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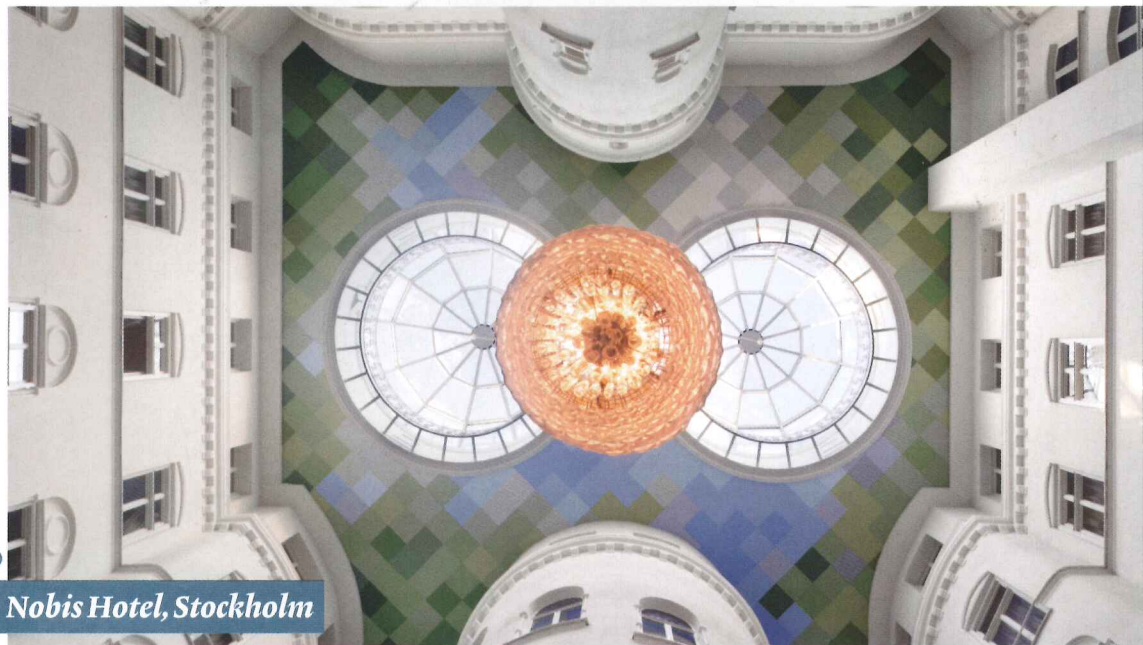
Templar Hotel, Toronto

Located in the centre of the city's creative neighbourhood, near the Metro Toronto Convention Center, the eight-storey glass and aluminium Templar Hotel features a modern art-filled lobby and elegant interiors by Toronto-based designer Del Terrelonge, who co-founded the hotel with his real estate development partner John Wee Tom. All 27 suites feature teak and stone inlay flooring and floor-to-ceiling windows. The Spa Suite has direct access to the Onsen spa, which offers Japanese water-based treatments and has a swimming pool with a transparent base (you can look up through it from the hotel lounge). The Monk Kitchen restaurant serves up international cuisine, while the rooftop bar offers city and Lake Ontario views. The hotel's airport shuttle – a Porsche Panamera – is another draw. www.designhotels.com/templar

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Above, the Templar's elegant lobby, in the hotel's signature neutral tones

Right, the Nobis' lobby and glamorous bar come with a 28m-high atrium



Nobis Hotel, Stockholm

Housed in adjoining 19th-century buildings on Stockholm's Norrmalmstorg square, the Nobis shares the block with Acne and Marimekko stores. Designed by Claesson Koivisto Rune, the 201 rooms represent the best of modern Swedish style; Arflex desks and Wästberg lamps make working a pleasure. The hotel also features a strong selection of pieces by, among others, Konstantin Grcic and Patricia Urquiola, making it a must for

design fans. Management suites are located in a series of oak-panelled meeting rooms, once part of a bank, while the glamorous Gold bar, with its 28m-high atrium, is the perfect spot for a post-business drink. Dining options include Caina, which serves rustic trattoria fare in refined surroundings, and the Bistro, a modern take on the classic Italian café. www.nobishotel.se