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## DENMARK SANDERS, COPENHAGEN

There are plenty of tiny things at the city's most enchanting new hotel that lend it charm and character: the hand-crafted wood panelling in the lift; classic brass knobs on the radiators; cocktails in glasses shaped like tulips rather than the dull old coupe; Bakelite light switches that give a satisfying clunk. And when it comes to the big picture, owner Alexander Kølpin has taken all he learned from his family's hotels in the countryside, plus years spent travelling as one of Denmark's leading ballet dancers, and created a property that truly raises the bar.

Style-wise, the Sanders combines Danish mid-century modern and colonial British (wickerwork here and there, palms in pots), while the Sanders Kitchen, with its seasonal menu, white-tiled walls and white marble tables, has the feel of a French bistro – three looks that are all about relaxed cosiness and feeling at ease. TATA, the clubby bar with heavy drapes and flattering low lighting, is popular with Copenhageners, but not to the extent that it's become a scene. Outside, on a quiet street that's just a short walk from ever-lively Nyhavn, there are bicycles to borrow for exploration. Should you casually mention plans for the next day, it is probable you will come down to breakfast to find the concierge has printed off a map, laminated in case it rains.

**FLASH POINT** The newly opened fifth-floor conservatory is a lovely evening retreat with views out over the city, as well as a bright and cheery place for breakfast. + 45 46 40 00 40; [hotelsanders.com](http://hotelsanders.com). Doubles from about £250

## AUSTRALIA THE BOWER, BYRON BAY

When the breeze is rustling through the bangalow palms and the plovers are nesting contentedly on the lawn, this place so convincingly channels a seaside vibe that it's easy to forget the beach is 20 minutes' walk away. What the cleverly converted motel lacks in waterfront access, however, it makes up for in serious style. Owners Taliah and Sein Lowry have opted for a sleek palette of whites, blacks and neutrals, adding texture with woven lampshades, linen curtains and piles of plump cushions. There are 14 suites, some with small kitchens, but for couples the pick of the lot is The Barn with its reclaimed beams and skylit shower. For those travelling in a posse, the five-bedroom Cottage, set in a tropical garden, is just the thing. The Bower has a small pool in the works (due to be completed in September) but no restaurant, although with Byron's foodie hangouts down the road it isn't a big deal, and the hotel does a range of hampers stuffed with goodies such as pumpkin and goat's cheese frittatas and roast-tomato salads. Close proximity to town – and free bicycles – means it's easy to get by without a car, but it might be worth investing in a set of wheels to properly explore the surrounding area. **FLASH POINT** The service is friendly and super-attentive, whether asking for a beach towel on a sunny day or a board game if the rain sweeps in. + 61 2 6680 9577; [thebowerbyronbay.com.au](http://thebowerbyronbay.com.au). Doubles from about £140

