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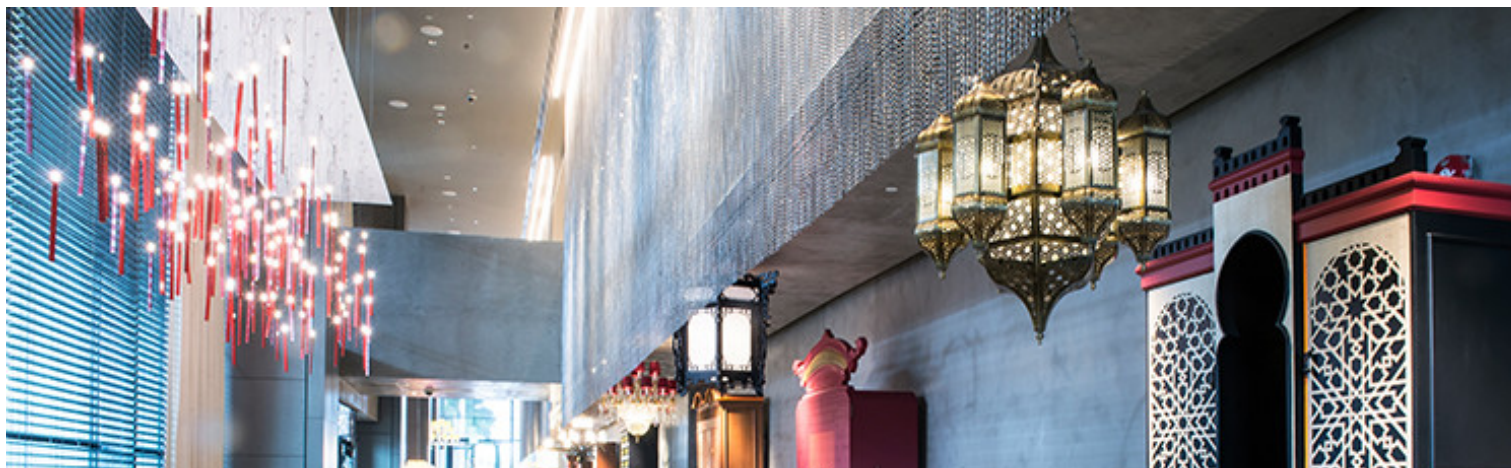
3 Stylish New Hotels To Try For Your Next Singapore Staycation

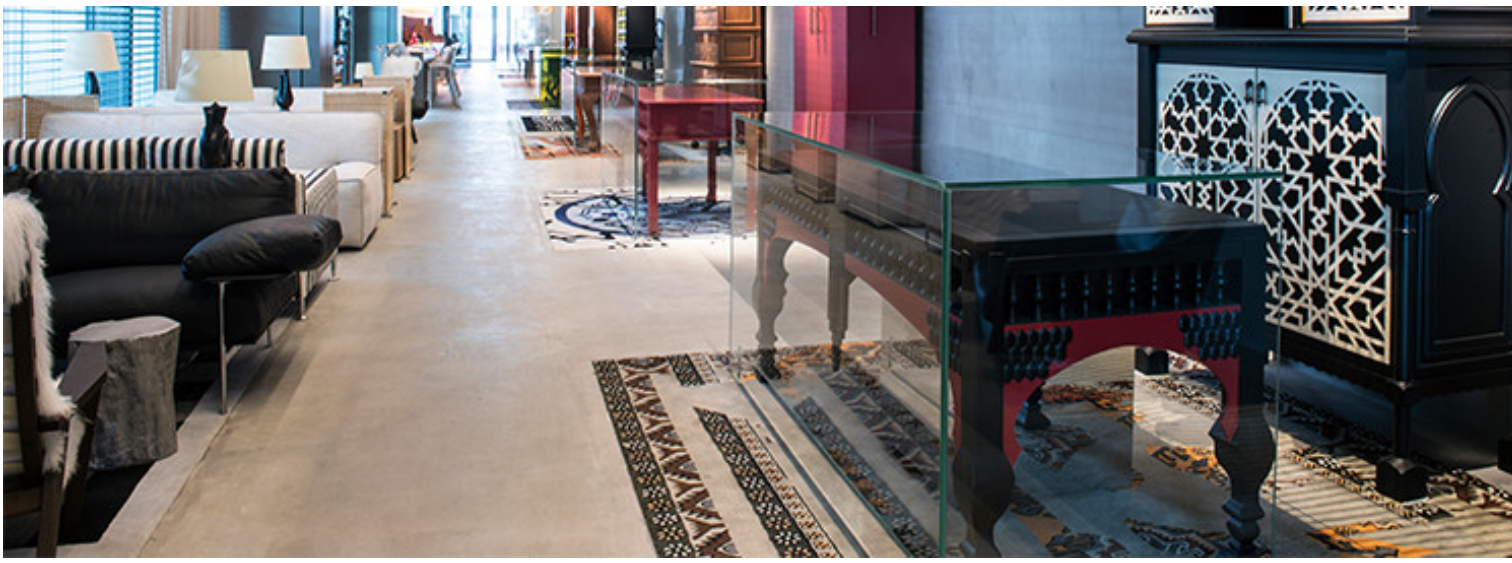
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Time to plan that staycation: In the past month, three new hotels that are big on design and style have popped up in our backyard.

