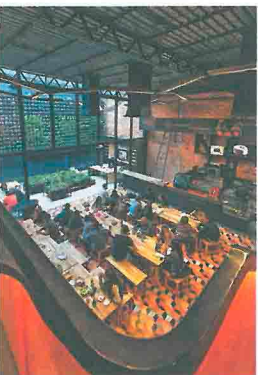


## Beyond the lobby group Global

### Preface

With understated design, baroque excess or tranquil calm, hospitable new spots and shops around the world are extending the concept of what it means to welcome their guests, whether for a long stay or just a few hours.



### Mercado Roma

#### Mexico City

This summer, local architect Michel Rojkind converted a 1960s bar into Mexico City's newest covered market. Over 50 food stalls and restaurants, owned by independent retailers and international chefs including Basque cook Pablo San Román and Mexican Ricardo Muñoz Zurita, sit beside artisanal shops. Downstairs there are taco and ceviche plates, wagyu beef, Mexican cheeses and charcuteries alongside

fresh vegetables and a colourful spice market. The orange, cream and black-tiled floors also house a chic piano bar and a lively – if slightly incongruous – rooftop Biergarten. — *AVF*  
*Querétaro 225, Colonia.*

### Three must sees

#### 01 Azul Antojo

Mexican chef Ricardo Muñoz Zurita's Azul offers sharing plates including tostadas of juicy slow-roasted Yucatán pork, marinated Oaxaca chicken and corn tamales. [azulrestaurantes.com](http://azulrestaurantes.com)

#### 02 Metro Huerto

This stall selling freshly grown produce and decorative plants, gardening tools and seeds also offers workshops on sustainable city farming. [metrohuerto.com](http://metrohuerto.com)

#### 03 Melody Nelson

Framed by stone walls and sloping diagonal ceilings, live acts perform every night at this two-storey piano bar. [melodynelsonbar.com](http://melodynelsonbar.com)

### My Cup of Tea London

My Cup of Tea has sold an exotic selection of blends and tisanes (plant-based infusions) since 2008. Visiting its new ground-floor space at the recently opened Ham Yard Hotel is as warm an experience as enjoying one of the company's refreshing tipples. Architect Woods Bagot worked with founder Ausra Burg (pictured, on left) and Lithuanian designer Jovita Pipiraite to create a traditional tea bar, over which the company's changing range of about 50 teas and blends are served from 1900s French Herboristerie caddies.

"In September, we'll introduce complimentary tastings and a range of confectionery from Italy," says Burg. — *JAF*  
[mycupoftea.co.uk](http://mycupoftea.co.uk)



### The Peninsula Paris Paris

Opened this August, the Peninsula Paris is the venerable Hong Kong-based hotelier's first foray into European territory. The elegant 200-room venture – just a stone's throw from the Champs-Élysées – offers stunning rooftop views over the smart 16th arrondissement. Inside there are six restaurants in which to enjoy anything from the Peninsula's signature Cantonese delicacies to light bites on one of the largest terraces in Paris.

Despite the 100-year-old façade, you will find that the spacious rooms are as contemporary as they come and handy in-room controls cater to guests' every whim. — *JCH*  
[peninsula.com](http://peninsula.com)



### Park Hyatt NYC

#### New York

The Park Hyatt's recently opened New York space is the new flagship hotel for one of the world's best-known hospitality brands. Located in a 90-storey Midtown skyscraper, its 210 rooms and 92 suites are among the most generous in the city. Pritzker Prize-winning architect Christian de Portzamparc designed the hotel, which is adorned with modern interiors by Toronto-based duo Yabu Pushelberg. Other highlights include an elegant ballroom with illuminated white onyx walls and, for those seeking sanctuary, a state-of-the-art spa on the 25th floor offers a poolside view of nearby Central Park. — *MB*  
[newyork.park.hyatt.com](http://newyork.park.hyatt.com)

