

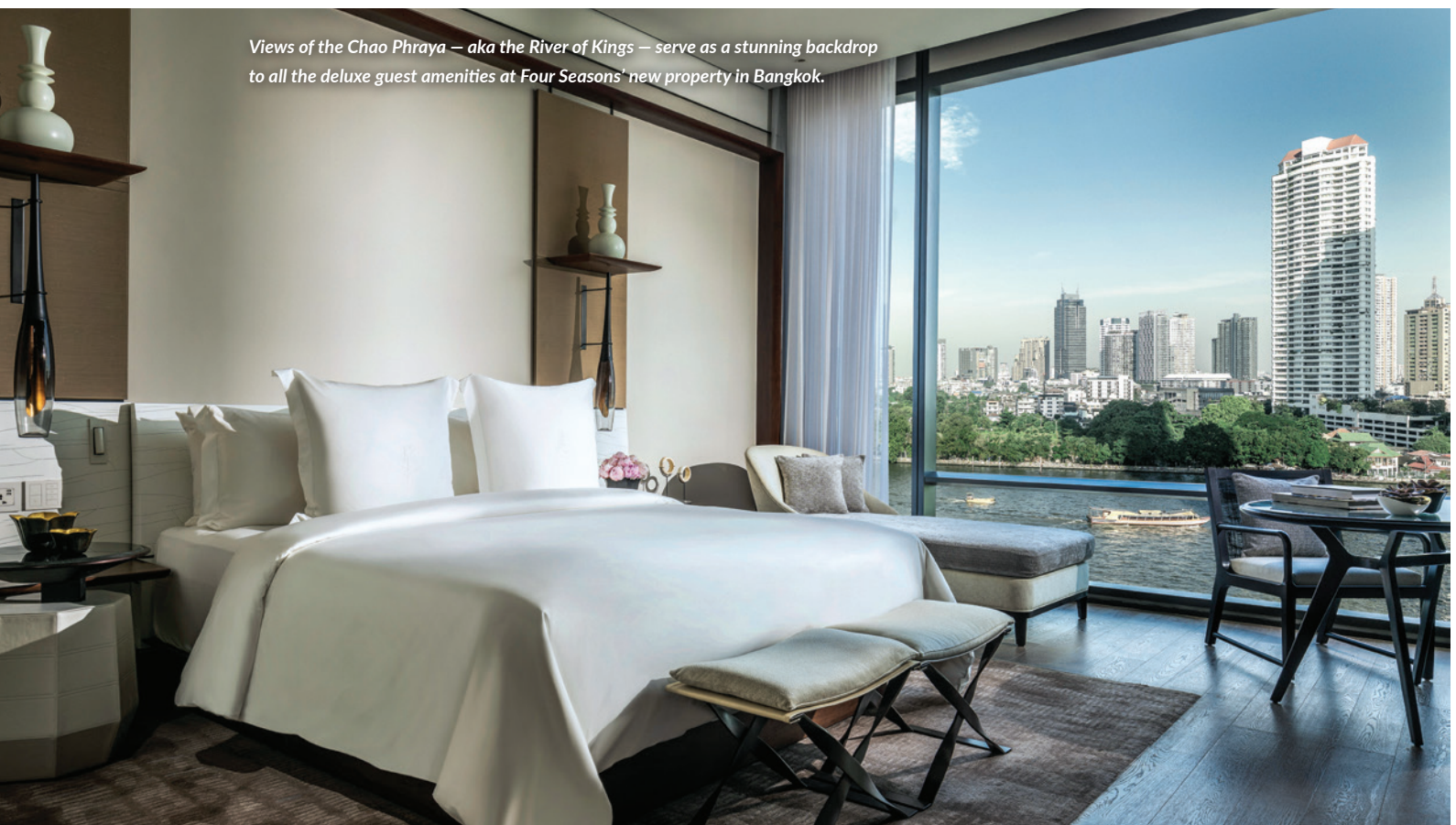
Hospitality *on the* Horizon

Luxury hotel openings are bringing the best to planners in 2020

While 2020's pipeline of new luxury hotels and resorts opening around the world holds hundreds of enticing candidates, these 25 merit special attention from meeting planners. They prove that when it comes to memorable meetings, the best is yet to come — from the super luxurious to the exotic, from historic forts to glittering palaces, from caviar lounges to jungle treehouses, and from subterranean jazz clubs to infinity pools on the roof. With some already open after debuts early in the year and others queued up for the months ahead, all 25 of these hotels promise to meet — and exceed — the expectations of planners and their groups. (*Opening dates and hotel details subject to change.*)

BY ANNETTE BURDEN

Views of the Chao Phraya — aka the River of Kings — serve as a stunning backdrop to all the deluxe guest amenities at Four Seasons' new property in Bangkok.





The slopeside Park Hyatt Niseko Hanazono provides easy access to Japan's Annupuri ranges, as well as nearly 4,000 square feet of dedicated event space.

ASIA

INDIA

Rajasthan

Six Senses Fort Barwara, India

OPENING Summer **ROOMS** 48 **MEETING SPACE** * **THE BUZZ** A 14th-century walled fort, lovingly restored on 5.5 acres once owned by the Rajasthani royal family, now features a Six Senses resort across from the Chauth ka Barwara Mandir temple. **THE PERKS** Destination spa and fitness center, two pools, classic and modern restaurants, and easy access to safari drives through Ranthambore National Park. **855.695.6693; sixsenses.com**

JAPAN

Hokkaido

Park Hyatt Niseko Hanazono

OPENING January **ROOMS** 180 **MEETING SPACE** 3,993 square feet **THE BUZZ** Park Hyatt's new ski-in/ski-out property is

at the heart of Hanazono, Japan's most popular deep-powder ski resort. **THE PERKS** Ski valets from early December to April; river sports, hiking, biking, and golf in summer; a spa with pool and health club; and 11 year-round food and beverage outlets featuring Michelin-starred chefs, robata, teppan, Italian, and Chinese specialties. **800.233.1234; parkhyattniseko.com**

