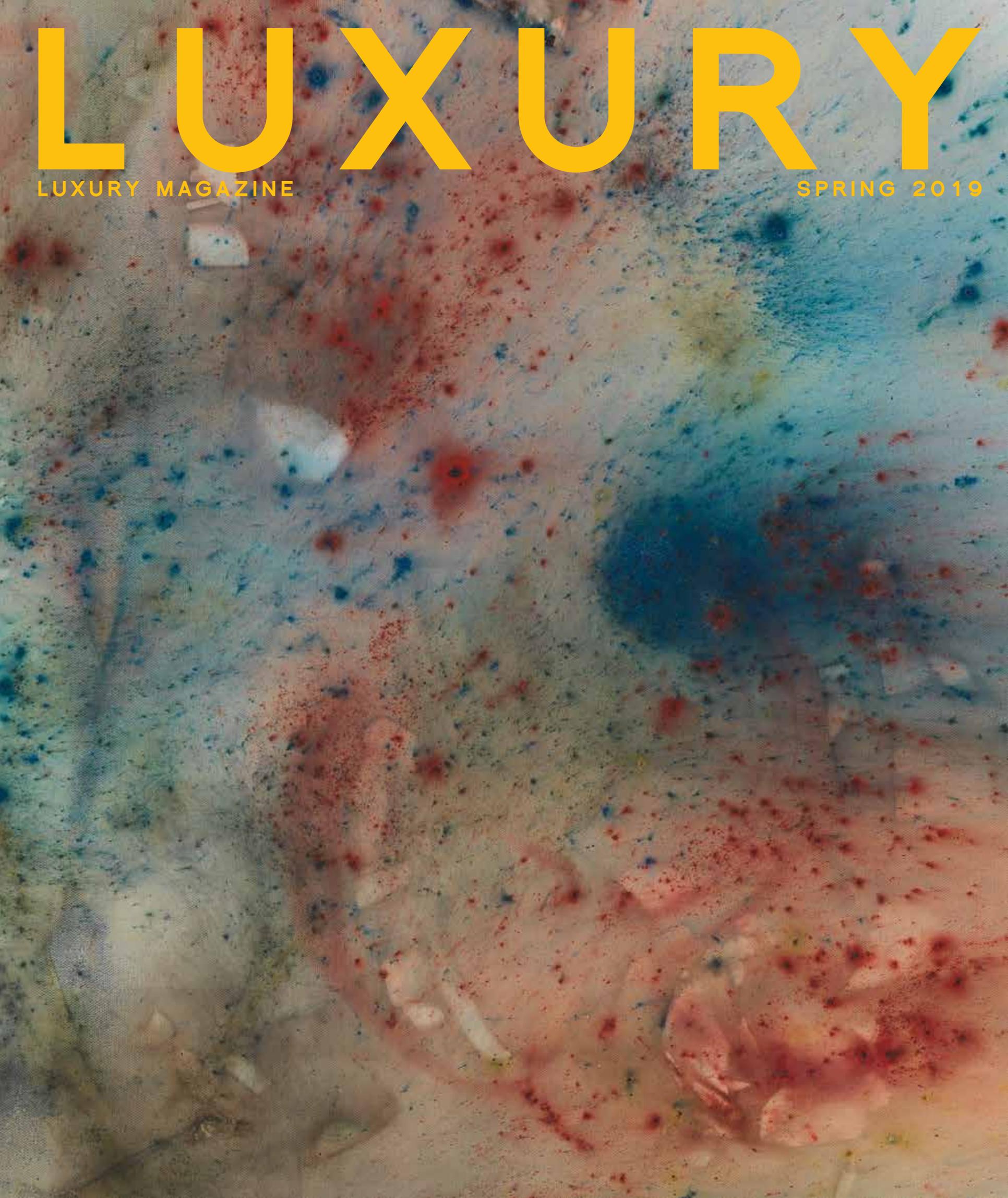


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Hotels



Design-forward, art-filled, and on the south bank of the Thames, **Bankside Hotel** (above) is close to the Tate Modern and the National Theatre. The six-story glass building has 161 rooms and suites, gallery-like art installations, stylish furnishings, and an emphasis on sustainability. From \$375. banksidehotel.com

A Victorian coaching inn, the **Fife Arms** got a dramatic makeover by Iwan and Manuela Wirth, the owners of art powerhouse Hauser & Wirth. The 46 rooms are filled with newly commissioned and traditional art; a spa offers treatments inspired by the Scottish Highlands; a knowledgeable ghillie helps guests fly fish the local rivers. From \$390. thefifearms.com

MAGNIFICENT MAKEOVERS

The Ritz-Carlton, Central Park has a new look—rooms and suites thoughtfully transformed to feel like a fashionable private home. The refreshed Club Lounge has a dedicated concierge and unparalleled Central Park views. ritzcarlton.com

Hotel de Paris Monte-Carlo reveals a \$280 million, four-year renovation complete with white marble floors, sleek wood furniture, Louis XVI-style pieces, bronze fabrics, and Murano glass chandeliers. Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace suites have extensive terraces and outdoor pools (the sun always shines in Monaco). montecarlosbm.com

Set in 18 acres of tropical gardens, Vietnam's **Anantara Quy Nhon** offers one- or two-bedroom villas with an infinity pool, a well-stocked wine cellar, and their own butler. Restaurants celebrate local seafood; a spa offers massage and mindfulness in an indoor-outdoor setting. From \$425. anantara.com

Six Senses arrived in the kingdom of Bhutan last year with five distinct lodges (82 suites) located in the country's most scenic valleys (below). Each lodge offers a unique journey to ancient temples and sacred sites. In Punakha, experience guided meditation while looking across the deep Thimphu Valley to the 170-foot-tall Buddha Dordenma statue. From \$1,385/night, all-inclusive. sixsenses.com



Ian Schrager's sleek brand launched a second New York City hotel—**The Times Square EDITION**—452 rooms and suites, a sprawling fitness center, and a John Fraser-helmed restaurant that includes a 5,800-square-foot beer garden overlooking Times Square. From \$270. editionhotels.com

A former mail-sorting center, **Brach Paris** was redesigned by Philippe Starck as a groovy hotel—floor-to-ceiling windows, warm colors, wood-paneled walls, high ceilings, lots of marble, fluted glass, and antiques. A huge subterranean gym has two pools, a sauna, a hammam, and private massage rooms. From \$500. brachparis.com



On the Athens Riviera, **Four Seasons Hotel Astir Palace** (above), a laid-back seaside escape, has 303 guest rooms, suites, and bungalows overlooking the Aegean Sea. Three pools and three private beaches. Restaurants serve just-caught seafood. Aristotle's Cigar Bar stocks fine cigars and rare cognacs. From \$520. fourseasons.com

Hotel Peter & Paul, a long-vacant, 19th-century Catholic church, school, convent, and rectory in New Orleans' Marigny district has been reimaged by ASH NYC and Nathalie Jordi in rich monochromatic color palettes, baroque-style wood furnishings, and simple white linens. 71 rooms—each different; the Mother Superior Room has a well-concealed bar. From \$190. hotelpeterandpaul.com >