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## Lobbies worth waiting in

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Special for USA TODAY

Drop in, check out, kick back or simply join the mix of the mingling masses at these remarkable (and lounge-worthy) hotel lobbies.

Alex Katz artworks on display at Langham Place, New York include *Trio* (Kristen, Sharon, Kym), behind desk, and *Ada*, in hallway beyond. MICHAEL WEBER, LANGHAM HOTELS

### Artsy: Langham Place, New York

Langham Place, New York has the largest private collection of original art works by American artist Alex Katz, including three in the lobby. One, *Ada*, is a wood block print of Katz's wife, whom he has painted more than 200 times. What's not to like about admiring artwork while partaking of the complimentary snack and beverage station, which provides coffee and tea in the morning and hot cocoa and hot cider in the afternoon, along with sweet treats (candy and biscuits) and savory snacks (nuts and pretzels). The selection changes daily and is a big hit.

■ 400 Fifth Ave.; [langhamhotels.com/newyork](http://langhamhotels.com/newyork)



Like a dream: The Hudson New York. HUDSON HOTEL

### Magical: Hudson New York

With design by the famed architect Philippe Starck, Hudson New York sends an intriguing message to passersby on the street. The main entrance and foyer at the former YMCA demonstrate Starck's signature play on proportions and expectations, and the vibe is that of a dreamy secret garden. You are transported to the lobby and public spaces via a glass-enclosed escalator that travels along a vivid chartreuse shaft of light. Emerging into the extraordinary glass-roofed lobby, with 40-foot ceilings, there's a feeling of soaring — with nothing but sky above.

■ 358 W. 58th St.; [hudsonhotel.com](http://hudsonhotel.com)

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DoubleTree Times Square West. HILTON

**Stylish: DoubleTree**

Looking to retreat from the bustling street? Elegant with an urban flair, the lobby of the **DoubleTree by Hilton New York Times Square West** welcomes you to the city without overwhelming you. Close to Times Square without being *too* close, the hotel is within walking distance of many of the city's prime attractions. Warm, fresh-baked cookies are waiting for you at check-in. Relax, enjoy your snacks, catch up on work, or meet up with friends. The first and last stop of your stay will arguably be your best.

|| 350 W. 40th St.; [doubletreetsno.com](http://doubletreetsno.com)



Moxy's glass-shard bear presides over the check-in area. MICHAEL KLEINBERG

**Hip: Moxy Times Square**

At the new 612-room **Moxy Times Square**, a larger-than-life sculpture of a bear made of fragments of glass makes it clear this is no ordinary lobby. Check in at kiosks surrounded by split-flap displays that show lyrics of songs that embody Moxy's playful vibe. Head to the second floor lobby lounge, complete with vibrant spaces, warm service and a complimentary cocktail. With a DJ booth, ultra-cool cooper-wrapped bar and glass skylight, it's a cozy greenhouse-inspired space by night.

|| 485 Seventh Ave.; [moxytimesquare.com](http://moxytimesquare.com)



The entrance from the Madison Avenue Courtyard. LOTTE NEW YORK PALACE

**Grand: Lotte New York Palace**

If you're looking for a spot rich with history and old-world elegance, the lobby of the **Lotte New York Palace** is not to be missed. The bulk of the Midtown hotel is in a contemporary 55-story tower, but the grand lobby is located in the Villard Mansion, a New York City landmark built in 1882. Enter through the Madison Avenue Courtyard to get the full effect. The ornate staircase is one of the most arresting visuals. Just minutes from some of the city's most prominent restaurants and attractions, cultural institutions and shopping destinations, the lobby is a magnificent place to people-watch.

|| 455 Madison Ave., at 50th Street; [lottenypalace.com](http://lottenypalace.com)



Lobby Lounge is one of two bars off the Loews Regency's lobby. LOEWS HOTELS

**Chic: Loews Regency New York**

The Lobby Lounge at the **Loews Regency New York** is perfect for unwinding after a day pounding the pavement or gathering before a night on the town. It's also a fantastic spot to catch up on work (with free Wi-Fi) or people-watch over coffee or cocktails. Find it to the right of the main entrance on Park Avenue.

|| 540 Park Ave.; [loewshotels.com/Regency-Hotel](http://loewshotels.com/Regency-Hotel)

## New in the neighborhood

New York City is booming with hotel development. Here are three of the many new properties that opened in 2017.

**1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge**

This 194-room property stands next to the East River in Brooklyn Bridge Park with waterfront views of the Manhattan skyline and the Statue of Liberty. Features include a 25-foot wall covered in live greenery in the lobby, floor-to-ceiling windows in guest rooms, a grab-and-go café, the Bamford Haybarn Spa, a 24-hour fitness center, and an outdoor rooftop bar and lounge with a heated plunge pool and fire pits.

|| 60 Furman St., Brooklyn; 347-696-2500; [1hotels.com/brooklyn-bridge](http://1hotels.com/brooklyn-bridge)

**Hotel 50 Bowery**

Chinatown's new 229-room boutique hotel integrates with the surrounding community, including a permanent exhibit from the nearby Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA). Guest rooms mix contemporary design with heritage touches. Floor-to-ceiling windows incorporate a sense of New York place if you opt for a City View room, from which you can literally see for miles. "Contemporary Asian-centric cuisine" plus American breakfast staples are served at restaurant Rice & Gold. A 21st-floor rooftop bar and lounge offers views, international small bites and Asian-inspired cocktails.

|| 50 Bowery; 866-9-BOWERY; [jdohotels.com/50bowery](http://jdohotels.com/50bowery)

**The Whitby Hotel**

Each of the 86 individually designed guest rooms and suites at this Midtown hotel offers contemporary decor and floor-to-ceiling windows. The Whitby Bar & Restaurant for drinks or dining, an outdoor terrace, library, fitness center and a location near Central Park are among the hotel's top features.

|| 18 W. 56 St. (at Fifth Avenue); 212-586-5656; [the whitbyhotel.com](http://the whitbyhotel.com)

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