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Design



Architecture and design shape every aspect of the travel experience, from hotels and museums to restaurants and luggage. For T+L's third annual **DESIGN AWARDS** competition, our illustrious jury chose the best of the year in 12 categories. **Plus** Introducing T+L's first-ever Design Champion

Best Travel Gear

Y'S MANDARINA
BY YOHJI YAMAMOTO AND
MANDARINA DUCK

An inspired collaboration between Yamamoto (the godfather of Japanese fashion's avant-garde) and Mandarin Duck (makers of famously durable Italian luggage), this line of bags, clothes, and accessories explores—and sometimes erases—the boundaries between such categories. The visionary collection includes garments with built-in pouches (*right*), backpacks that turn into raincoats, and other chameleons.

Honorable Mention

The Tumi PowerPack Backpack, with a solar-powered battery charger, by Anish Kapoor for Doctors Without Borders

Awards

“Ron Arad’s design is innovative in its use of materials and scale, and creates spaces that let you escape.”

— CATHY LEFF



Best Small Hotel

DUOMO HOTEL, RIMINI, ITALY
BY RON ARAD

Intergalactic shapes in metal, wood, and Corian, “shower pods” in the guest rooms, a front desk carved out of polished steel in the shape of a giant, tilting doughnut: the Duomo represents the thrill of the future. But it’s a vintage version of the future—a dash of space-age optimism for the 21st century, from a designer best known for his sculptural furniture. Arad’s 43-room hotel on the Adriatic Coast is a seductive celebration of form over function, and it dazzles.

Honorable Mentions

Hotel Marqués de Riscal, Elciego, Spain, by Frank Gehry; 21c Museum Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, by Deborah Berke