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It List

The coolest new hotels of the year.

For our eight annual editors' choice awards, we logged thousands of miles to find the 61 extraordinary hotels that are transforming their destinations. From a sybaritic hideaway in Brazil to a stylish loft in Brooklyn, this year's crop does not disappoint.

Wythe Hotel, New York

People are still buzzing about the "new Brooklyn," where each artisan establishment seems to out-craft the next. And the Wythe—near the Williamsburg riverfront—has become the crown jewel of the borough's renaissance. Converted from a 1901 factory, the 72 rooms are studies in restraint, with original cast-iron columns, salvaged-timber-beamed ceilings, and cement floors (thankfully heated on colder nights). Details are steadfastly local, from toile wallpaper that evokes the cityscape to the small-batch brews in the mini-bars. Downstairs at Reynard restaurant, the tattooed staff serves farm-to-table dishes, but if it's the hipster scene you've come for, the Ides rooftop bar will deliver in spades. wythehotel.com. \$

The 72-room
Wythe Hotel, in Brooklyn,
New York.