



# Time to soar

New luxury hotels commonly open to huge fanfare and endless bookings to get off the ground. COVID-19 put a stop to that from March 2020 but, now the world is opening up again, four 5-star retreats in-particular are ready to take off into 2021

## Sensei Lanai Four Seasons Resort

Opened in November 2019, this Four Seasons Resort had a glorious four months in the sun before having to close – but now this elegant, relaxing Hawaiian oasis is ready to debut once more. Four Seasons' first ever adult-only wellness retreat comes complete with a brand new dining concept from Nobu – as part of the fully immersive retreat designed for each guest. The property offers tranquility and luxury set amid rolling hills and tropical greenery. On arrival, guests meet Sensei guides who use an evidence-led approach to

wellbeing to help guests fuel their passions through classes, adventures, treatments and nutritious foods. The extensive wellness facility features ten private spas and public spaces dotted with commissioned works of art.

Both guests who have come to relax, and those with specific wellness goals in mind, will find activities, from private and group fitness classes, to dips in the onsen-style baths, or the outdoor pool, spa treatments, lectures, nutrition and cooking classes, ziplining, rope course challenges, or a round on the 18-hole short golf course.

The new dining concept, Sensei by Nobu, provides clean and delicious food, sourced locally and sustainably. Menus have been designed by world-renowned Japanese Chef Nobu Matsuhisa and his team, in close collaboration with Sensei nutritionists' science-driven approach to diet within the context of full-body health. From Lanaian venison medallions to black cod marinated in Nobu sweet soy bean paste, and wholewheat pancakes topped with local fruits, there is a veritable feast of goodness – within Sensei guidelines, of course.

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## One&Only Portonovi

One&Only's first hotel in Europe – on the Adriatic shores of Montenegro's Portonovi – will begin to welcome guests from 21 March 2021. The resort boasts a first-of-its-kind Chenot Espace wellness concept, combining wellbeing and food with a focus on wellness from Giorgio Locatelli at Sabia.

One&Only Portonovi sits at the entrance of the wild and beautiful Boka Bay, surrounded by spectacular mountains – the nautical playground is adjacent to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Kotor, and a 238-berth superyacht marina and helipad.

The hotel is designed to reflect the architectural style of the old Venetian palaces of the region, including grand facades, red terracotta roofs,

**Above: The ultimate in rest and recuperation at the Sensei Lanai Four Seasons retreat where the food is taken as seriously as the relaxation and play**



gardens and indoor and outdoor pools, complete with a private sandy beach.

In addition to two secluded expansive villas, One&Only Portonovi's Suite One is a one-bedroom presidential suite with a private wine cellar (which guests can choose to stock with their personal selection from 268 local and European bottles), an outdoor dining area seating up to 12 people with sublime views of the mountains and bay, indoor and outdoor

fireplaces and a separate entrance for the butler.

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## Fullerton Hotel Sydney

Luxury five-star The Fullerton Hotel Sydney officially opened its doors on 18 October 2019 in the heart of Sydney's bustling Central Business District, housed in the iconic former General Post Office (GPO) building at No. 1 Martin Place. The opening marked the first international expansion of The Fullerton Hotels

**Left: The famous former GPO at No.1 Martin Place in Sydney is now a luxury five-star Fullerton Hotel Below: Just a stone's throw from the design, fashion, art and heritage hubs, boutique hotel ME Dubai is the cultural epicentre of the city, complete with incredible views**

## ME by Melia Dubai

Designed by the late, world-renowned architect, Dame Zaha Hadid, ME Dubai opened its doors on 1 March 2020 in The Opus by Omniyat building, located in the heart of Dubai's Burj Khalifa district.

Hadid was famous for her intensely futuristic architecture, characterised by curves, sharp angles and bold materials, and the ME Dubai hotel is no exception. This is the first and last hotel where the Iraqi-British architect has designed both the exterior and interior of a hotel.

The hotel itself boasts 74 rooms and 19 suites (including the Passion Suite, Personality Suite, Vibe Room and the ultra-luxurious 'ME Suite').

The property aims to raise the bar on sustainable practices for hotel operations in Dubai, in line with the UAE's Vision 2021 to be among the world's leading countries prioritising evolving sustainable development, while preserving the environment.

Initiatives being introduced across the hotel's operations include a partnership with UAE-based company, *No More Bottles* to install world-class drinking water filtration systems throughout the hotel.

All rooms will be stocked with pure, filtered water in glass bottles, demonstrating ME Dubai's commitment to being entirely plastic-free and reducing its carbon footprint.

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