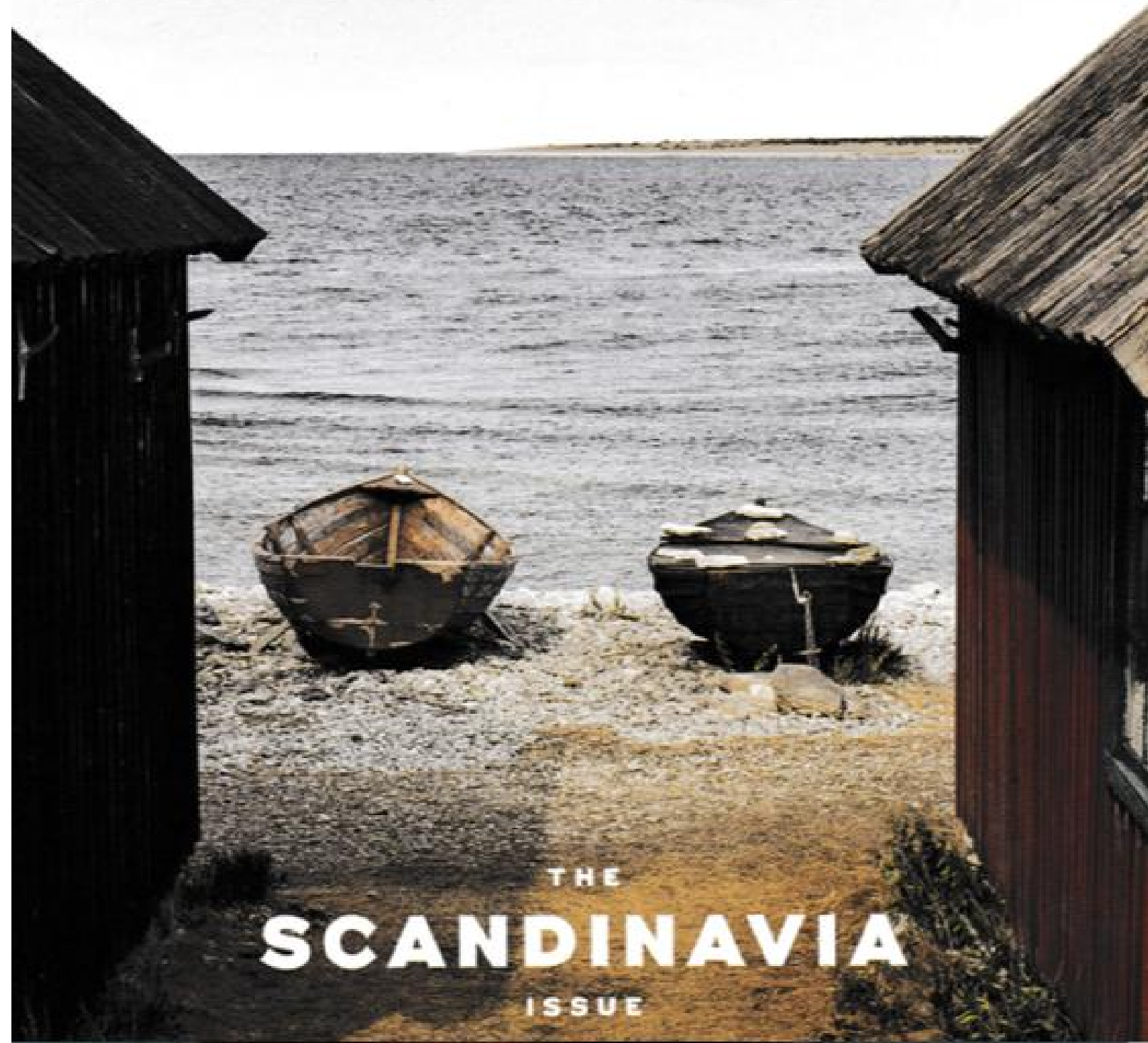


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CHECKING IN

Sleeping in Style From classic to cutting-edge, Copenhagen's top hotels are all evidence of the Danish commitment to great design.



HOTEL SANDERS

Ballet dancer turned hotelier Alexander Kølpin likes to create a story for his audience, aka his guests. Arriving at his Hotel Sanders, just steps from the Royal Danish Theater, you immediately feel like you've entered another era. The clubby lobby has an English colonial (rattan furniture, potted plants) meets classic French bistro (warm lighting, Deco prints) vibe that draws a fashionable crowd at cocktail hour. The 54 guest rooms feature an earthy, neutral palette, with lots of wood, leather, and linen, as well as artworks (vintage black-and-white photos, Expressionist paintings) chosen with Kølpin's discerning eye. While the main restaurant serves an international menu all day, the rooftop conservatory is an ideal spot for an afternoon tea or a post-shopping aperitif. *Rooms from \$410; hotelsanders.com. — Maura Egan*

ROYAL HOTEL COPENHAGEN

Open operating in 1885, the Royal was Copenhagen's first skyscraper and was known as the SAS Royal. Several name changes later, the 261-room hotel still has the best location in the city, with views of Tivoli Gardens and the Baltic Sea in the distance. Earlier this year the hotel underwent a major renovation at the hands of Space Copenhagen, which left intact much of Arne Jacobsen's original design, from the dining room, coffee to the iconic Egg and Bean chairs, while adding a more informal atmosphere. *Hotelscore.com* traditionally should book Room 626, which is perfectly intact, right down to the doorknob. *Rooms from \$290; royaletourcollection.com. — Debbie Pappas*

HOTEL FIFTEEN

The hotel is made up of two stone brick buildings with green shutters—converted warehouses built in the early 19th century. A stone's throw from the harbor, it has an amazing location on the Nyhavn canal, with busy sidewalk cafes on one side and antique shops and galleries along the charming, winding streets on the other. The 120 healthy, delicious rooms are sufficed with modern amenities, including furnishings, a spa, a bar, a gym, a terrace, and a rooftop garden. *Rooms from \$200; fifteencopenhagen.com. — Mike Slay*