



**Lux 11**  
Berlin, Germany

The latest addition to the German capital's burgeoning style hotel scene is **Lux 11** which opened in July 2005. It contains 72 bedrooms and has been tastefully designed by UK based design studio Silvestrin/Salmaso together with MK architects of Berlin and even features its own beauty salon and spa. The ground floor chill out area features video installations of the surrounding Mitte area, one of the most fashionable districts in what was the former East Berlin and is designed for hotel guests and locals alike to mingle in. The Lux's colour palette is based around Chinese green with gleaming bleached wood fixtures and fittings and the hotel embraces the area's café culture with a bar and Italian Asian fusion restaurant.

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**Puerta America**  
Madrid, Spain

What to say about the **Puerta America** undoubtedly one of the most talked about hotels of the year. There were nineteen design teams competing including the likes of Ron Arad, Zaha Hadid, and Norman Foster, creating their individual visions for the hotel. It is located in the suburbs of Madrid but as far from the airport as you can get. The hotel offers a drone hotel experience as you can see from the tone - multicoloured drapes and a poem all about Freedom translated into many languages. Indeed, all the design teams were encouraged to be as free with their ideas as possible. And so, on each 1200sq m floor, a different material, glass, stainless steel, terrazzo, etc. is deployed somewhere.

