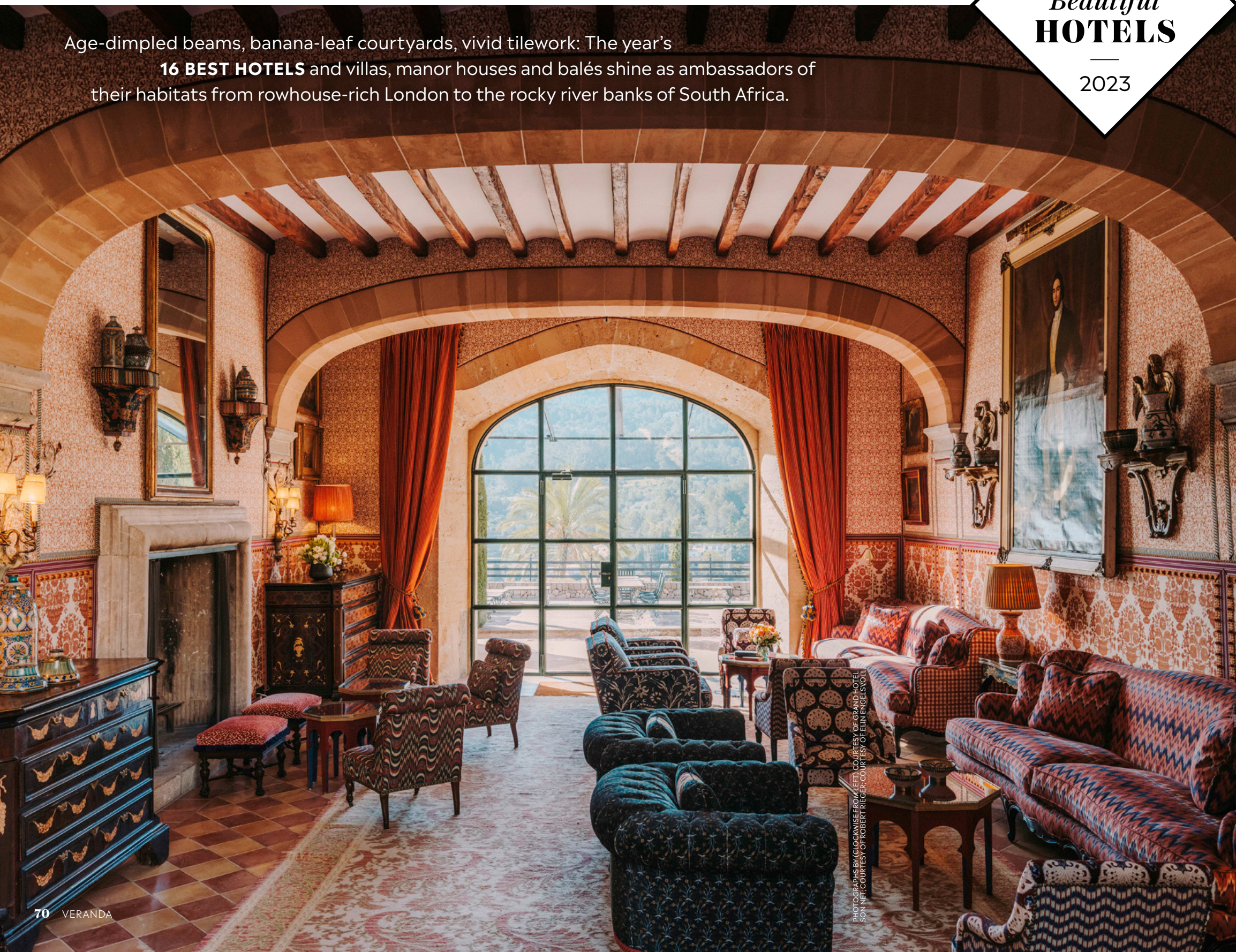


♦ STAR SOJOURNS ♦

Age-dimpled beams, banana-leaf courtyards, vivid tilework: The year's **16 BEST HOTELS** and villas, manor houses and balés shine as ambassadors of their habitats from rowhouse-rich London to the rocky river banks of South Africa.

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Grand Hotel Son Net ◀

MAJORCA, SPAIN

What becomes a 17th-century Majorcan estate? Designer Lorenzo Castillo's historically cohesive vision for its restoration. Gathering spaces and 31 suites thrill with the decorative bravura of Mediterranean Baroque and Iberian Peninsula style. It's a whole new aristocracy.

Aman New York ▲

NEW YORK

In New York's 1921 Crown Building, transformed by architect Jean-Michel Gathy, an aura of discreet and exclusive calm pervades, from the entry's glass fireplace to the 25,000-square-foot spa complete with a 65-foot swimming pool and cryotherapy chamber. —STEELE THOMAS MARCOUX

The Bolder ▼

FORSAND, NORWAY

When Tom Bjarte Norland bought land overlooking a world-famous fjord, he imagined a set of hermit huts. Taking innovative form, these arose as a quartet of modernist cabins by Norwegian architectural firm Snøhetta that levitates reverently amid pines. Hermits welcome.



Wildflower Farms, Auberge Resorts Collection ▶

GARDINER, NEW YORK

This jewel of the Hudson valley hotel renaissance takes notes from its farm-to-mountain setting, channeled by New York design studio Ward + Gray's layered, collected interiors that lean into the region's deep history of craft.



Buahan, A Banyan Tree Escape ▲

BALI, INDONESIA

Overlooking terraced rice fields from its jungle redoubt, this collection of 16 open-air *balés* built with reclaimed ironwood displays Bali's superb artisanship, from hand-hammered copper bathtubs to carved headboards.

Our Habitas AlUla ▶

ALULA, SAUDI ARABIA

Natural and man-made wonder meet in this Ashar valley hotel. Nestled between ancient sandstone canyons, find eco-friendly glass villas, contemporary art installations like neon rock gardens, and an infinity pool that mimics a mirage. —JAIME MILAN



Beaverbrook Town House ◀

LONDON

It's hard to imagine a softer landing in Chelsea: Two chic Georgian townhouses feature 14 cheery yet sophisticated suites by Nicola Harding and the art-filled Sir Frank's Bar, where martinis invoke historic London figures.

—STEELE THOMAS MARCOUX

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