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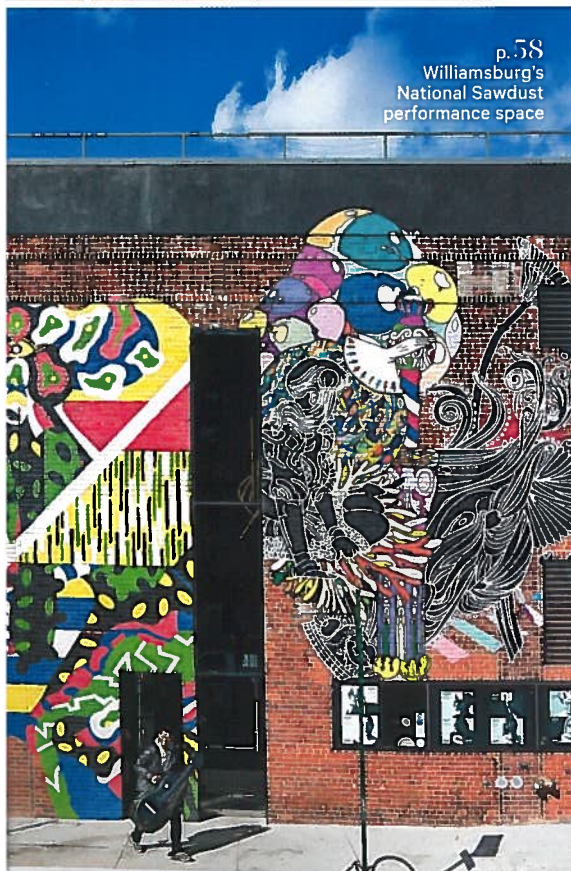
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LOUIS VUITTON leopard-style mink coat, from a selection starting at \$42,000. FENDI shoulder bag, \$2,250. Model: Helga Hitko at Muse.

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 Establishment either accepts no charge/credit cards or accepts cards other than American Express.



**FINDING CHI AT PARK HYATT**

Boutique meditation studios have been popping up all over New York (see "Zen City," page 74), so it's no surprise that hotels are getting in on the trend. Last year, MNDFL joined forces with Midtown's Yabu Pushelberg–designed Park Hyatt to offer private, in-room sessions (from \$225) that are entirely dictated by a guest's desires for the day, unlike the brand's themed group sessions. Classes can be booked in one of Spa Nalai's four treatment rooms with private terraces overlooking Central Park. 📞 Rooms from \$795; [newyork.park.hyatt.com](http://newyork.park.hyatt.com).

**PENTHOUSE LIVING AT THE PIERRE**

Though the Pierre's three-level, 16-room French-château-style penthouse (J. Paul Getty once called it home) was recently taken off the market for a cool \$44 million, the Upper East Side hotel's Tata Suite (from \$20,000) is available to book and offers similar opulence. The two-bedroom, three-bathroom suite can be combined with four others to create a completely private rental on the 39th floor of the hotel, for 4,786 square feet of classic luxury. With Murano glass chandeliers set against a palette of gold, silver, and porcelain, the suite is one of a few that offer a complete panorama of Central Park, with views stretching beyond the George Washington Bridge on a clear day. 📞 Rooms from \$500; [thepierreny.com](http://thepierreny.com).

**MAGIC AT THE NOMAD HOTEL**

Those familiar with the 168-room Flatiron haunt may be surprised to learn about the weekly magic shows it hosts in the second-floor Johnston Room. But it starts to make sense the moment the two-hour spectacle begins. Magician Dan White, who's worked on Kanye West's stage productions, performs feats that are less tableside parlor trick and more turn-of-the-century illusion. (The dimly lit, gilded room, which can hold up to 70 guests, reinforces this effect.) Then there are the drinks, made by the hotel's award-winning bar team, which are playful nods to White's tricks. Try the Eclipse, a mix of tequila, mezcal, Cherry Heering, lemon, and Aperol that's inspired by White's showstopping (spoiler alert) levitation trick, wherein he floats his assistant three feet above the ground. Tickets go on sale about a month in advance and sell out quickly. Rooms from \$395; [thenomadhotel.com](http://thenomadhotel.com).

**A PRIVATE GARDEN AT THE SURREY**

The 189 salons and suites at the city's only Relais & Châteaux property could pass for the interior of any of the elegant townhouses on the quiet Upper East Side street it inhabits. But its rooftop garden feels like a hidden European terrace—one with 17th-floor views of the neighborhood and Central Park. Filled with manicured boxwoods, ivy trailing over wrought-iron chairs and tables, and New York's largest lavender garden, the space is accessible only to hotel guests and

members of the Patrons Club, a by-referral hotel membership. Rooms from \$675; [thesurrey.com](http://thesurrey.com).

**RARE SPIRITS AT THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL**

The Ty Bar, at the Four Seasons' recently renovated Midtown property, has long been a destination for the city's most rarefied tipplers, thanks to its extensive martini list and trove of vintage whiskeys and bourbons. In November, it will begin serving some of the oldest scotch ever released to the public, the Balvenie DCS Compendium Chapter 3, a set of five whiskeys aged up to 55 years. Take a seat at the plush, red-lacquered bar to sample a flight of five pours, one of each vintage (\$5,000). 📞 Rooms from \$775; [fourseasons.com/newyork](http://fourseasons.com/newyork). —Erin Riley



From top: A view of Central Park from the living room of the Pierre's Tata Suite; the 25th-floor indoor pool at Park Hyatt

FROM TOP: DONNA DOTAN PHOTOGRAPHY; COURTESY PARK HYATT