Introducing The Year's Best In Travel And Design

Our third annual celebration of the year's most attention-grabbing efforts in travel and design is packed with projects that take bold risks and push conceptual—and physical—boundaries. Whether it be a restaurant in Norway encased in a concrete slab and submerged into the sea, or an airport in Singapore resembling a tropical rainforest, or a Mexican island resort whose exceptionally crafted simplicity calls to mind that of a traditional Mayan home, this year's diversified collection of winners coalesce around a singular commonality: They incite our deep-rooted aspiration for discovery. Here, the most outstanding new projects in global design.

THE JURY

Daniel Boulud

chef, restauranteur, author, and founder, Dinex Group

Suchi Reddy

architect and founder, Reddymade

Lee Broom

product designer and founder, Lee Broom

Isolde Brielmaier

curator and executive director of art, culture, and community, Westfield





SMALL HOTEL

Torel 1884 Suites & Apartments

Porto, Portugal

If locavore-ism were to take over hotel, this would be a touchstone. When locally based NANO Design was transforming this 1884 bank into a 12-room, 11-apartment property inspired by the ancient Portuguese spice trade, they hewed as close to home as they could, hiring local ceramists to whip up terracotta lamps, sourcing azulejos (Portuguese tiles) for the hallways, and even commissioning regional artist João Pedro Rodrigues to craft a plaster installation goddess faces for the entrance. If you go, make sure to visit the former vault, now a subterranean winetasting cellar.