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SANCTUARY HOTEL, MIDTOWN WEST NEW YORK, 212-234-7000

The risqué new Sanctuary Hotel is all about aesthetic extravagance. The awe-inspiring neoclassical columns flanking the entrance are an appropriate visual preview; inside, the art-adorned sleeping spaces are done up in elegant oranges and cognacs, and peekaboo showers make for all manner of naughty possibilities. The deliciously sexy Sanctuary Sweet (as in suite) is kitted out in an opulent but mod French Empire style. The grand flourishes continue through to the fireplace-adorned lobby lounge and bar, with oodles of terrazzo and marble. It's all quite European, really. Fittingly, it will also have an artistic soul, notably a rotating series of exhibitions. A rooftop bar and restaurant are on the way. —KS

