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People often ask what sets ARareWorld apart from other travel media, and we've offered more or less the same answer since our founding in 2009: integrity. It's a concept that should not be so evasive in the world of publishing and yet, it most certainly is.

Our subscribers are loyal to ARW, because ARW is loyal to them. Our reviews reflect an honest account of our experience on property, and we are never beholden to any other constituencies. We never accept advertising from hotels specifically to avoid having an editorial conflict of interest.

ARW's integrity is at the root of a word many of our subscribers often use to describe us: refreshing. Unlike websites with user generated reviews, there is no questioning the expert point of view from which our reviews are written, and unlike most travel magazines, our unconflicted editorial requires no additional scrutiny on the part of the reader.

Safe travels,

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ABOUT US

Welcome to ARareWorld, the innovative Global Travel Intelligence Journal. Within these covers lie opportunities to discover new places and experiences that you may not know about, honest, candid and unbiased reviews of the best hotels, resort, and travel experiences in the world; and access to our unique and valuable offers from the world's most accomplished and respected destinations, brands and specialized service providers. Our mission is simple—to deliver the facts as we see them to our carefully selected base of subscribers with the utmost integrity and professionalism. We share your values and we discharge our responsibility to enhance your life with one priority in mind—you—the discerning and sophisticated traveler.

SANDERS

Cozy Copenhagen.







HOTEL SANDERS is Copenhagen's newest luxury boutique hotel, having opened just less than a year ago—November 2017. It's celebrated as the city's first luxury design hotel, but of course that seems so odd and unbelievable for the capital of a country so reputed for its design influence. Sanders is located just around the corner from Kongens Nytorv square, two years since our last visit and still under construction. Around the way a bit further, you'll find the iconic colorful Nyhavn waterfront, and so, so many bicycles.

The hotel is located on a quiet side street, just up from the tunnel behind the Royal Danish Theatre. That's likely no coincidence, since the property is

owned by a former dancer in the Royal Danish Ballet, Alexander Kølpin.

We arrived at Sanders on the heels of a series of trying air travel hiccups, including delayed luggage. As such, we arrived light and didn't require any assistance with our things. Just outside the entrance, café tables line the building and its windows. In the lobby, a living room style lounge space is serviced for drinks and food. The adjacent restaurant has an eat-in kitchen feel.

Checking in at the small reception desk, we inquired with the pros there about where to obtain a few essentials while waiting for our luggage to catch up with us. They quickly and confidently offered up a reply, as well as to take down the details of our delayed bags so they could keep track of their progress.



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There are 54 guest accommodations at Sanders, all appointed in a hip and modern residential style. The designers on the project include Danish-Thai Pernille Lind and British Richy Almond, of London-based Lind+Almond. The pair has previously done work for Soho House.

Most of the keys at Sanders run on the very small side, and as such it's important to differentiate between room types, and in some cases, individual room assignments. Leave aside the lower three categories as simply too small, and consider first the Sanders Bedroom+, but request

one with a larger bath. The smallest baths here are a total deal breaker. Or, to make it easier veer toward the Master Bedroom category, a smaller profiled one-bedroom suite at max 560 square feet, but still ample enough for a few days' visit. We prefer the Master Bedroom category even over the top key, the Sanders Apartment. That is quite possibly a matter of specific taste. We're simply not fond of the bathtub in the middle of the bedroom.

The Sanders Kitchen is open on the ground floor of the hotel daily nonstop from 7am to 11pm. Mornings begin with the complimentary breakfast service, which includes any number of inventive made-to-order selections, and freshly squeezed OJ. At lunch and dinner, the menu is a modern international mix, with a lot of fresh and delightful dishes on offer. We loved the lemon scented burrata, and the oysters were beautiful. Guests



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can also take their breakfast on the hotel's rooftop, which is a fabulous and cozy living room space surrounded by charming residential eaves, or outside in the interior courtyard on the ground floor behind reception.

The thing we appreciated most at Hotel Sanders was the personalized attention offered by the staff. With ease, reception assisted us with obtaining a last-minute reservation at a popular Nørrebro restaurant. We're told they're also quite connected when it comes to arranging special private artist experiences and backstage tours.

Sanders is a most welcome addition to the Copenhagen hotel scene, a fun alternative to the old world classic favorite D'Angleterre. The young and eager staff at Sanders offer a unique style of warm hospitality. Just be aware of the room size you choose, and you'll have a nice stay here. ●●●●

Sanders

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DOS & DON'TS

DO veer toward a Master Bedroom for ample space, or if you dare to book a smaller key, be sure to request one with a larger bath.

DO lounge on the rooftop. We didn't make it to the space until just before we were heading out, and that's the biggest regret of our stay. It's so cozy up there, or as the Danish sometimes say, *hygge*.

DO ask the staff if you need restaurant reservations, or if you have a particular fascination with something Danish. They will surely facilitate every experience possible to the best of their abilities, quite possibly with insider access.

DO forgive yourself if you end up bagging the Ortigia bath amenities upon departure. We've been thankful to have them during other stays with less exciting soaps on hand.

DON'T expect dainty white glove luxury. Sanders is more of a casual, come as you are and be served by friends vibe.

DON'T underestimate the young staff. These eager pros may very well surprise you.