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The Brains Behind the Beauty

The interior designers and hoteliers of some of our favorite hotels around the world do much more than obsess over fabric swatches and paint chips. They create the spaces where we can lead our ultimate fantasy lives—if only for a night or two. Here, a short list of visionaries who are transforming the industry, one room at a time.

3 COMMUNE DESIGN

With their unexpected spin on the Ace Hotel, this firm gave Angelenos a reason to go (and stay) in downtown L.A.—signage in the lobby is stenciled on old film scripts, and the rooftop bar features Equipale chairs in white leather. Expect similar flourishes at their latest, the Durham Hotel, opening this summer in North Carolina.