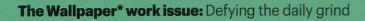
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WALLPAPER* AND FORTUNE MAGAZINE ANNOUNCE

Nothing stimulates us less than a business trip to some soulless hotel with a trouser press and a back-alley view. Thankfully, we rarely encounter such horrors these days. We have collaborated with Fortune magazine to come up with a shortlist of 50 fantastic business hotels, which our judging panel will whittle down to ten deserving winners

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According to Travel Smith Research, a leading lodging industry data provider, the most important thing to the business traveller is location. The hotel doesn't always need to be near a convention centre, but will probably be selected according to convenience of a meeting location. Often that's in the hotel itself, in which case it should be easy to find and well equipped.

Many business travellers work from their room, making a desk with good lighting and the ability to plug a number of devices into one place imperative. Furniture, such as chairs, should be functional. Good conference capabilities, such as speaker phones and secretarial services upon request, are a must. And nothing will spoil a business trip faster than computer problems with no one around to solve them. Top business hotels now have e-concierges available around the clock. At the very least, there should be an engineer on hand, or even computers available to rent if something goes askew. Wireless internet service in rooms is a must. Some hotels are still charging for this service, but most are moving in the right direction of making it complimentary with the room price.

Like other travellers, those on business are becoming more sophisticated and now appreciate a unique experience. A beautiful contemporary design or a hotel that plays on its history will typically be chosen over a dull box of a room, particularly for those travelling outside their own country. Additionally, since they are often on their own, business travellers look for excellent public areas, such as a good restaurant or a lively bar. High end in-room entertainment systems, an exciting room service menu and, since meetings often take place into the evening, a comprehensive room service wine list makes in-room entertaining even better.

Together with Fortune magazine, we have shortlisted the best new or newly renovated hotels that meet some or all of the requirements most important to those travelling specifically on business.

NORTH AMERICA

- 01 Atlanta, Twelve Centennial Park www.twelvecentennialpark.com
- 02 Boston, InterContinental
- 03 Boston, The Liberty www.libertvhotel.com
- 04 Chicago, Trump International www.trumpchicagohotel.com
- 05 Dallas, The Ritz-Carlton
- 06 Dallas, The Stoneleigh
- www.stoneleighhotel.com 07 Denver. The Ritz-Carlton
- www.ritzcarlton.com 08 Greensboro, Proximity
- www.proximityhotel.com
- 09 Houston, Zaza www.hotelzaza.com
- 10 Los Angeles, Thompson Beverly Hills www.thompsonhotels.com
- 11 Miami, The Tides www.tidesouthbeach.com
- Miami, Gansevoort South
- 13 New Orleans, Maison Orleans (Club Level) www.ritzcarlton.com
- 14 New York, Royalton
- www.royaltonhotel.com New York, Gild Hall
- www.thompsonhotels.com 16 New York, The Plaza
- www.theplaza.com 17 San Diego, The Keating
- www.thekeating.com 18 San Francisco, InterContinental
- www.intercontinental.com 19 Scottsdale, Firesky www.fireskyresort.com
- 20 Toronto, The Hazelton www.thehazeltonhotel.com
- 21 Montreal, Opus www.opushotel.com

SOUTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

22 Buenos Aires, NH Lancaster

- 23 Rio de Janeiro, Fasano www.fasano.com.br
- 24 São Paulo, WTC www.wtchotel.com.br

Puerto Rico

25 San Juan, Condado Plaza www.condadoplaza.com

AFRICA/ MIDDLE EAST

26 Alexandria, Four Seasons

27 Abu Dhabi, Shangri-La www.shangri-la.com

28 Paris, Le Meurice www.lemeurice.com

- 29 Berlin, Hotel de Rome www.hotelderome.com
- 30 Hamburg, Mövenpick www.wasserturm-schanzenpark.de
- 31 Frankfurt, Goldman 25 Hours

32 Budapest, Lànchid 19 www.lanchid19hotel.hu

- 33 Rome, St George www.stgeorgehotel.it
- 34 Milan, The Chedi www.thechedimilan.com

35 Oslo, Grims Grenka www.grimsgrenka.no

36 Moscow, The Ritz-Carlton www.ritzcarlton.com

- 37 Madrid, Hospes www.hospes.es
- 38 Malaga, Barceló Málaga www.barcelo.com

- 39 Geneva, Le Richemond www.lerichemond.com
- 40 Montreux, Fairmont Le Montreux Palace www.fairmont.com

41 Kiev, Hyatt Regency

42 London, Haymarket www.firmdale.com

- 43 Navi Mumbai, The Park www.theparkhotels.com
- 44 Mumbai, Four Seasons www.fourseasons.com

- 45 Beijing, The Valley Wing at Shangri-La www.shangri-la.co
- 46 Shanghai, JIA www.jiashanghai.com
- 47 Shanghai, Hyatt on the Bund www.hyatt.com
- 48 Guangzhou, Shangri-La

- 49 Tokyo, The Peninsula www.peninsula.com
- 50 Osaka, Dojima

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