READER'S CHOICE AWARDS







1 Hotel South Beach, Miami, FL

Despite its size–426 rooms and suites–1 Hotel South Beach feels especially low-key for Miami's Mid-Beach stretch. That owes in large part to the recycled and repurposed natural materials (check out the rough hewn oak platforms that cradle the beds in some rooms), preserved moss, petrified branches, and driftwood lighting that feel apart from the glitz-and-glam of South Beach excess. Don't linger too long on all the Zen, though: You won't want to miss the hotel's lounger-lined, adults-only, rooftop swimming pool, though it's pretty tough to miss a 110-foot pool.



1 Hotel Central Park

This 229-room, eco-conscious hotel is the highest debut in this year's Readers' Choice Awards. Designed by AvroKO group and Kemper Hyers, rooms come with stylish reclaimed-wood furniture, recycled cardboard hangers in the closet, hemp Keetsa mattresses topped with organic cotton sheets, and a Google Nexus tablet that tracks your carbon footprint. The clever details don't end there, either: The floor in the fitness center is actually the old University of Wisconsin basketball court; restrooms feature moss growing on the ceilings; and even the hotel's three-story living-wall exterior is composed of recycled materials and helps to conserve water.



1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge

The 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge, an ultra-green property overlooking the re-imagined Brooklyn Bridge Park in Dumbo, is the second 1 Hotel property to make it into the Reader's Choice Awards this year. Rooms are filled with nods to the neighborhood's industrial roots: wire-mesh headboards, reclaimed wooden floors and hemp Keetsa mattresses topped with organic cotton sheets. Head up to 1 Rooftop for unparalleled views of the skyline, artisanal cocktails, and-weather permitting-a quick dip in the L-shaped, rooftop plunge pool.



Baccarat Hotel & Residences -New York

All that glitters is glass-or, more specifically, Baccarat crystal-at this hotel overlooking the Museum of Modern Art. As expected, the Baccarat Hotel & Residences is bejeweled in crystal creations by the celebrated French glassware company, from its Grand Salon to the 114 Gilles et Boissier-designed guest rooms, all of which feature Jouffre silk-covered walls and white marble bathrooms stocked with La Mer products.