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WHERE I STAY

Mark Watson, Swatch Group managing director and OMEGA brand manager

Swissôtel Sydney

"The Swissôtel takes some beating, as you get used to things you use often. I also like New York's W in Union Square." 68 Market Street, Sydney. (02) 9238 8888; sydney.swissotel.com. 201 Park Avenue South, New York. +1 (212) 253 9119. whotelstheworld.com



Check-in

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Adina Apartment Hotel, Copenhagen

GREAT DANE

If you're planning a longer stay in Copenhagen, check out the Adina Apartment Hotel. Five minutes from the city, in the Nordhavn district, the hotel houses 128 apartments over eight floors, all complete with kitchen, laundry and the necessary tech trimmings. Studio apartments from DKK975 (\$210), Amerika Plads 7, Copenhagen, Denmark. +45 3969 1000; www.adina.eu.com



Villa Kennedy

Hotel Max

THE MAX FACTOR

Artistic influence is written on the walls of Seattle's Hotel Max, where 39 artists have helped create a hotel with design nous to spare. Guests and visitors can take *Maximalism: Art At The Hotel Max*, a compilation of the talented contributors to the hotel, back for their bookshelves. Rooms start at \$US129 (\$175). 620 Stewart Street, Seattle, Washington, USA. +1 (206) 728 6299; www.hotelmaxseattle.com

HAPPENING QUARTER

The Village Lodge, in the heart of Cape Town's bohemian Waterkant district, serves up perfect views of Table Mountain from its rooftop pool and delicious cucumber and mint lassis on its restaurant balcony. It's around the corner from the Cape Quarter's hip food and design stores; within walking distance of the upmarket Victoria & Alfred shopping mall; and just a 10-minute drive to some of the city's favourite beaches. The hotel's public spaces are Balinese in style and its rooms elegantly minimalist. Rooms from R750 (\$170) per night (high season). 49 Napier Street, De Waterkant Village, Cape Town, South Africa. +27 (21) 421 1106; www.thevillagelodge.com Anne Susskind

PIER PRESSURE

Sydney's W hotel has a new name now it is part of the Taj Hotels Resorts and Palaces portfolio. To be known as Blue, it is the Indian company's first Australian acquisition. 6 Cowper Bay Road, Woolloomooloo, Sydney, NSW. (02) 9331 9000; www.tajhotels.com

KENNEDY REBORN

Three new buildings have invigorated Frankfurt's old Villa Speyer. Now called Villa Kennedy, the hotel features towers, manicured gardens and a courtyard. Prices start at €440 (\$710). Kennedyallee 70, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. +49 (69) 717 120. www.villakennedy.com



RITZY READ

Marcus Binney travels through the architectural and historical highlights of Piccadilly's most luxurious establishment in Thames & Hudson's *The Ritz Hotel London*, a 160-page book celebrating the hotel's centenary and completion of a 10-year refurbishment. \$90.