

## MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MILAN

The striking monochrome bar at the Mandarin Oriental in Milan, with its geometric marble floor and walls, is the brainchild of contemporary Italian designers Antonio Citterio and Patricia Viel. At the heart of the four cleverly redeveloped, eighteenth-century buildings that make up the hotel, you'll find Mandarin's bar manager, the award-winning mixologist Mattia Pastori, presiding over new and exciting concoctions at the bar. [mandarinoriental.com/milan](http://mandarinoriental.com/milan)



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THE LOFTY HEIGHTS, SCENIC LANDSCAPES  
AND FUTURISTIC DESIGNS AT THESE FOUR  
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## ANGAMA MARA, KENYA

Steve and Nicky Fitzgerald, developers of safari lodges throughout Africa, came out of retirement to create Angama Mara, with the help of architects Silvio Rech and Lesley Carstens. As you scour the Maasai Mara for Kenya's big five from the lofty heights of the Olololo Escarpment, it comes as no surprise to learn that the hotel's name in Swahili means 'suspended in mid-air'. The deck, with its sunken fire pit and bold, red cushions, is a dreamy spot for *Out of Africa* reveries. [angama.com](http://angama.com)

**Need to know** Thai firm Architect Space has fashioned four concepts for Keemala's rooms. Besides the Bird's Nest Villas, there are cottages, tents and tree houses, each with their own pool



**KEEMALA, PHUKET**

Keemala in Phuket draws design inspiration from Thai mythology, its 38 villas creating a fantasy land of weird and wonderful structures set in the abundant woodland not far from the village and beach of Kamala. There are eight elaborately interwoven Bird's Nest Pool Villas, each with a main bedroom, terrace and pool from which to absorb the peace and serenity of trees, streams and waterfalls. [keemala.com](http://keemala.com)

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## VINA VIK, CHILE

Perched on a hilltop in the midst of an 11,000-acre estate, Viña Vik in Chile is the cutting-edge, James Bond-esque design masterpiece of Alexander Vik and his wife, Carrie, along with architect Marcelo Daglio. Hovering in your carbon fibre, hammock-style 'vessel' bathtub in the Vik Suite, you can gaze out across the hotel's own private vineyard, over the rolling foothills of the Millahue Valley and out towards the snow-capped peaks of the Andes. [vikhotels.com](http://vikhotels.com)