THAILAND

Bangkok

Four Seasons Bangkok at Chao Phraya River

OPENING February **ROOMS** 299 **MEETING SPACE** 41,152 square feet **THE BUZZ** Master architect Jean-Michel Gathy's series of visually cascading buildings creates a shimmering urban sanctuary along the River of Kings. **THE PERKS** Infinity and lap pools, spa, fitness and wellness centers, private boat for canal tours, and seven food and beverage outlets orchestrated by Michelin-starred chef Andrea Accordi. **800.819.5053; fourseasons.com/bangkok**

ATLANTIC & CARIBBEAN

ARUBA

Radisson Blu Hotel and Residence Aruba

OPENING Spring **ROOMS** 208 **MEETING SPACE** 4,000 square feet **THE BUZZ** The Caribbean's first Radisson Blu makes its debut as a sparkling new high-rise in the coveted Palm Beach area. **THE PERKS** Spa, fitness center, two pools, and multi-bedroom suites complete with kitchens, washers, and dryers. **800.333.3333; radissonblu.com**



Housed in the 1912 Central Post & Telegraph Head Office, Villa Copenhagen offers unique group venues such as Square, which used to be the main mail distribution center.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Virgin Gorda

Rosewood Little Dix Bay

OPENING January **ROOMS** 80 **MEETING SPACE** 1,430 square feet **THE BUZZ** One of the planet's dreamiest eco-resorts — founded by Laurance Rockefeller in 1964 — reopens after a four-year, multimillion-dollar makeover. **THE PERKS** A half-mile of pristine beach, ocean sports, spa, pool, tennis, hiking, four dining outlets, and, for planners, outdoor venues that raise the available function space to more than 12,000 square feet. **888.767.3966;** rosewoodhotels.com/littledixbay

Five hundred acres of secluded beaches, oceanfront accommodations, Caribbean recreation, and unspoiled nature make Rosewood Little Dix Bay the perfect group getaway.



