

HOTELS

Chic Sleeps in Europe



PRAGUE | HILTON OLD TOWN

Designer Alexandra Champalimaud introduced a contemporary vibe to the 305 rooms, while David Collins used a graphic motif inspired by Czech Modernist art in the public spaces. And the man responsible for the hotel's Maze restaurant: Gordon Ramsay. 800/445-8667; hiltonpragueoldtown.com; doubles from \$300.



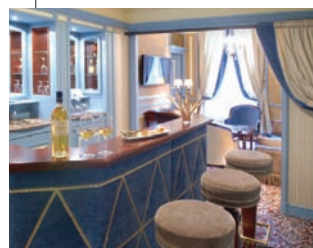
STOCKHOLM | CLARION HOTEL SIGN

The country behind Ikea is now bringing a similarly streamlined aesthetic to the affordable hotel chain, Clarion. The 558 rooms have the work of Scandinavia's top 20th-century furniture designers, such as Bruno Mathsson and Hans Wegner. And Scandinavian star Marcus Samuelsson, the chef at New York's Aquavit, has opened a location here. 46-8/676-9800; clarionsign.com; doubles from \$262.



VERSAILLES | TRIANON PALACE

This 100-year-old palace abutting the Château de Versailles recently got a \$30 million face-lift. The 199-room hotel retains all of the grandeur of its heyday, thanks to the crystal chandeliers, Roman arches, and Italian marble floors. The muted palette of olive, taupe, and beige and a stellar spa are welcome updates. 33-1/3084-5000; westin.com/trianonpalace; doubles from \$460.



BORDEAUX | REGENT

For its renovation of the 232-year-old historic palace, across from the National Opera, Regent tapped Jacques Garcia to revamp the 150 rooms. The whole place verges on the ornate, with 19th-century French furniture, richly colored brocade fabrics, and vast marble bathrooms. 800/545-4000; regenthotels.com; doubles from \$608.



TENERIFE | ABAMA

At this 478-room Ritz-Carlton resort on a cliff high above the Atlantic, canopied beds are framed by dark wood headboards, and wooden huts dot the 395-acre property. There's also plenty of star power: the restaurant is helmed by Martín Berasategui. 34-922/126-000; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$500.

—DANIELLE PERGAMENT AND JENNIFER WELBEL



Recycled-cardboard shelves at the London boutique Eco, top, owned by Colin Firth, right. The exterior of Eco, covered in ferns and recycled wood, above.

COLIN FIRTH'S GREEN GOODS

It seems Mr. Darcy is working on a new role these days: eco-warrior. After opening two fair-trade coffee shops called Progreso in London's Notting Hill and Covent Garden (progreso.org.uk), British actor Colin Firth has launched his latest endeavor, **Eco** (213 Chiswick High Rd.; 44-20/8995-7611). The green boutique is located in the tony west London neighborhood of Chiswick. On the ground floor, shelves are stacked with Poppy Organic face cream, floral-print recycled stationery, and wool knit toys. Upstairs, home furnishings like lampshades made out of the shaved wood of fallen Norwegian trees share space with biodegradable wallpaper. Added bonus: a team of on-site consultants can give advice on how to make any house more energy-efficient. —ALISON TYLER