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Welcome to the definitive guide to the hottest new hotels in the world. From a shortlist of thousands we have selected the 65 best new places to stay, in the most comprehensive Hot List ever. Our experts from all over the globe have used their discernment and insider knowledge to bring us the most stylish, most innovative, most luxurious hotels, whose settings range from desert islands to capital cities, starting with our own

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THE HAZELTON HOTEL *Toronto*

Toronto's pricey Yorkville neighbourhood has a reputation for attracting status-seekers, something the new Hazelton Hotel (62 rooms and 15 suites) has embraced with its tagline 'Beyond extraordinary'. The hotel, which has a 25-seat private cinema, had its baptism by celluloid last September when it opened just days before the Toronto International Film Festival. The star design firm YabuPushelberg has made much of dark grey, brown and beige; etched bronze walls and grey velvet sofas predominate in the lobby. Elsewhere there are accents of granite, onyx and mother of pearl, and even mohair-covered walls. In the bedrooms, the desk chairs are covered in crocodile-print leather and the black-marble bathrooms have heated floors, deep

bathtubs, rain showers and TVs embedded in the mirrors. Top chef Mark McEwan heads up One restaurant (gourmet chicken soup; expensive hamburgers topped with foie gras) and its three-season patio is the place to be seen. Facilities include Wi-Fi throughout, business centres on each floor and a mosaic-lined lap pool in the fitness centre. Staff are professional, but with a hip demeanour.

WHEN TO GO Spring, summer or early autumn for the One restaurant patio scene.

ROOM TO BOOK Room 221, an executive suite with a cinemascope view of Yorkville Avenue's perma-tanned peacocks in their Lamborghini convertibles.

118 Yorkville Avenue, Toronto (00 1 416 963 6300; www.hazeltonhotel.com).

Doubles from C\$509 (about £270); executive suites from about £515