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8 Noteworthy NYC Hotel Openings for Spring and Summer 2016

Flowers aren't the only thing in bloom this spring. A whole new crop of hotels are making their debut in NYC

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Spring is on its way, and with it, brand new places to lay your head in Manhattan. There's plenty to look forward to once the weather turns warm: From an '80s-inspired hip downtown spot to a revamped New York icon, these upcoming eight hotels are the ones to keep an eye on.



A room at the Riff Downtown Hotel (Photo: Riff Hotels)

Riff Hotel Downtown (opening early 2016)

The '80s live on at the Riff Downtown. A cool companion to Riff Hotel's freshman effort — the '80s-inspired, musically themed Chelsea property — the 36-room Riff Downtown will open this spring on Greenwich Street. The loft-style rooms will include exposed brick, open-plan living spaces and punchy black-and-white design accents; some will have private balconies overlooking the city. And while the budget-minded spot has plans for an upcoming bar with light bites, the rooms are equipped with handy kitchenettes with refrigerator, microwave, stovetop, dishwasher and sink. Plus, complimentary coffee and tea are offered daily in the lobby. 102 Greenwich St., riffdowntown.com



Renderings of The Bernic (Photos: The Bernic)

The Bernic (opening April 2016)

Just as winter turns to spring, a winter debut has turned into a spring entrée. The Bernic hotel in the Turtle Bay area of Manhattan plans to welcome guests this April. The 21-story boutique spot, outfitted in a glass-and-gunmetal façade, is where art and technology converge. The 96 guest rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows, flatscreen Apple TVs and glass-encased balconies that seem to float in the sky. The hotel commissioned mixed-media artist Ian Sklarsky to produce murals of iconic cityscapes such as London, Paris and Shanghai that will adorn guest room walls. Then there's Allora restaurant and rooftop lounge, which will serve Northern Italian-American specialties alongside 360-degree views of Manhattan. 145 E. 47th St., thebernichotel.com



The Martha Washington Hotel will soon be known as The Redbury Hotel (Photo: SBE)

The Redbury Hotel (opening April 2016)

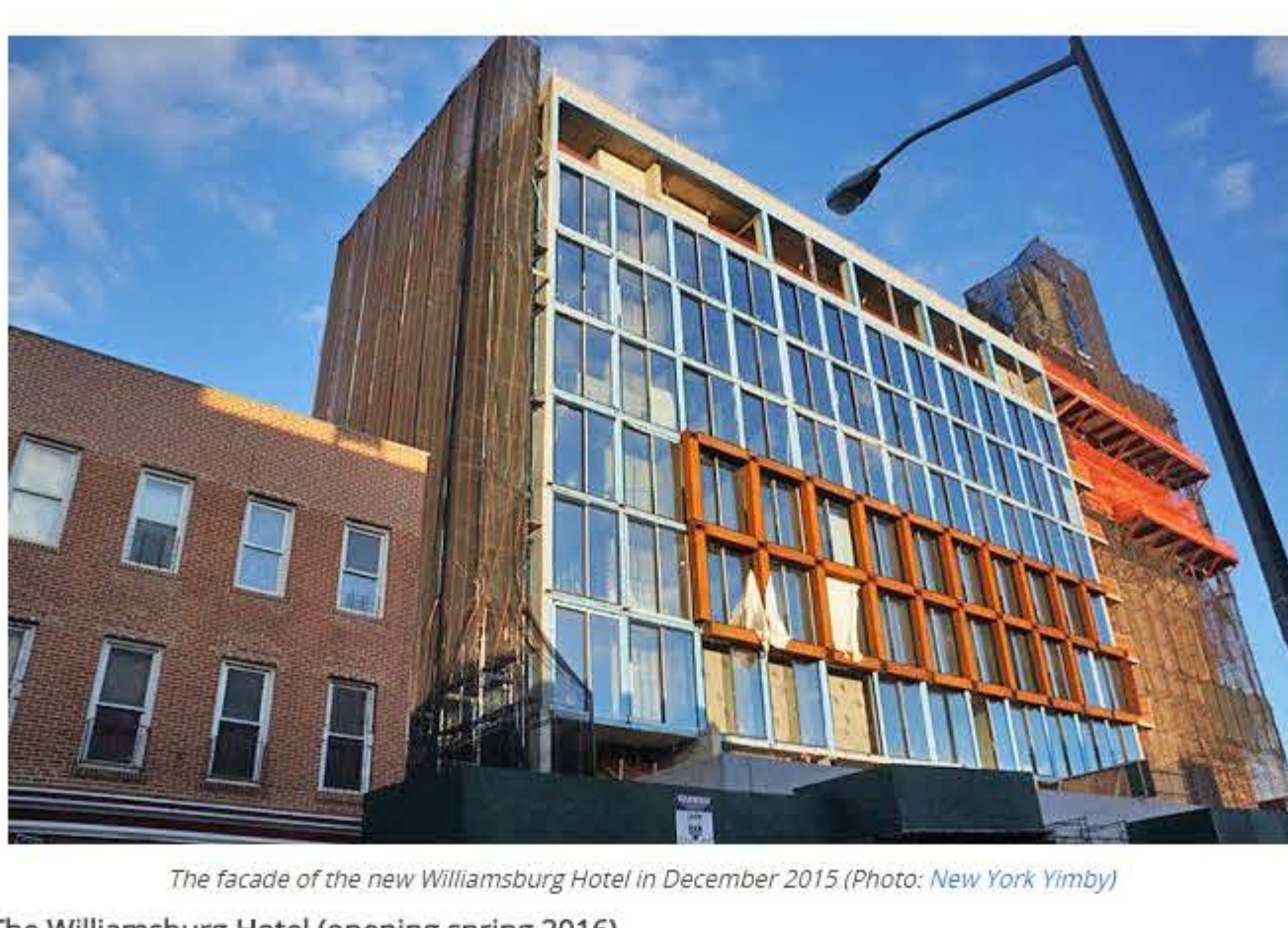
A change in hands means way more than just a change in name. After a shift in ownership from Chelsea Hotels to CIM Group, the iconic Martha Washington, located in the Nomad neighborhood, is undergoing another renovation (the hotel unveiled a makeover and rebrand in the fall of 2014). Los Angeles-based hospitality group, sbe, was brought on to transform the property into The Redbury Hotel, which is the third branch of the brand (after Hollywood and South Beach). Acclaimed photographer and creative director Matthew Rolston, who was responsible for designing the first two properties, was tapped yet again to reinvent the NYC hotel's 265 guest rooms. However, Marta, the current Roman pizzeria-inspired restaurant, will remain on the hotel's ground floor. 29 E. 29th St., sbe.com



