

# MONOCLE

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### **Preface**

This month's array of places to stay includes a regency-era London hotel, a renovated bank in North Carolina and a hostel in Tokyo that offers books instead of breakfast.



### **The Durham Hotel Durham, USA**

You may not have heard of Durham in North Carolina but there's a reason to visit this city: a new hotel by The Gentian Group opened this summer. A handsome mid-century bank in the downtown area has been renovated and transformed into a six-storey, 54-room hotel by Los Angeles design studio Commune, the practice behind the Ace Hotels in Los Angeles and Palm Springs, as well as Heath Ceramics' shops.

But the bold modernist aesthetic is not the only reason to stay here. There's also a restaurant by chef Andrea Reusing, a newsstand selling niche publications and vinyl, and a rooftop bar from which all the sights and sounds of downtown Durham can be discovered. — TM

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