EUROPE

DENMARK

Copenhagen

Villa Copenhagen

OPENING April 1 **ROOMS** 390 **MEETING SPACE** 24,757 square feet **THE BUZZ** Scandinavian luxury unites past and present in a 1912 neo-baroque building, a former post office within steps of the central train station and Tivoli Gardens. **THE PERKS** Rooftop pool, pool bar, sauna, garden, gym, and five food and beverage options, including a brasserie, bakery, and courtyard café. **866.990.9491;** villacopenhagen.com

FRANCE

Versailles

Airelles Château de Versailles, Le Grand Contrôle

OPENING March **ROOMS** 14 **MEETING SPACE** * **THE BUZZ** Winner of 2020's Ultimate Incentive Award, this highly anticipated property occupies three wings of the palace at Versailles. **THE PERKS** An Alain Ducasse restaurant,

wellness center, indoor pool, and views of Louis XIV's Orangery, Hall of Mirrors, and more. 33(0).4501.00328; chateaudiversailles.airelles.com

SWITZERLAND

Basel

Mövenpick Hotel Basel

OPENING Summer **ROOMS** 264 **MEETING SPACE** 21,528 square feet **THE BUZZ** A prime location in the city center, next to the railway station, allows for easy access from across Europe to Mövenpick's new flagship. **THE PERKS** Timeless, modern interiors by Italy's Matteo Thun, a "smart" ballroom for up to 600 people, wellness facilities, and an open-kitchen brasserie with tastes from France, Germany, Asia, and Latin America. 844.382.2267; movenpick.com

LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

Mexico City

The Ritz-Carlton, Mexico City

OPENING Summer **ROOMS** 153 **MEETING SPACE** * **THE BUZZ** Guests take in striking views of Chapultepec Park from floors 36 to 47 of a new 58-story skyscraper at the corner of Paseo de la Reforma and Circuito Interior — the very epicenter of Mexican commerce and culture. **THE PERKS** Spa, pool, fitness studio, and Mediterranean-inspired bar and restaurant. 800.542.8680; ritzcarlton.com/mexico-city

Riviera Nayarit

Conrad Punta de Mita

OPENING May 5 **ROOMS** 324 **MEETING SPACE** More than 13,000 square feet **THE BUZZ** A multimillion-dollar transformation turns La Tranquila Resort into a Conrad and expands Hilton's presence on the Pacific coast of Mexico. **THE PERKS** Two-mile beach,



A Mediterranean-inspired bar and restaurant, a spa, and a pool are among the features of The Ritz-Carlton, Mexico City, opening this summer.

ocean sports, three pools, spa, zip-lining, hiking, horseback riding, tennis, seven bars and restaurants, and cooking and mixology classes — all next to 18 holes of championship golf. 800.266.7237; conradpuntademita.com

One&Only Mandarin

OPENING June 1 **ROOMS** 104 **MEETING SPACE** * **THE BUZZ** Set on a beachfront cliff, a new One&Only resort launches Mandarin, a billion-dollar lifestyle community near Punta Mita. **THE PERKS** Treehouse and villa accommodations, private pools and butlers, casual and fine-dining restaurants, spa, beach club, infinity and kid-friendly pools, ocean sports, Adventure Playground with climbing and zip lines, polo and equestrian club, and an extensive trail system for walking, cycling, and horseback riding. 866.552.0001; oneandonlyresorts.com/mandarina



The Ocean Cliff Villas at One&Only Mandarin in Riviera Nayarit, Mexico, offer private plunge pools that overlook the Pacific Ocean through the lush rainforest.

* To be announced



Architect Michael Graves' inspirational, luxurious design permeates The St. Regis Cairo, which is set along the Nile in the Egyptian capital.

MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT

Cairo

The St. Regis Cairo

OPENING March **ROOMS** 366 **MEETING SPACE** 17,254 square feet **THE BUZZ** Surrounded by unprecedented views of the Nile and Old Cairo, architect Michael Graves' seven-story podium and two towers stand front and center on Cairo's Corniche. **THE PERKS** Indoor and outdoor pools, spa, and six bars and eateries, with everything from Sicilian-Arabian delicacies to Singaporean cuisine. 800.542.8680; stregis.com

The Royal Atlantis Resort & Residences is an attention-grabbing addition to The Palm in Dubai, adjacent to Atlantis' existing resort on the crescent-shaped island.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Dubai

The Royal Atlantis Resort & Residences

OPENING Fourth quarter **ROOMS** 795

MEETING SPACE * **THE BUZZ** An investment of six years and \$1.4 billion is opening the Royal Atlantis next to its sister property — Atlantis, The Palm — on the man-made isle of Palm Jumeirah. **THE PERKS** Three lobby aquariums, including the world's largest for jellyfish; 90 pools, including the 22nd-floor Sky Pool; spa with traditional hammam; fitness facilities; and 13 restaurants, more than half led by celebrity chefs. 800.285.2684; theroyalatlantisresidences.com

UNITED STATES

ARIZONA

Paradise Valley

The Ritz-Carlton, Paradise Valley

OPENING Summer **ROOMS** 215 **MEETING SPACE** 20,000 square feet **THE BUZZ** Paradise Valley's long-awaited Ritz-Carlton brings its gold standard of hospitality to the heart of a new \$2 billion, 122-acre master-planned community. **THE PERKS** Desert-themed spa, fitness center, pools, restaurants that incorporate property-grown produce, and generous outdoor venues backed by Mummy, McDowell, and Camelback mountains. 800.542.8680; ritzcarlton.com

CALIFORNIA

Anaheim

JW Marriott, Anaheim Resort

OPENING April **ROOMS** 466 **MEETING SPACE** 40,659 square feet **THE BUZZ** Marriott adds a luxury resort to its footprint near the Disneyland Resort and Anaheim Convention Center. **THE PERKS** Pool, fitness center, yoga

* To be announced



The main pool at The Ritz-Carlton, Paradise Valley in Arizona is nearly 400 feet long, surrounded by beautiful landscaping, comfortable loungers, and mountain views.

retreat, children's program, signature restaurant, and the area's highest rooftop lounge, with spectacular views of Disney fireworks. **800.831.4004;** jwmarriottanaheimresort.com

Palm Springs

Andaz Palm Springs

OPENING Fourth quarter **ROOMS** 150

MEETING SPACE 7,000 square feet

THE BUZZ The city's downtown district gets a trendy new hotel with an upscale village feel near the convention center.

THE PERKS Two pools, spa, fitness center, South American-inspired restaurant, and an elevated terrace with wraparound views of the urban scene and San Jacinto Mountains. **800.233.1234;** andazpalmsprings.com

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington

Thompson Washington D.C.

OPENING January **ROOMS** 225 **MEETING SPACE** 7,000 square feet **THE BUZZ** A

quick mile and a half — or two Metro stops — from the U.S. Capitol, the Thompson mirrors its newly trendy neighborhood with industrial Navy Yard patterns and textures. **THE PERKS** Views of the Nationals Park stadium or Anacostia River, fitness center, rooftop and lobby bars, and Maialino Mare restaurant, scion of the celebrated Maialino in New York City. **800.233.1234;** thompsonwashingtondc.com



Scheduled to open later this year, Andaz Palm Springs has its own event studios and terrace, as well as a convenient downtown location close to the convention center.



A new hotel concept designed for music fans, Reverb by Hard Rock Downtown Atlanta encourages collaboration with plenty of coworking space in the lobby.