The South Beach

30 Beach Road





The eclectic vibe of the hotel extends to the various reception counters that are inspired by different cultures like Moroccan and the Oriental.

If the Lama Scooter and the Juicy Salif lemon squeezer is your idea of cool, then this Beach Road establishment, which had its soft launch in September, is overloaded with it. That's because Philippe Starck, the Frenchman behind the afore-mentioned designs, is also the mastermind of the interior and decor of this 654-room hotel, peppering every corner with his playful-modern aesthetic.





Part novelty, part fun sculpture, the floating bed is just one of Starck's irreverent touches at the hotel.

Take for instance the floating bed (or at least the illusion of one) in the various rooms, a ceiling full of floating candles in the lobby, and the two sky gardens which come with a 360-degree view of downtown, sleigh benches and a ping-pong table that's fully mirrored. *From \$420 a night*

Hotel Vagabond

39 Syed Alwi Road






Housed in a restored 1950 building, the man behind the design of Hotel Vagabond is Jacques Garcia, who was also behind Hotel Costes in Paris and Nomad in New York.

If Shanghai has its Swatch Art Peace Hotel and Paris has its Hotel Costes, this month-old hotel in the heart of Little India is the hybrid of those two locations. Designed by celebrity French designer Jacques Garcia, the 41-room hotel bears the theatrical trademark of Garcia's works, with opulent velvet red curtains and bold gold furnishings.





The cosy atmosphere in each room comes in the plush decor of Jacques Garcia and the owner's curation of art works.

The hotel also holds the first artist residency programme of its kind here. Just like the Swatch hotel, the artistic crowd from writers, poets to musicians from all over the world can apply for residencies ranging from a week to three months.



The brass rhino desk took eight months to complete by a family who have been making armoury for the Rajasthani royal armoury for generations. families for generations.

Proof that they take their art seriously: The eye-catching installations and displays around the hotel. Just consider the brass rhino reception desk from Rajasthan, a video installation by Marco Brambilla in the elevator and photos by Julia Calfee who documented the residents of New York's famed Chelsea Hotel. *From \$300 per night*

The Club

28 Ann Siang Road



The Peruvian bar Tiger's Milk lits up the rooftop of The Club at night.

Housed in three conservation buildings from the 1900s, the recently revamped The Club nails that contemporary European hospitality to a T. Every room is inviting with its bright natural lighting, calming colours and sleek Mad Men-esque furniture.

Over 120 artworks around the swanky interiors of the 20-room hotel has been curated by Singapore-based design agency The Distillery. Among them are pieces by David Hockney and Alexander Calder as well as a commission by emerging Australian artist Chrysa Koukoura.



The Club Suite

Foodies will also be spoilt for choice here: Popular Dempsey Hill gastrobar The Disgruntled Chef has opened its second and fine-dining outpost here, while the rooftop is home to Peruvian bar and grill Tiger's Milk, which boasts its own ceviche bar serving South American fare like tiraditos and causas.

From \$280 per night

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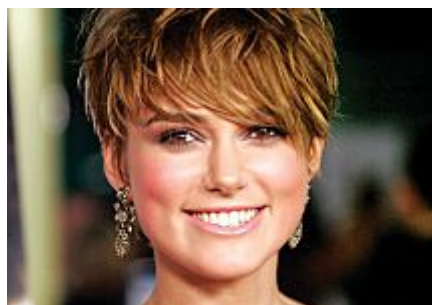
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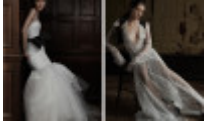
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