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From a homage to Palm Springs on Ibiza to a striking new hotel in Amsterdam, we round up some hospitality hot spots that you should know. Then a concierge tells us why great hotels are distinguished by their personal touch.

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Rosewood Amsterdam Amsterdam

What took 10 years to build but 10 minutes to become the most talkedabout opening of 2025 (so far)? The Rosewood Amsterdam, of course. Extending across a city-block-sized building on Prinsengracht, the striking hotel, which was once an orphanage and then a courthouse, was reworked by Studio Piet Boon for its spring opening. Current city regulations suggest that this will be the last new hotel to be developed within the capital and it could hardly have picked a finer establishment: think coffered ceilings, velvety nooks and a rich palette of warm bronzes, greys and inky blues across the 134 guest rooms and the Asaya Spa.

For those planning a longer stay, there's a set of five vast canal-side residences. The Netherlands' favourite garden designer, Piet Oudolf, has rolled up his sleeves to plant the courtyard garden, while drinks and dinner are covered by the Advocatuur bar and Eeuwen restaurant. Is Rosewood resting on its laurels and taking a well-earned break? Not quite: all eyes are already on London for the slated September opening of The Chancery in the former US embassy on Grosvenor Square, — JAF rosewoodhotels.com