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Our Review

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How did it strike you on arrival?
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Nice. What’s the crowd like?
Self-assured, not self-important.

The good stuff. Tell us about your room.
Modern décor and a neutral color scheme, with lots of white accents, gives the rooms an unfussy but inviting vibe.

We’re craving some deep, restorative sleep. They got us?
The bed, with crisp piping on the linen cover and pillowcases, feels like a buoyant raft in the neutral room.

How about the little things, like mini bar, or shower goodies. Any of that find its way into your suitcase?
Nice bi-level nightstands, with a small stack of books for when counting sheep isn’t working.
Please tell us the bathroom won't let us down.
Notable luxuries include plush La Bottega bathrobes and amenities by Jonathan Adler.

Anything stand out about other services and features? Whether it’s childcare, gyms, spas, even parking—whatever stuck with you.
New fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment. Nice, intimate lobby lounge for small tête-à-têtes. Its restaurant 20 East is open all day long, with a crowd-pleasing American menu and frosty cocktails—and complimentary beer and wine for guests.

What was most memorable—or heartbreaking—about your stay?
The intimate lobby lounge is a great place for that first cocktail of the evening.

Bottom line: worth it, and why?
Not only won’t you need a car here, you won’t need Uber. Great locale for exploring downtown and an intimate retreat to return to.