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### MODERN LOVE

#### HOTEL DE LA PAIX, SIEM REAP

The team responsible for Bangkok's *Bed Supperclub* and acclaimed landscape architect Bill Bensley have collaborated on this Cambodian hotel, which hints at Colonial-era elegance, yet is a hymn to modernity. The lobby rotates art exhibits through a modern space with amorphous, water hyacinth-inspired furniture, while the rooms sport terrazzo bathtubs and iPods. **RM** Sivutha Boulevard, Siem Reap, tel: 855.63 966 000, [www.hoteldelapaixangkor.com](http://www.hoteldelapaixangkor.com). Room rate: from \$360



### PARADISE PLACE

#### RON ROOZEN'S PLACE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This three-bedroom architectural masterpiece in Margaret River, designed by Sydney architect Dale Jones-Evans, has amazing ocean views from every room and five-star service, including a gourmet chef on call and an in-house masseuse. **Carrie Hutchinson** Chapel Place, Prevelly, WA, tel: 61.408 918 896, [www.ronroozen.com.au](http://www.ronroozen.com.au). Room rate: from A\$400 (\$295)



### PLEASURE DOME

#### HESPERIA TOWER HOTEL, BARCELONA

The 105m-high Richard Rogers-designed Hesperia hotel (W\*83) has finally opened, and it features five-star amenities, including three types of high-speed internet connection, pillow menus and flatscreen TVs. The tower's glass dome houses Michelin-starred chef Santi Santamaria's panoramic *Evo* restaurant. **JB** Mare de Déu de Bellvitge 1, Barcelona, tel: 34.93 413 5000, [www.hesperia-tower.com](http://www.hesperia-tower.com). Room rate: from €128

### SWANKY HO

#### HOTEL VALLEY HO, ARIZONA

A favourite with Hollywood stars during the 1950s, the midcentury modern Hotel Valley Ho has recently been restored after decades of neglect. Local architects Allen + Philp and designers Cole Martinez Curtis have spruced up the rooms with exposed brick, glass walls and vintage furniture. The wraparound bar features an authentic soda fountain, while the perfectly round pool is the place to people watch. **Carole Dixon** 6850 E Main Street, Scottsdale, Arizona, tel: 1.480 248 2000, [www.hotelvalleyho.com](http://www.hotelvalleyho.com). Room rate: from \$199

### ON SAFARI IN NAMIBIA

Namibia has a crop of dramatic new safari lodges. **Wilderness Safaris** ([www.wilderness-safaris.com](http://www.wilderness-safaris.com)) launched the elegant *Doro Nawas* camp last year; **Wolwedans** ([www.wolwedans.com](http://www.wolwedans.com)) is adding a new luxury tented outpost; and the ultra-modern **Onguma Plains Camp** ([www.ongumanamibia.com](http://www.ongumanamibia.com)) will open at the end of this year. *Gisela Williams*