FLORIDA

Key West

Kimpton Key West

OPENING First quarter **ROOMS** 219

MEETING SPACE * THE BUZZ Five separate locations open as a hotel collection under the Kimpton flag in Old Town Key West, each with its own story and stay experience. **THE PERKS** Kimpton's signature heartfelt hospitality in the midst of Key West's signature music, shopping, sightseeing, sailing, sport fishing, and more. 800.546.7866; kimptonkeywest.com

GEORGIA

Atlanta

Reverb by Hard Rock Downtown Atlanta

OPENING Summer **ROOMS** 197 **MEETING**

SPACE * THE BUZZ Hard Rock's first hotel under the new Reverb brand aims to deliver a music-centric experience for a new generation of fans. **THE PERKS** Lobby sound booths, fitness center, rooftop bar,

SLS Lux Washington, D.C.

OPENING Fourth quarter **ROOMS** 175 **MEETING SPACE** More than 5,000 square feet **THE BUZZ** Los Angeles-based sbe brings its ultra-luxury touch to a sparkling new 12-story building in Mount Vernon Triangle, a vibrant neighborhood in Washington's northwest quadrant. **THE PERKS** Gym, spa, rooftop pool and terrace, and restaurant by the great visionary chef and restaurateur José Andrés. 844.382.2267; slshotels.com

At the Hyatt Regency Portland at the Oregon Convention Center, groups find two ballrooms, a number of smaller venues, and 600 modern guest rooms.





Terrace 54 Bar + Table is just one part of The Westin Houston Medical Center that incorporates natural elements with the building's original midcentury style.

smart technology, and direct access to sports and concerts at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. 888.519.6683; reverbhotels.com

ILLINOIS

Chicago

Nobu Hotel Chicago

OPENING Spring **ROOMS** 115 **MEETING SPACE** 3,245 square feet **THE BUZZ** Nobu Hotels brings its inimitable blend of Western comfort and minimalist Japanese tradition to the Windy City. **THE PERKS** Indoor pool, fitness center, signature restaurant, sushi bar, and, facing Randolph Street's Restaurant Row, an indoor/outdoor foodie heaven on the roof. 312.584.6649; chicago.nobuhotels.com

NEW YORK

New York

Six Senses New York

OPENING September **ROOMS** 137 **MEETING SPACE** * **THE BUZZ** One of New York's most extensive wellness retreats opens in the XI, architect Bjarke Ingels' new twisting towers that allow for views of both the High Line and Hudson River. **THE PERKS** Spa, fitness center, two restaurants, and indoor and rooftop pools. 855.695.6693; sixsenses.com

OREGON

Portland

Hyatt Regency Portland at the Oregon Convention Center

OPENING January **ROOMS** 600 **MEETING SPACE** 39,000 square feet **THE BUZZ** A brand-new, \$224 million, amenity-rich Hyatt Regency redefines the luxury end of Portland's convention possibilities. **THE PERKS** Fusion barbecue restaurant, lobby lounge, fitness center, and quick access to miles of paved trails alongside the Willamette River. 800.233.1234; hyattregency.com

TENNESSEE

Nashville

Grand Hyatt Nashville

OPENING November **ROOMS** 591 **MEETING SPACE** 77,000 square feet **THE BUZZ** Twenty-four stories of floor-to-ceiling windows form a new gateway to downtown Nashville, surrounded by a billion dollars' worth of developments at Nashville Yards. **THE PERKS** Signature restaurant, rooftop lounge, spa, fitness center, and fifth-floor pool deck — all within walking distance of the Music City Center convention complex and Country Music Hall of Fame. 800.233.1234; grandhyattnashville.com

TEXAS

Houston

The Westin Houston Medical Center

OPENING Feb. 3 **ROOMS** 273 **MEETING SPACE** 17,000 square feet **THE BUZZ** Westin takes over the historic Medical Towers Building, a landmark of midcentury minimalist design at the Texas Medical Center. **THE PERKS** Signature bar and restaurant, resort-style rooftop pool, fitness center, terraces facing the Museum District and Rice University, plus nearly a dozen fast-casual restaurants at street level. 800.937.8461; westinhoustonmedicalcenter.com