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ARTFUL LODGER

From a Turkish paradise with pool, pontoon and private beach to a storied sporting affair in Chicago, this month's best new hotel openings



4: The number of stages it takes bespoke carpet and textile brand Vanderhurd to make one 'Hexstar'-print bed cushion

100: Porcelain dolls on display in the hotel

5: Victorian townhouses on Pembridge Gardens that make up The Laslett

Carnival queen

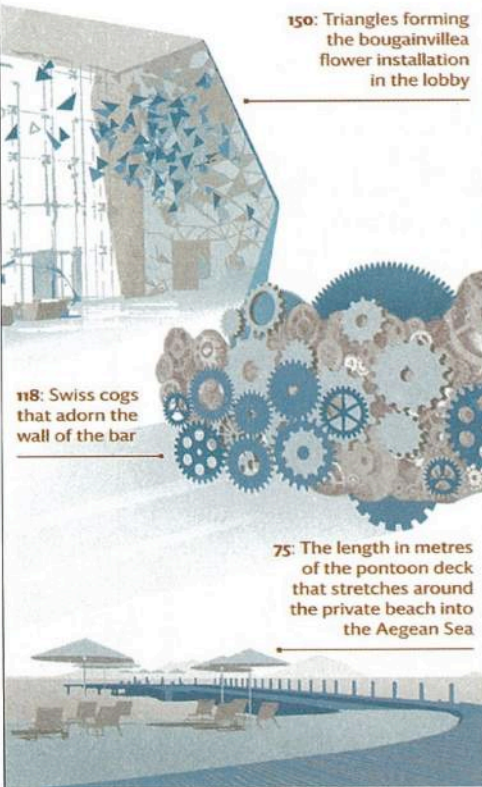
THE LASLETT, LONDON

Spanning five Victorian townhouses in Notting Hill, the 51-room Laslett hotel is heavily influenced by the now-distant bohemian heritage of its West London neighbourhood. Taking its name from Rhaune Laslett, the organiser of the original Notting Hill Carnival, the hotel is a collaboration between Living Rooms, a specialist in luxury serviced residences, and interior design firm Waldo Works, which incorporated curios from local antique dealers with furnishings by British brand Race Furniture and design studio Pinch. At the Henderson bar and coffee shop, celebrated local chef Sally Clarke provides her signature food (the first time her dishes have been available outside of her eponymous restaurant). There is also a library lounge filled with design books and an art wall showcasing emerging artists, while a concept store offers candles, leather accessories, clothes and jewellery made in collaboration with independent London brands. **Ella Marshall**
8 Pembridge Gardens, W2, tel: 44.20 7792 6688, thelaslett.co.uk. Rates: from £215

On the waterfront

SWISSÔTEL RESORT, BODRUM BEACH

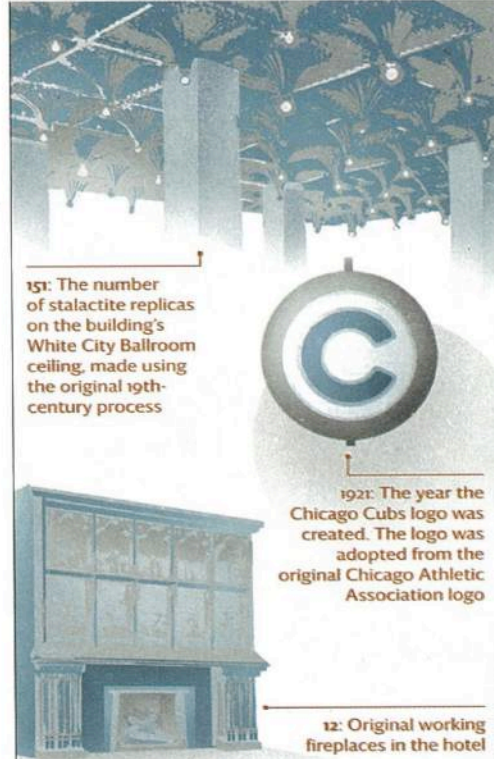
Further cementing Bodrum's growing reputation as an exclusive Mediterranean hotspot, this hotel, the fourth in the Zurich brand's Turkish expansion, takes its visual cues from its lush surroundings. A vertical garden, by architect Gökhan Avcioğlu, creates a natural facade, fusing the hotel's sweeping lines with the nearby hills, while interior designer Irmak Çağlar references its waterfront location with Brazilian blue onyx and solid hardwoods. The brand's Swiss heritage surfaces via an intricate cogwheel artwork in the lobby and continues into the spa, which provides alpine treatments, as well as a traditional hammam and sauna. A private beach offers a wealth of watersport activities, and there are indoor and outdoor pools for laps and lounging, but you're just as likely to find us on the pontoon deck with a waterpipe, or up on the rooftop terrace with a tippie, watching the sun sink below the horizon. **David Paw**
Turgutreis Mahallesi, Gazi Mustafa Kemal Bulvarı 42, tel: 90.212 326 8069, swissotel.com. Rates: from €145



150: Triangles forming the bougainvillea flower installation in the lobby

118: Swiss cogs that adorn the wall of the bar

75: The length in metres of the pontoon deck that stretches around the private beach into the Aegean Sea



151: The number of stalactite replicas on the building's White City Ballroom ceiling, made using the original 19th-century process

1921: The year the Chicago Cubs logo was created. The logo was adopted from the original Chicago Athletic Association logo

12: Original working fireplaces in the hotel

Good sport

CHICAGO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Chicago is a city well known for its love of sport. In fact, in 1890, a string of local influential sports and business families, from the Spaldings to the Wrigleys, came together to form the Chicago Athletic Association, which became a hub for the Chicagoan elite and one of America's most revered social clubs. Now, the landmark Henry Ives Cobb-designed building, which closed its doors back in 2007, reopens as a 241-room hotel. Restored by local architects Hartshorne Plunkard and New York-based design team Roman and Williams, the property – part of John Pritzker's Commune Hotels + Resorts collection – is a tribute to the club's storied past, retaining many of its original details, from the Venetian Gothic facade and stained glass windows to the grand ballroom and marble staircases. With a rooftop bar, food concepts that include restaurateur Danny Meyer's Shake Shack, and an interactive game room, Chicago's newest hotel is on track to become the social hub it once was. **Pei-Ru Keh**
12 South Michigan Avenue, tel: 1.312 940 3552, chicgoathleticotel.com. Rates: from \$339