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A model poses in front of Vera restaurant.



The Piano Suite, one of three designed by Diane von Furstenberg.



DVF-designed bathrobes.

Claridge's London

The history of Claridge's in the tony Mayfair district of London dates to the mid-19th century with a guestbook that spans European royalty and Hollywood royals like Audrey Hepburn. Famed for her wrap dresses, Diane von Furstenberg has long been a fan and recently expressed her affection by designing three suites in the 203-room classic. Each of the suites is distinct but includes art deco references from period desks to geometric print curtains, and luxuries like Murano glass light fixtures and marble bathrooms. Her most lavish look is the Piano Suite, featuring a grand piano, animal-print rugs, two bedrooms and expansive bathrooms with DVF-designed bathrobes. Another 17 designer digs from von Furstenberg are on the drawing boards. Rooms from £490, DVF rooms from £680.00; www.claridges.co.uk.



Tcherassi Hotel's sleek entry.

Tcherassi Hotel + Spa Cartagena, Colombia

Though based in Miami, Silvia Tcherassi is the biggest designer in her native Colombia, known for mixing feminine, diaphanous prints with strong, statement silhouettes.

That mix of delicate and modern infuses her first Tcherassi Hotel + Spa, a seven-room inn occupying a renovated 250-year-old mansion in the old quarter of Cartagena on the Caribbean coast. Each room is unique, with features like wood floors, exposed brick walls and ceilings up to 30 feet high. Many include balconies overlooking the lush garden and three pools. Despite its boutique size, the hotel does a bustling trade at its 40-seat restaurant, Vera, featuring Mario Batali-protégé chef Daniel Castaño doing Italian seafood, and its spa is where you can get a Colombian coffee scrub, among other more European-based treatments. Rooms from \$360; tcherassihotels.com.



Inside a Tcherassi Hotel room.



The Owner's Suite on the Marina boasts Ralph Lauren Home furnishings.

Three More Trendy Stops

Additional fashion connections in the travel world include:

Hilton New York Fashion District The 280-room hotel, near the Fashion Institute of Technology, underscores its design theme with a front desk that resembles a fabric-cutting table and a centerpiece lobby artwork made from colorful thread spools. www.hilton.com.

Oceania Cruises' Marina The just-launched 1,250-passenger Marina includes the first suites at sea outfitted in furnishings from the Ralph Lauren Home collection. www.oceaniacruises.com.

Gansevoort Park Avenue NYC The new 249-room hotel is the first to boast staff uniforms designed by Lacoste. It also houses a Lacoste boutique with limited-edition lines and pieces branded by both the hotel and the alligator logo label. www.gansevoorthotelgroup.com.