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Our guide to where in the world luxury-lovers are staying, shopping, sightseeing, spa-ing & sipping champagne now.



HOTEL MASTERPIECE

Sydney's happening art scene now has a boutique luxury hotel to call its own. The Storrier, tucked away in Potts Point, takes its name from the Australian artist Tim Storrier. Check-in to enjoy the original artworks and photographs throughout. This sleek art deco hotel, and its contemporary restaurant Red Belly, is the first of the A-Hotel Group's series of art-inspired hotels, www.thestorrier.com



PURE GOLD

Those looking for the ABSOLUTE best in Europe's major cities need copies of the Louis Vuitton City Guide 2008. The boxed golden guides are invaluable, RRP\$125.

ROOM KEY

- Town House Galleria (above) has just opened inside Milan's famous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, which connect Piazza Duomo, the main Cathedral of the city, with Piazza della Scala, where the Opera House is. One of Italy's most exclusive locations, also has exclusive service – each room has a personal butler, www.lhw.com

after a \$US400million face lift, that even the most 'refreshed' New York matron would envy. Under the umbrella of Fairmont Hotels & Resorts the new Plaza will be more lavish than ever. The official grand opening bash is to be held in May, www.uniquevenues.com.au

- Design hotels – arbiter of all things stylish – have just opened its first Australian office in Perth. It also welcomes its first Australian member hotel, The Limes in Brisbane, www.designhotels.com

- Taj Tashi in Thimpu is the latest jewel in the crown of Indian-owned Taj Hotels and Palaces. The hotel has just opened in the heart of Bhutan's capital, and features traditionally styled architecture and artefacts and views of the mountains from its wide windows. There is also a Taj Spa where you can indulge in traditional treatments such as Manda Snana, a luxurious traditional Bhutanese hot stone bath, www.tajhotels.com

- Anyone who has missed taking tea in the Palm Court lounge will be glad to know the Plaza New York re-opens its doors this month