The facade of the InterContinental New York Barclay hotel (Photo: Barclay Hotels)

InterContinental New York Barclay (opening May 2016)

Here's to 90 years. An extensive \$180 million makeover of this 1926 beauty will reveal new interiors that are reminiscent of the hotel's original Federal-style digs. Reimagined with a modern edge by prominent design firms Stonehill + Taylor and HOK, The Barclay will reopen with 704 residential guest rooms, including 31 suites. A brand new gin bar and lounge is also in the works, along with two oversized ballrooms. In addition, the hotel will introduce a bespoke line of bath products and fragrances developed by Nose Knows Design that will celebrate the hotel's rich history with apothecary Caswell-Massey, which was housed within The Barclay for 80 years and catered to the likes of Katharine Hepburn and Greta Garbo. 111 E. 48th St., intercontinentallybarclay.com



The facade of the new Williamsburg Hotel in December 2015 (Photo: New York Yimby)

The Williamsburg Hotel (opening spring 2016)

There's a new kid on Wythe Street. The modern-chic, boutique Williamsburg Hotel (perhaps a rival to the street's original) has plans to open this spring. The eight-story, 150-room property will have a restaurant, rooftop pool (complete with stunning NYC skyline views) and the neighborhood's first grand ballroom with 30-foot ceilings and capacity for 400. Guests will also have three bars to choose from, including one of which will be set in a water tower replica as a nod to the block's history. Meanwhile its industrial façade — another shout-out to the area's past — will be fashioned of brick, glass and steel, while interiors will have double-height ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows and natural finishes. 96 Wythe Ave., thewilliamsburghotel.com



Construction underway at 18 W. 56th St., the future site of the Whitby Hotel; inset: Rendering of the hotel (Inset photo: New York Yimby)

Whitby Hotel (opening late summer 2016)

The British are coming in the form of Whitby Hotel. Brought to you by Kit Kemp and company, the same design team behind the quirky Crosby Street Hotel, the new spot is set to open in the heart of Midtown in late summer. Similar in structure and stunning to its downtown sister, the 15-floor Whitby will have 86 rooms and suites, including a stunner two-bedroom accommodation that will encompass the entire top floor and feature two terraces with views to the north and south. The ground-floor bar, as well as a cozy drawing room and terrace, will serve as a gathering place for guests. And expect a 120-seat state-of-the-art cinema too. 325 W. 45th St., firmdalehotels.com



A rendering of 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge Park (Photo: 1 Hotels)

1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge Park (opening late summer 2016)

Hot on the heels of a successful Manhattan venture, 1 Hotels is looking to conquer another borough. The new 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge Park — located right on Brooklyn's new riverfront park and featuring prime views of the East River, Statue of Liberty and Manhattan skyline — will focus on nature and sustainability just like its Central Park sibling. Drawing from its surroundings, the hotel uses shipping containers, pilings and pier as design inspiration and incorporated a million panes of glass to create a seamlessness between outdoors and in. The 194 guest rooms will have floor-to-ceiling windows, eco-friendly Keetsa mattresses and reclaimed materials. And award-winning chef and restaurateur Seamus Mullen will head a farm-to-table restaurant, while a rooftop bar and lounge will offer a plunge pool for hot days and fire pits for cold nights. 60 Furman St., 1hotels.com/brooklyn_bridge



Rendering of SLS Park Avenue (Photo: SLS Hotels)

SLS Park Avenue (opening late summer 2016)

Wait for it. Wait for it. And it looks like it's finally here: the highly anticipated offering from the sleek SLS brand. After securing \$109 million in new financing, the 190-room SLS Park Avenue will make its grand entrance in late summer. Situated in the Nomad neighborhood on Park Avenue South and East 30th Street, the new hotel will feature Philippe Starck-designed minimalist interiors, a restaurant concept by James Beard award-winning chef Jose Andres — The Bazaar by Jose Andres, which will be his first New York city restaurant — the trendy basement SBar, plus a rooftop lounge and event space. 444 Park Ave., slshotels.com/newyorkcity