

THE HOT LIST 2016

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With its edgy urban location and bonsai version of minimalism, this is one of the most fascinating hotels to have opened in Hong Kong in years. At first, it's a bit of a puzzle, as it's set on a workaday street just east of Victoria Park and has no sign outside. Inside, the moodily dark first-floor lobby is almost entirely taken up by a brass-topped reception desk that could double as an altar. Upstairs, the 66 bedrooms are stacked up Jenga-like with no more than three per floor, their bare concrete or wooden walls untroubled by anything as intrusive as an artwork. But the roomy bathrooms are marble, the mini-bars are loaded with Dutch craft beer, and there a portable smartphone for free calls to the UK (and four other countries). The ground-floor SILVER ROOM restaurant is hidden behind black steel folding doors, and does a particularly good poached Spanish mackerel with Japanese clams. It's only open for lunch and dinner: for breakfast, venture out for excellent dim sum at the nearby Royal Legend, home-made yogurt at the SillyBoo Cafe, or grab a takeaway from Violet Cake Shop, where the piquant raisin buns are baked on the premises.

