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RADEN: [New York] After a few years working for shoe firm Aldo, Josh Udashkin launched Raden in 2016, the luggage start-up behind this dashing number. The A22 (pictured) comes complete with a USB charger and hardy Japanese-made wheels. The magnet-release zips are also an artful touch, creating a waterproof seal when closed. - JAF

Openings that we're eyeing up.

The UK may not have acted in a very welcoming manner of late (our diplomats are certainly getting a few cold shoulders) but it's a trio of openings from UKbased hotel maestros that will dominate the hospitality headlines this March. In London 1 THE NED (thened.com), a 252-key space from the Soho House & Co and Sydell Group, will drag its share of scenesters to the city's financial district. Reasons to visit include nine restaurants, a spa and hammam, all housed in a former bank building overlooking St Paul's Cathedral. By contrast 2 THE HOXTON (thehoxton. com) group has plans to add hotels in Paris and New York to its spaces in London and Amsterdam. Both will open this year. Finally, Monocle favourite Firmdale Hotels will chalk up its second New York branch after its much**loved Crosby Street** Hotel (the roster now numbers nine hotels in London and New York).

(3) THE WHITBY (firmdalehotels.com) on West 45th Street is 86 rooms of the Kit Kemp-designed finery we've come to expect; it'll be a likely landing pad for our visiting editors from late February. Who said the Brits weren't a welcoming bunch? - JAF



PILLOW TALK Mercer

SEVILLE

The scent of citrus is wafting from a pomelo tree on the private terrace and into the elegant junior suite of the brand new Mercer Hotel in Seville. The space's 12 rooms and suite are hidden in the former Casa Palacio Castelar in the historic

Arenal neighbourhood. The decor is a mix of over-the-top southern-Spanish grandeur - marble staircases and an Andalusian courtyard - and contemporary touches from Italian furniture mainstays Flexform and Cassina. Try the regional sherry and take in the rooftop view. — DEP mercersevilla.com



COVERT OP

Midmost

BARCELONA

Expect parquet floors

in the bedrooms and

windows encased

by wrought-iron

balconies in this

56-key Barcelona

bolthole. Relief from

nearby Las Ramblas

is guaranteed. - DEP

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TEAK PERFORMANCE Gunawarman JAKARTA

A red-brick façade sets the tone for this 35-room premises in the Senopati neighbourhood. The wood-panelled suites and floor-toceiling windows in the breakfast . room wouldn't look out of place in an English manor - and the wood is Indonesian teak. The uniforms come from local fashion designer Auguste Soesastro. - zz thegunawarman.com



VILLAGE GREEN Hoshinoya Bali

Set amid farming villages and rice terraces, Hoshinoya Bali is Japanese operator Hoshino Resorts' second foray overseas. Opened in January it boasts 30 villas, each with a private patio facing three canal-shaped swimming pools that cut through the property. Tokyobased Azuma Architects & Associates designed the buildings to blend in: the villas borrow from the Balinese village vernacular. - KH hoshinoyabali.com



ROCK ON Hotel Awa

PUERTO VARAS

Chile's best beaches are inland on the banks of its sprawling lakes. Awa is a 16-room hotel with vast windows that overlook Llanquihue Lake and its inky black beach. The indoor pool boasts a dramatic volcano view. - DEP hotelawa.cl