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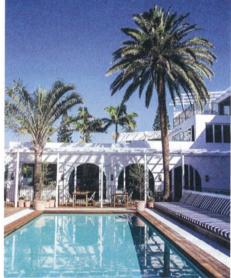
BAVARIA SURVEY

Take your pick Global

Preface

This month's array of places to stay includes a regencyera London hotel, a renovated bank in North Carolina and a hostel in Tokyo that offers books instead of breakfast.







Halcyon House Cabarita, Australia

In 2011 Brisbane-based sisters Siobhan and Elisha Bickle acquired what was a rundown 1960s motel, a 30-minute drive from Byron Bay. On their property that skirts Cabarita Beach – a little-known yet pristine stretch of sand – the pair transformed the motel with the help of architect Virginia Kerridge and interior designer Anna Spiro.

Retaining the Spanish mission-style exteriors, the now 21-room boutique hotel is comprised of cosy guest rooms and Mediterranean-inspired public areas such as Paper Daisy, a poolside restaurant headed by chef Ben Devlin. Guests are provided with bikes and boards and have the chance to take surf lessons, administered by surf champion Joel Parkinson.—

halcyonhouse.com.au

Puro Hotel

Gdansk, Poland With branches in Wroclaw, Krakow and Poznan, this year Polish company Puro opened its fourth hotel on Granary Island in Gdansk (see page 83), a stone's throw from the port city's Old Town. The lobby and restaurant feature maritime influences and work by local artists, while the 92 rooms combine clean lines with discretely deployed technology. A perfect base for a weekend break - with free bicycle rentals and decent coffee to boot. en.purohotel.pl











The Lanesborough London

Interior-design studio Alberto Pinto and London-based architecture firm ReardonSmith have overseen the extensive renovation of the beautiful regency-era Lanesborough hotel. Reopened this summer on Hyde Park Corner, moments from Buckingham Palace and between well-heeled Park Lane and Knightsbridge, the whitewashed Georgian pile hosts seven dining rooms and a cigar lounge, alongside 93 rooms that include 43 suites – the largest of which has seven bedrooms.

The imposing Oetker Collection-operated hotel isn't a relaxed, under-the-radar escape. Instead, enjoy it for what it is: an inimitably British and lovingly updated exercise in hospitality at its most grandiose. — JAF lanesborough.com