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A new class of hotels offers sublime comfort as well as surprising space



Monochromatic meets mid-century furnishings at JK Place

"THE TROUBLE WITH GRAND HOTELS IN ROME is that all but one are in the wrong place," observes a clued-up local. He is right, the exception being **The Hassler** (hotelhasslerroma.com) atop the Spanish Steps. Now, however, a trio of new properties has emerged, drawing comfort-seeking guests with their tranquil surroundings, exquisite design and their commodious proportions in what is a crowded capital. When **JK Place Roma** (jkroma.com) opened last autumn it was immediately booked out, and not just by fans of the sister property on Capri. Peaceful bedrooms in dove grey belie an impeccable location near the junction of Via Condotti shopping central with Via del Corso. The glassed-in courtyard, washed by light, has already become a key social meeting point for cappuccini, cocktails and romance. If JK Place is more club than hotel, then the newly opened **L'Angolo di San Pietro** (langolodisanpietro.it) is like the home of a stylish family, with two crisply decorated guestrooms and seven suites. It is located inside the Vatican, and they lend you a Vespa to scoot about. Behind the Vatican, by contrast, up in Monteverde, **Villa Nocetta** (villanocetta-rome.com) is pure country house, set amid lovely gardens with a private swimming pool. Its six suites recall classic 1950s decor and are filled with intriguing art and chic decorative touches, exemplifying this new valedictorian class of Roman hostelry. **JULIAN ALLASON**

RELAX GRAND SPA CLUB

Inspired by ancient Roman baths, the city's most exclusive wellness oasis spreads over 2,500sq m at the Rome Cavalieri. In addition to ten themed treatment rooms, guests and non-residents alike can avail themselves of a state-of-the-art fitness centre and a pair of Davis Cup clay tennis courts. romecavalieri.it/grandspa.php