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BEST BUSINESS HOTELS 2012

Proving you can mix business with pleasure, we present our annual shortlist of the best new openings around the world. A smart new generation of business hotels has sussed that hitting the road in the name of work can, in the right hands, be a positive experience. What you need is a mix of great design, good service, delicious food and a little *je ne sais quoi*. Here we bring you the rare gems that have it all sorted. To pick the ten winners, we have tapped a coterie of well-travelled creatives for our judges (see our [October issue](#)). Check back in November to see their selection.



Wythe Hotel, New York

Rates: from \$179

Overview: A former cooperage dating from 1901, this industrial building on the Brooklyn waterfront is now a 72-room hotel with original exposed brickwork, arched windows and cast-iron columns. The hotel's common areas and bar, located in a striking new rooftop glass box extension, have both been designed by local designers Workstead.

Business amenities: There are various event spaces, including a main event hall, a private dining room, large guest lofts and 65-seat screening room and bar. Wi-Fi in all the rooms and throughout the hotel.

Rooms: The 72 rooms feature original timber ceilings, large windows, Flavor Paper wallpaper by Dan Funderburgh, Goldies bathroom products, and an impressive surround sound system for iPhone and MP3 players.

Many rooms, such as the Manhattan View King, boast floor-to-ceiling views of Manhattan and the East River, while the larger Band or Bunk rooms offer two, four or six beds. As for the four lofts, two of them come with private roof decks.

Leisure: There's no spa, only a fitness room, but for cultural pursuits, there are endless galleries to explore in Brooklyn's most dynamic neighbourhood, with Williamsburg's best bars, restaurants and concert halls within walking distance.

Restaurants: Restaurant and bar Reynards is located right next to the waterfront and serves seasonal fare and bistro dishes – think devilled eggs, rillettes, burgers, grilled trout, pecan pie and strawberry shortcake – created by chef Sean Rembold of Diner and Marlow & Sons, two popular local joints run by Brooklyn restaurateur Andrew Tarlow.

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