social enterprise that employs immigrant women, Sommerro acts as a showcase for Oslo's relatively undiscovered brilliance. *Rooms from around £220. Lauren Ho*

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