



AMSTERDAM Waldorf Astoria

Six Golden Age canal houses, where grand merchants resided in the 17th century, serve as the backbone of this "five-star" stunner with 93 spacious rooms and suites and awing views of the canal and courtyard garden. Personal concierge service, Guerlain Spa, Vault Bar (a one-time bank) and a winning central location are among its many highlights. 542-556.31.020.7184600. waldorfastoria3.hilton.com

ATLANTA Aloft

At last, Starwood's affordably-luxe gem, known for its stylish rooms, free WiFi, W XYZ bar and other modern comforts, is now a Peach. Conveniently located near the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, King Center, Philips Arena, Georgia Dome, Centennial Olympic Park, restos BLT Steak and Alma Cocina, sports bar Stats and more, there's lots to see and do whether walking, taking MARTA or driving. 300 Spring St. NW. 678.515.0300. starwoodhotels.com/alofthotels

VIENNA **Meliá**

Spread across 18 floors of the 58-story Danube City Tower, Austria's tallest skyscraper, near the Danube River and just a 20-minute car ride from the airport, with 253 guestrooms, including 14 design suites and a stunning Presidential Suite with spectacular 180-degree panoramic views. 57 is the highestrestaurant in the country (thus awe-inspiring views) plus the underground station next to the hotel hits the city's historical center in a mere eight minutes. Donau-City-Strabe 7. 0043.0.190104. melia.com

EAT & DRINK

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Foodgasms come courtesy of Chef Marc Hennessy, while innovative cocktails like the cucumber stiletto amp up the vibe, as the nation's capita, in high-energy Dupont Circle, finally jumps on the sexy steakhouse bandwagon. 1250 Connecticut Ave. 202.296.1880. togrp.com/washington-dc



CHICAGO

Tanta— Rooftop Lounge

Just approaching a year old, the celebrated Peruvian culinary firebrand has upped the ante with the introduction of its 120-seat rooftop lounge specializing in pisco cocktails (the country's national drink) and ceviche. 118 W. Grand Ave. 312.222.9700. tantachicago.com

CHARLOTTE Fahrenheit

New American cuisine, enhanced by extensive wine, cocktail and beer selections, is proving to be a winning focus for Wolfgang Puck mentee Rocco Whalen's ambitious expansion of his Cleveland signature atop the Skye Condos. Awesome Queen City views don't hurt either. 222 S. Caldwell St. 980.237.6718. chefroccowhalen.com/fahrenheit-

DETROIT The Zenith

charlotte

"Mexican-Southern fusion" is how owners Melissa and Robert Jasper, Beantown transplants, describe their affordable mash-ups that include the J Dilla Burrito, with fried catfish, greens and a spicy tartar sauce. Housed on the first floor of the iconic Fisher Building, the décor is as adventurous as the food. 3011 W. Grand Blvd. 313.972.1135. thezenithatthefisher.com

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